

Teacher of Chemistry

We require a well qualified graduate to teach Chemistry from September 2012. The successful candidate will be passionate about their subject, and will have the chance to contribute to the wider life of a busy boarding and day school. This position may appeal to somebody entering teaching for the first time, or a more experienced teacher.

Staff There are currently 5 members of staff in the Chemistry Department. The department offers tremendous support to each other and meets weekly to discuss departmental and school-wide issues and share good teaching practice. We all enjoy teaching Chemistry and our enthusiasm is conveyed to the pupils. The department has very good experience in inducting new teachers, including those entering teaching for the first time. All members of staff take part in the pastoral and co-curricular life of the school but appreciate that their primary role is teaching Chemistry.

Facilities In the Chemistry department there are five teaching laboratories enjoying excellent facilities and a lecture theatre. Technical support is provided by two full-time technicians. In addition to the teaching facilities within Chemistry, the Science School is equipped with its own dedicated computer suite as well as a wireless network. We also have our own Science Library.

Curriculum Clifton College has a one-week timetable. Year 9, 10 and 11 students have three 40-minute lessons in Chemistry per week. In the Sixth form students studying A-level have seven lessons per week in the Lower Sixth and eight in the Upper Sixth. All A-level teaching is arranged so that classes are shared by two teachers.

There are 8 sets in Years 9 and 10 and 11, which all follow the AQA GCSE. The top 4/5 sets are entered for separate Science GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics while the bottom 3/4 sets take the 'dual award' route. Last summer 75% of the Chemists scored an A/A* at GCSE. Sets sizes vary by ability but average fewer than 20.

At AS and A-Level we follow the OCR A. Our numbers are consistently high and we generally have in the order of 60 year 12 and 40 year 13 students. Most years, 80-90% of Chemistry A-Level grades are A*/A/B. In addition, there is a strong track record of Oxbridge entry from the Science School.

The Post The successful applicant will have the opportunity to teach throughout the age and ability range. A normal teaching allocation is 29 periods per week. This post replaces a part-time teacher who is leaving but will be replaced with a full-time post given the popularity of the subject. This is an exciting opportunity to join a successful, thriving and friendly 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, Tim Greene, on tgreene@clifton-college.avon.sch.uk

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