

Teacher of Learning Support

We require a well qualified teacher of Learning Support throughout the Upper School from September 2012.

Staff There are currently 7 members of staff in the LS Department, which also comprises the EFL department, consisting of the Head of Department, two full time teachers and four part-time teachers. The department also enjoys part-time secretarial support. The vacancy has arisen due to the retirement of a long serving teacher. The department offers tremendous support to each other and meets regularly to discuss departmental and school-wide issues and share good teaching practice. There are also close links with the Prep School, allowing pupils' needs to be met as they move between the two schools.

Facilities The department is located in a dedicated building between the Upper and Prep schools, with a number of small classrooms and IT suites, along with a department office.

Curriculum Clifton College has a one-week timetable, with each lesson lasting 40 minutes. LS is an option in Year 9 for those pupils unable to take two languages/Latin and in need of extra support, for three periods per week. At years 10 and 11 students can choose LS as an option in place of other subject options, which gives them the opportunity for specialist help in English and Mathematics, particularly in spelling, mental arithmetic and reading skills as well as support in their mainstream subjects, for four periods per week. Groups in Years 9-11 are kept deliberately small (usually below 10), and there are typically two groups per year. No group support is provided in the Sixth Form.

In addition, individual pupils can be provided with one-to-one lessons, available at an extra cost.

The Post The successful applicant will be expected to teach throughout the age range, providing both group and individual support. They will ideally be qualified in the teaching of Special Educational Needs, but training is available for applicants that can show a real interest in SEN. There will be the need for occasional contact with parents to discuss any concerns and regular liaison with subject teachers and pastoral mentors. For the suitable candidate, there may also be some opportunity to teach other subjects, such as English or EFL, and to be involved in the day to day running and administration of the department. The salary will be in accordance with the Clifton College salary scale.

Applicants seeking further details of the post may wish to contact the Head of Department, Rebecca Wimshurst on RWimshurst@clifton-college.avon.sch.uk