



**Halliford
School**
SHEPPERTON



Applicant Information

Teacher of Psychology

(Maternity Cover)

September 2022

Welcome from the Headmaster

Dear Applicant

Thank you for the interest you have shown in Halliford School and our position of Teacher of Psychology (Maternity Cover). The successful candidate would be required to teach Psychology part-time with the additional option to combine with a second subject to become a full time teacher. May I take this opportunity to welcome you to our wonderful school and I hope that what you will read on the following pages will encourage you to come and see for yourself what a magnificent place Halliford School is to learn and to work at.

As the Headmaster, I am working with the students and staff here to create a school where we strive for excellence in all that we do. My job, along with my colleagues on the senior leadership team is to support and empower our dedicated members of staff as they strive to provide an education that enables each of our students to become the very best version of themselves that they can possibly be. In appointing new staff, we are seeking to find exceptional talent and to work with our staff to foster a culture of energy and vitality for learning where possibilities for our students are endless.

This position will suit candidates who have a genuine interest in Psychology with experience of teaching up to A Level.

At Halliford School we recognise that every child is unique and that the key to reaching their true potential lies in an education that is as full as it is diverse. Our approach of striving for academic excellence is perfectly complemented by a dedication to developing a wide variety of other interests, helping our young people to build their aspirations, and instilling in them confidence and resilience for the future.

As young Hallifordians we recognise that a child's potential could lie anywhere – so we ensure that every student is exposed to a vast array of opportunities and experiences. We then pride ourselves on identifying and honing

their strengths to make the most of their natural abilities, while working hard with them to develop any areas that might need further improvement. We are able to offer small class sizes which enable personalised teaching and learning strategies suitable for our boys. We also recognise that the environment in which a child learns is just as important as what they learn. Renowned for our outstanding pastoral care, we work hard to create a community where our students and staff can come together, where they are encouraged to flourish, where they can feel safe and comfortable, confident and proud, stimulated and inspired and, most of all, happy.

There are currently 450 students on roll. The school teaches boys from Year 7 through to Upper Sixth and since 2007 has taken girls into Sixth Form. In November 2014, the school was accepted into membership of HMC. The school has seen continued expansion in recent years and has an impressive array of facilities including a dedicated theatre, classroom blocks, technology building, multi-purpose sports hall, gymnasium and sports pitches, both at school and on a nearby separate site. Over the course of the last two years we have invested heavily in new facilities within the school, including a new state-of-the-art Sixth Form Study Centre, IT suites, two new Science Laboratories and an iMac music composition suite.

Since September 2021 we have been marking our Centenary with an exciting programme of events. The Woodward Building which was opened in November 2021 by our Chair of Governors, Mr Ken Woodward contains an impressive Learning Resource Centre on the ground floor and six spacious new classrooms and associated facilities on the first and second floors.

More details about the school can be found on our website at: www.hallifordschool.co.uk

We are proud of many excellent results achieved by our students and see some magnificent University destinations for our Upper Sixth students, including Oxbridge.

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The staff room at Halliford is welcoming and supportive of new colleagues. Our boys are full of energy and enthusiasm and we work in an environment founded on the principle of mutual respect for one another. We are a busy school and our staff offer a great number of opportunities to the students and we seek to offer our staff rich opportunities for personal and professional development and training.

I warmly invite you to consider joining us to be a part of this wonderful school on our exciting journey and I look forward to hopefully inviting you to interview.

Good luck!



Mr J Davies
Headmaster



The Position

We are looking for an enthusiastic, talented and energetic teacher to teach Psychology part-time with the additional option to combine with a second subject to become a full time teacher.

We are looking for an individual who will join us to lead Psychology in the school and with the ability to think strategically. The individual will need to demonstrate a commitment to the holistic educational values on offer at Halliford School and have proven skills in this area. Halliford is a thriving School with a particularly friendly and supportive staff and student community.

The successful candidate will be expected to participate in the School's extensive pastoral and extra-curricular programme.

The School has four Houses which each student belongs to. Each student has a House Tutor who they meet with twice a day for registration.

There are then four Heads of Houses who are responsible for a team of tutors in Year 8 – 11 who manage the day to day pastoral and academic lives of their tutees. Currently there is a Head of Year 7 who, together with a group of four tutors, looks after the students specifically in this year group to give them the best possible start to their time at Halliford. The Head of Sixth Form then assumes responsibility for the tutors in the Sixth Form.

We also have the additional benefit of a School Matron and a School Counsellor.

We trust that this brochure will provide you with helpful information on which to make a decision regarding your application for this post.

Along with this pack, you should have received a copy of the application form, which you are asked to complete in full and as accurately as possible paying attention to the Job Description and Person Specification. If you have any queries regarding the application process, please do not hesitate to contact Maria Hartzenberg, the HR & Recruitment Officer, who will be delighted to assist you.

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Completed application forms, together with a supporting letter of application (no more than one side of A4) should be e-mailed to the HR & Recruitment Officer to arrive no later than 12 noon on 23rd February 2022. However, please feel free to apply as soon as possible as applications will be considered upon receipt. We reserve the right to interview / appoint before the closing date.

On the day of interviews, all applicants will be asked to bring with them proof of identity and address along with any original certificates pertaining to their qualifications.

Full details regarding the interview day will be sent to those candidates on the short-list.

Following the interview, the successful applicant will be invited to accept the position by telephone, but only once a contract has been agreed and signed will unsuccessful applicants be informed. All applicants should be aware that this is a normal part of our selection procedure and should make no assumptions based upon a short delay.

The Psychology Department

Psychology was first introduced at Halliford School as a new A-level subject in September 2018.

Students of Halliford School have a real passion for Psychology and this has become a popular subject in our A Level offering at the School. Whilst numbers are good and increasing, we have only one teacher in this department currently. The Department has an excellent record of helping candidates across the ability range to achieve their best potential results. Last year saw 71% Grade A* - A set of results. Our A Level results were equally impressive with 86% A* - C Grades.

The broad specification covers a wide range of topics such as the workings of the brain, how early attachments affect future relationships and implications of psychological disorders. Psychology crosses the division between the sciences, arts and humanities and therefore can complement and enhance the study of all other subjects. Studying Psychology gives the student an in-depth understanding of how the mind works including the influence of neurotransmitters and hormones on human behaviour. Psychology uses research methods to both analyse and explain behaviours. Students study Psychology in 8, 40 minute lessons per week.

The course structure of Psychology A-level follows the linear format and we follow the AQA specification.

In Year 1 students will study Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Approaches in Psychology, Psychopathology, Biopsychology I and Research Methods. Year 2 will include Approaches in Psychology II, Biopsychology II, Issues and debates, Schizophrenia, Gender, Aggression and Research methods.

Extra-curricular activities and trips are an important aspect of school life and our proximity to many superb universities is a distinct advantage. The successful candidate would be expected to look to offer suitable

Opportunities within the field of Psychology and other related subjects.

Whilst Psychology is a small department, it is supported by other departments in the school, such as the Biology department, who collaborated to deliver a 'Brain day' in 2021.

Facilities

The Department benefits from large spacious classrooms all equipped with interactive whiteboards. There is also a large departmental office with space for staff to work.

The successful applicant will be fully supported through regular meetings with a designated member of the Senior Leadership Team.

All students and teaching staff have a Microsoft Surface Go device that links directly to the full Microsoft 365 suite for use in the classroom and at home. Halliford seeks to build a blended approach regarding their use, exploring the myriad of opportunities these new devices present.

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Job Description – Teacher of Psychology

Salary

The successful applicant will be paid as a teacher of Psychology and will have support with protected periods of time at various points of the year subject to the demands of the role.

Lines of Responsibility

The Senior Deputy Head has responsibility for the day-to-day co-ordination of the Psychology Department and they will then be expected to liaise closely with the Deputy Head (Academic) and Heads of Houses.

Job Content

Strategic Purpose

- Teach Psychology as required to A level.
- Plan high quality lessons in accordance with the departmental Scheme of Work
- Take full account of students' prior levels of attainment and use this along with available academic data to inform planning.
- Maintain good discipline by following the school's policies and procedures.
- Establish a purposeful working atmosphere during all lessons and activities.
- Set appropriate and challenging goals for all students.
- Identify and work appropriately with those students with 'Special Educational Needs and Disabilities', 'Potential High Achievers', and those with 'English as an Additional Language'.
- Organise and deliver Psychology clinics / drop-in sessions, as required.
- To work with all key stakeholders to ensure that the culture and ethos of the school is pervaded by a spirit of respect, tolerance, empathy and understanding of diversity.

Operational Responsibilities

Monitoring, Evaluation and Assessment

- To report any trends in Psychology that develop from the regular monitoring and propose appropriate solutions to support further improvement to the Senior Deputy Head and SMT.
- To ensure a suitable bank of evidence is kept to justify judgements on the quality of student outcomes in Psychology that are reported on at Inspection.
- To work with the Headmaster and Senior Deputy Head to prepare suitable reports for the Governing Body Academic Committee and to present to this committee as required.

Management of Resources

- To advise the Headmaster and Senior Deputy Head on priorities for expenditure of aspects of Psychology in order to effectively use such budget as is available to achieve best outcomes for students and excellent value for money.

Co-Curricular

- To take a full and active role in the co-curricular programme on offer at the School.
- To organise and participate in educational visits.
- To prepare suitable classroom and departmental display material.
- To participate in the School Open Days and Entrance Examination day.
- To participate as a member of the staff duty team.

Performance Management and Professional Development

The teacher will be part of the School's Performance Management Scheme. They will be assigned an appraiser (usually the Head of Department) who will set agreed targets and monitor professional development. In addition, all new members of staff are provided with a comprehensive programme of induction in the first year with a full review in the summer term.

Conditions of Employment

The post-holder must uphold the School's policy in respect of all matters related to Safeguarding and Child Protection - KCSIE.

The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities in the written statement of conditions of employment (The Contract of Employment).

The post-holder is required to support and encourage the School's ethos and its objectives, policies and procedures as agreed by the Headmaster and Governing Body.

The Job Description allocates duties and responsibilities but does not direct the particular amount of time to be spent on carrying them out and this must not be construed.

The post-holder may be required to undertake other reasonable duties related to the job purpose as required by the Headmaster from time to time.

This Job Description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed periodically and may be subject to modification at any time after consultation with the post-holder.

Teacher of Psychology - Person Specification

Applicants Should	Essential	Desirable	Primary means of assessment
Have a good Honours Degree	✓		Application Form
Evidence of qualification to teach Psychology to A level		✓	Application Form
Demonstrate they have maintained an up to date knowledge of subject and teaching methodologies	✓		Supporting Letter / Application Form
Have a good understanding of assessment and public examinations	✓		Supporting Letter
Have Qualified Teacher Status / PGCE or be willing to undertake this qualification at the School	✓		Application Form
Have high expectations of students	✓		Interview
Be able to communicate effectively with students age 11 – 18	✓		Interview
Be able to communicate effectively with colleagues	✓		Interview
Work well as part of a small and dedicated team	✓		Interview
Act upon and listen to advice from colleagues	✓		Interview
Have a good range of teaching strategies	✓		Interview
Be able to effectively use data to help students achieve their full potential	✓		Supporting Letter
Demonstrate knowledge of how to plan for effective learning	✓		Interview
Ability to prioritise effectively	✓		Interview
A professional approach, which inspires confidence in students and parents	✓		Interview
Be able to teach challenging and well organised lessons as part of a scheme of work	✓		Interview
Mark effectively	✓		Interview
Ability to coach a team sport		✓	Interview
Have a sound understanding of Safeguarding within the teaching profession	✓		Interview
Understand the needs of SEND, PHA and EAL students		✓	Supporting Letter
Excellent written and ICT skills (Microsoft Office)		✓	Interview
Be willing to participate in the wider co-curricular life of the School	✓		Interview
A good sense of humour	✓		Interview

Shepperton and South West London

Halliford School is situated alongside the banks of the River Thames in a beautiful setting. The school was founded in 1921 as an independent grammar school on the present site. The building closest to the road is the oldest, a tall-storied Georgian House set in six acres beside the River Thames that was once home to Emma Hart (later Emma, Lady Hamilton) when she lived with Charles Francis Greville before she married and then became Lord Nelson's mistress.

The village of Shepperton is equidistant between the towns of Chertsey and Sunbury-on-Thames. The village is mentioned in the Domesday Book, where it was an agricultural village.

Probably most well-known for the local film studios, the village is home to approximately 10,000 people and boasts a magnificent high street with all the individual shops and restaurants so often lacking from most modern towns. The School works hard to support local businesses and is proud to source the vast majority of our food and provisions from local businesses.

There are many local restaurants and riverside walks and thriving sports clubs and cultural opportunities on offer. The boroughs of Spelthorne, Kingston, Staines and Richmond-upon-Thames offer a vast array of accommodation options ideal for young people and those with a family.

The village is the final stop on a branch line from London Waterloo with services stopping at Vauxhall, Clapham Junction, Wimbledon, Kingston, Teddington, Hampton and Sunbury. The journey time to London is 50 minutes. There is also a further faster route to London from nearby Walton-on-Thames with fast trains taking 25 minutes to reach London Waterloo. The School operates a shuttle bus along with other local services buses to Walton-on-Thames. London Heathrow is approximately 15 minutes by car and 45 minutes by local bus. The M3 and M25 are a few minutes' drive from the School.



Additional Information

Non-contractual benefits to Staff Pension

Membership of the Teachers' Pension Scheme is offered to all teaching staff.

School Fee Reduction

Children of teaching staff at Halliford School may, subject to passing the entrance examination, be eligible for a 50% remission on fees at the discretion of the Governing Body. This is prorated according to working days.

Meals and Refreshments

All staff are entitled to eat free of charge each day during term time in either the main Dining Room or in the Sixth Form Café, where delicious home cooked meals are served each lunchtime. In addition, hot drinks and biscuits are provided daily in the staff common room with cakes on special occasions. Speciality teas and coffee are also available daily from the Staff Common Room.

Sports Facilities

Members of staff are able to use the School gym and fitness facilities subject to approval from the Director of Sport.

Travel and Visits

Those staff wishing to organise suitable trips and visits for our students are strongly encouraged and supported to do so. These can provide invaluable opportunities for staff as well as students including the opportunity to travel and visit new countries.

Private Vehicles

Free on-site parking is available to all staff, subject to availability. In addition, subject to approval, staff can use their private vehicles for school journeys during working hours. The insurance will be under the school's insurance scheme and staff may claim suitable mileage.

Professional Development and Postgraduate Study

Staff are encouraged and supported to undertake a wide variety of professional development opportunities both within and beyond the School. Those staff wishing to undertake professional qualifications may seek financial support from the Governing Body.

Other Benefits including

- Ability to register with cyclescheme.co.uk
- Personal accident insurance through the school insurers.
- 24 hour counselling helpline service
- Enhanced sickness
- Staff socials
- Staff wellbeing support.
- Opportunities to join worldwide educational trips
- Provision of a Microsoft Surface Go

Disclosure and other pre-employment checks

Halliford School is committed to safeguarding the welfare of all students at the School.

Therefore, this appointment will be subject to a successful enhanced disclosure check from the Disclosure and Barring Service. This will give details of all spent and unspent convictions and other recordable matters. A policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders is available from the HR & Recruitment Officer. The supplied references will be taken up and the School may approach previous employers for information to verify particular experience of qualifications. A medical questionnaire will be required by to be completed by the successful candidate.

Further Information

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the HR & Recruitment Office who will be delighted to assist you:

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