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STONYHURST
1999-2019 Celebrating 20 Years of Co-Education

TEACHER OF BIOLOGY

Candidate Information



AN INTRODUCTION TO STONYHURST

Stonyhurst is a Catholic, Jesuit, HMC (Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference), independent boarding and day school for boys and girls from 3-18. At the College, there are almost 500 pupils aged 13-18, over two thirds of whom are boarders. At Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall, the adjacent preparatory school, there are about 300 pupils aged 3-13. The College is in stunning countryside, near the Ribble and Hodder rivers and the beautiful Trough of Bowland. Manchester is only about an hour away by road or rail. The market town of Clitheroe is 4 miles away, and we are 12 miles from the city of Preston. The Lake District can be reached in about an hour, and the Yorkshire Dales are even closer.

Stonyhurst has a fascinating heritage, being the oldest continuously existing Jesuit school in the world. It was founded in St Omers, northern France, in 1593, and moved to its present site in Lancashire's beautiful Ribble Valley in 1794. The original quadrangle at the centre of the College is part of a 16th century mansion, donated to Stonyhurst at the beginning of the 19th century by Mr Thomas Weld of Lulworth. Throughout the years of religious persecution in England, Stonyhurst educated boys from Roman Catholic families. In 1996, Stonyhurst became fully coeducational, and today it educates boys and girls from Catholic families, and also those of other denominations.

The College's Jesuit mission and identity, and its sense of community, set Stonyhurst apart from other schools. Pupils are urged to do as much as they can for other people following the example of Jesus Christ, 'the Man for others'.



THE FACULTY

The Biology department is part of the wider Faculty of Sciences. The Faculty has a long tradition of academic excellence. Results at A-Level, GCSE and in the IB Diploma are strong. The following courses are offered: Physics A level (OCR B) and GCSE (AQA); Biology A-Level (Edexcel) & GCSE (AQA); Chemistry A-Level (AQA) and GCSE (AQA). The IB Diploma is offered at Standard and Higher Level in all three sciences. Stonyhurst also runs a Pre-IB course in Syntax (year 11) where pupils are taught AQA GCSEs in the sciences in one year.

In addition to examination excellence, the Faculty is successful in a range of national competitions. In Biology the Biology Olympiad is open to sixth form pupils and years 9 (Lower Grammar) and 10 (Grammar) compete in the Biology Challenge. In Chemistry the department offers the C3L6 Chemistry paper for year 12 pupils (Poetry) and the Chemistry Olympiad for Rhetoricians (year 13). The British Physics Olympiad, BPhO, is offered to Physics pupils in several year groups. Pupils have also progressed to study the British Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad. The College also offers the Experimental Project in Physics.

The Faculty of Science currently comprises 7 full-time and 2 part-time teachers who are supported by full-time specialist lab-technicians in each subject. The Faculty has its own purpose built block with a suite of classrooms and laboratories for each science, prep. rooms and staff workrooms, all in the same area. Classrooms are well-equipped with practical and theory areas, electronic whiteboards and all staff have their own Stonyhurst lap-tops. There is also a shared ICT suite with 24 computers. The College is fortunate to have its own observatory which is used for co-curricular activities. Classes in the Faculty rarely exceed 24 in size at KS3 and KS4, or 12 in size at KS5.



KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Teachers are expected to:

- Teach across the full age and ability range and be familiar with the courses offered;
- Develop the use of technology to enhance the learning opportunities for our pupils;
- To enhance the current extra-curricular provision offered by the Faculty;
- To ensure that gifted and talented pupils are stretched to their maximum potential;
- To ensure that pupils who find the subject particularly challenging have access to the best possible support;
- Actively promote the Stonyhurst ethos as set out in the College Mission Statement;
- Contribute to the College games and/or co-curricular programme;
- Play a full part in boarding pastoral care, usually as a member of a Playroom or House team;
- Provide tutorial support as tutor to a group of pupils;
- Cover for absent colleagues as required;
- Attend whole school events such as assemblies, school masses, etc.;
- Attend parent events such as Parents' Weekends, Great Academies, etc.;
- Complete one or more weekly studies supervision and one other staff duty.





PERSON SPECIFICATION

The successful candidate will be enthusiastic and hard-working with a high level of emotional intelligence. He/she will have strong communication skills and the ability to build good relationships with pupils, parents and staff. He/she will have a strong commitment to the College's mission and identity as set out in the College Mission Statement, and they are also likely to demonstrate all of the following:

- Personal academic credibility;
- Hold a relevant degree and QTS;
- Must be able to teach Biology to A-level/Oxbridge standard and have the ability to teach KS3 Physics and Chemistry;
- A focus on academic excellence, with the desire and ability to get things done in a timely, professional manner;
- A genuine enjoyment of working with others for the betterment of young people;
- Be interested in developing links with state schools;
- A commitment to safeguarding the welfare of young people;
- Very strong organisational skills;
- The ability to work under pressure, balancing a number of commitments;
- The ability to work as part of a team;
- A positive approach to problem solving;
- A positive mindset;
- A commitment to all-round education.

In addition the successful candidate must:

- Be entitled to work and reside in the UK.
- Have an excellent employment record.
- Have excellent references.

The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.



TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The salary will be commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

Weekly Commitment

This is a full time position within a busy boarding school and lessons are timetabled over six days, Monday to Saturday. In addition to academic teaching, there is an expectation that staff will be involved in the wider life of the school, co-curricular contributions and an evening boarding duty each week.

Appointment date

September 2020.

Pension Scheme

The School is an accepted school for the purposes of Teachers' Pensions. As a member of the teaching staff you will automatically become a member unless you were to elect to opt out.

Provision of meals

Meals and refreshments are provided free of charge in the Refectory during working hours.

Sports Centre

The College has a wide range of sporting facilities which are available for use by staff at subsidised rates with free access to the swimming pool.

Safeguarding

All staff share responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of the pupils and must adhere to, and comply with, the School's Child Protection Policy at all times.

Pre-employment checks

The appointment is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring check.





APPLICATION PROCESS

To arrange a confidential discussion about the role, please contact:

Sarah Haworth – Head of Biology (s.haworth@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

The deadline for receipt of applications is **4th June at 12 noon.**

Interviews will take place on **11th June 2020**

To apply, candidates should complete the application via TES online. Any queries regarding the recruitment and application process may be directed to recruitment@Stonyhurst.ac.uk



