



King's College
TAUNTON

Appointment of

Maths Teacher (Maternity cover)

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AN INTRODUCTION TO KING'S COLLEGE, TAUNTON

King's College is a thriving boarding and day school of approximately 490 pupils. It combines strong academic achievement, traditional values and excellent pastoral care with a progressive, modern outlook, providing girls and boys aged 13–18 with the opportunities, confidence and ability to reach their full potential within a happy and caring environment.

King's Hall Prep School (located some three miles away) combines with King's College to provide a continuous education from 2-18. The two schools are run by one governing body, with many functions (marketing, strategy and finance for example) undertaken jointly.

King's College has a rich and welcoming family and community ethos. Just over 60% of the pupils board. For a relatively small school, it has an enviable record

of success in all areas. The school has regularly topped GCSE and A level league tables for Somerset. A broad range of co-curricular activities is offered, and the school is renowned for its success in sport, music, performing arts, fine art, design technology and outdoor pursuits. In many of these activities our pupils have achieved success at national and even international levels.

Good discipline is encouraged in a firm and positive way within a supportive pastoral framework. King's College is strong on manners and social skills. Pupils go on to thrive at good universities and in their professional careers.

In short, King's is a purposeful, outward-looking, down-to-earth, highly successful school.

ABOUT TAUNTON

Taunton is the county town of Somerset, in the South West of England. It is a busy market town with excellent road and rail links, located between junction 25 and 26 on the M5, 25 minutes north of Exeter and 35 minutes south of Bristol.

A growing commercial and residential centre, Taunton has a splendid small theatre, the County Cricket Ground, a successful rugby club, a delightful museum, the usual shopping outlets and restaurants, and a regular farmers' market.

The fast West Country train service reaches Paddington in under two hours.

In their everyday life around the school, our pupils show the confidence to succeed, and the determination to give of their very best.



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THE ROLE *Job Summary*

We require an enthusiastic teacher to join our mathematics team from April 2022 as a one-year maternity cover. The post would suit either a newly qualified teacher or one with experience, who can share their expertise and love of their subject, and teach lessons which inspire and that pupils enjoy. King's College has a lively and friendly Common Room of over 50 full-time teachers, all of whom contribute to the school's outstanding co-curricular programme of sport, music and many other activities. The ability to contribute in some way to this programme would be a distinct advantage. All teachers also tutor a small number of pupils and most undertake an evening duty in one of our boarding houses.

Newly qualified teachers will be supported in completing their initial year at King's by the Head of Staff Induction, who has vast experience in guiding and training NQT's.



The Department

The mathematics department enjoys a prominent profile among both pupils and staff, and is busy, purposeful and consistently successful.

Mathematics is taught in sets until the end of GCSE and is the most popular subjects at A level. There are four A level sets and one Further Mathematics set in each year of Sixth Form. Results span a range of abilities, with a good number going on to read the subject, or associated subjects, at prestigious universities. The current head of department has overseen significant increases in results during his time at King's.

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Maths AL	A* - B	82%	65%	84%	55%	64%
Further Maths	A* - B	80%	100%	100%	78%	75%
Maths IGCSE	9 - 7	68%	72%	71%	38%	49%
Maths IGCSE	Pass	100%	100%	100%	88%	91%

The department currently follows the Edexcel IGCSE syllabus, followed by the Edexcel syllabus at A level. There are six full-time specialists, plus the Headmaster, in the department. Full-time members of the department teach every aspect of A-level, and the teaching of upper and lower sets is shared around all colleagues as fairly as possible.

The department is enthusiastic and supports thriving Sixth Form and junior maths societies, runs lunch-time support sessions and has a successful presence in national competitions at various levels. The department is very well-resourced: each teacher has their own classroom equipped with all the IT you would expect of an interactive 21st century classroom, including interactive whiteboards. Teachers all are provided with a laptop which means they can work in any classroom. There are clear schemes of work with departmental guidelines for teaching methods and the department meets weekly to discuss all aspects of teaching and learning in maths.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree level qualification • PGCE or equivalent teaching experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject specific training courses
Knowledge and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of how to ensure all pupils thrive in mathematics, and develop their love for the subjects • Subject specific skills and/or experience relevant to the subject • Reflective about your own pedagogy and willing to share best practice with others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of teaching to A level • Able to give guidance to interested pupils on career prospects based on taking mathematics at A level
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to form and maintain appropriate relationships with the pupils in your care • Efficient and effective administration and organisational skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good IT skills • Good ability to contribute to the co-curricular programme at King's
Personal qualities and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personable, with a sense of humour • Patience, kindness, resilience and the ability to be firm but fair 	

The qualities and experience outlined in the person specification will be assessed by the following methods:

- Sight of original qualifications
- King's College application form
- Interview, including teaching a lesson
- References from current employer and other, chosen, professionals

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates are expected to have read the enclosed appointment policy and agreed to the terms within.

King's College has its own pay scale and there are discounts at both King's Hall and King's College for staff children.

Please apply by completing the appropriate King's College application form (we are unable to accept CVs without our application form).

Please write a brief letter of application, addressed to the Headmaster, and complete the application form enclosed and send by email or letter to:

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The closing date for applications is Friday 10 December 2021
Interviews will be held w/c 13 December 2021. These will be held at King's College.





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