

Tettenhall College

Teacher of Biology

Information for applicants

Starting September 2024

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Welcome to Tettenhall College

Founded in 1863 by a local industrialist, Tettenhall College is an independent, co-educational day and boarding school providing continuous, quality education for children aged from 2 to 18 years. The School currently has 500 pupils, the majority of whom are drawn from across the Midlands, but also includes a vibrant boarding community made up of pupils from over 25 countries worldwide.

The School stands in 30 acres of stunning grounds and woodland situated in the picturesque village of Tettenhall, on the outskirts of the city of Wolverhampton.

Our pupils are known for their positive approach, their appreciation of the staff, of their School and of their fellow pupils, their motivation to learn and their whole-hearted commitment to every aspect of school life. Tettenhall College, in turn, is committed to providing an outstanding personalised education, combining strong academic standards and a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Academic results are consistently high. Pupils achieve very good GCSE and A Levels. The vast majority of Sixth Form leavers choose to go on to university with many selecting Russell Group institutions and a few each year opting for prestigious international options or competitive, sought-after apprenticeships with major companies. Beyond the classroom, pupils have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sporting, performance and co-curricular activities, as well as being encouraged to engage in adventure and charitable causes.

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Working with us

The School combines the best of modern teaching and facilities with the heritage and values of a traditional educational establishment – both in its physical setting and in its ethos. A substantial investment programme has created outstanding facilities for the next era of Tettenhall College: modern en-suite study-bedrooms, a state of the art study centre, a sixth form common room, a library, a multi-purpose all-weather sports facility and squash courts. These investments complement the already impressive facilities of the Victorian Towers Theatre; a charming Victorian indoor heated swimming pool; extensive sports fields and modern IT facilities.

This commitment to providing the very best facilities is matched by the energy and passion of our inspirational, committed staff who strive to inspire and ensure that all pupils fulfil their personal best. Small class sizes throughout the School ensure individual attention for each pupil with emphasis on the development of the individual. This supportive environment has resulted in the School's excellent reputation for pastoral care. Support of those pupils who have additional learning needs, including EAL, is a critical element of the School's offering.

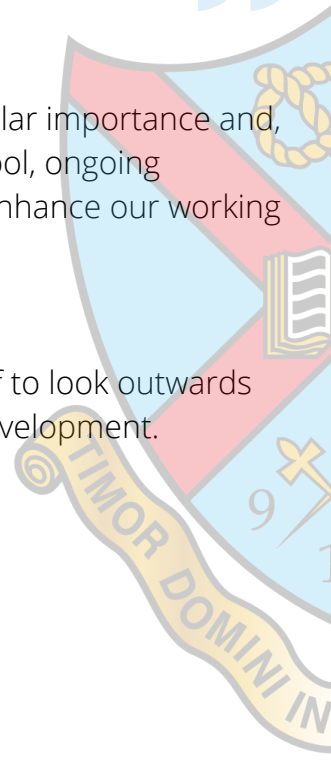
This is an exciting time to join Tettenhall College; the leadership team are committed to continuing to increase the School's profile both locally and within overseas markets. Pupil numbers have grown by 25% with a steady increase in boarding. Tettenhall College is now widely recognised as one of the Midlands' leading independent schools and is progressing rapidly towards its goal of becoming one of the best small independent schools in the UK.



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The well-being of all our staff is of particular importance and, as part of an overall strategy for the School, ongoing initiatives are continually introduced to enhance our working environment.

Staff are entitled to a remission on their children's fees and we encourage all staff to look outwards and focus on continuous professional development.



Our Mission, Vision & Values



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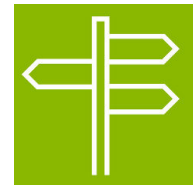
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The cornerstone of our community is our vision to be the school of choice for outstanding personalised education, inspiring every pupil to excel academically and beyond. Our mission is to nurture our pupils to achieve their full potential and discover their unique talents in an educational setting where they will thrive and be happy. Our exceptional staff motivate pupils to embrace challenge, giving them the best preparation for life and personal success.



Ambition

We strive for excellence in every aspect of our work and have high aspirations for our pupils. We encourage resilience by embracing mistakes as learning opportunities.



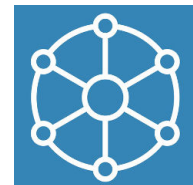
Opportunity

We foster self-belief. We provide academic challenge, personalised support and a breadth of learning opportunities



Creativity

We have the freedom to adapt our education to find the most effective way to meet our pupils' needs. We recognise that nurturing creativity is vital in today's world.



Community

We have a safe and secure family environment throughout our School. We look to promote our shared values and respect for each other. We equally want pupils to look outwards, act responsibly and become valued global citizens.



Character

We cultivate emotional intelligence, well-being and self respect and encourage support for each other. We lead by example to promote healthy and balanced lifestyles.

The Science Department

The Science Department at Tettenhall College invites applications for the position of Full Time Permanent Teacher of Science for a September 2024 start. The Department has a good record of academic success, and the successful candidate would be required to teach throughout the 11 – 18 age range.

We are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic teacher to join the Department. The successful candidate will have a passion for their subject and an ambition to make positive steps in their teaching career.

The Department

The science department is composed of seven members of staff and one lab technician.

In years 7& 8, pupils have three lessons a week following the Oxford KS3 Science scheme 'Activate'. In year 9, pupils have three lessons a week, each being taught by a subject specialist. In these lessons pupils start the foundation for GCSE.

At GCSE, pupils can choose between Combined Science or taking the three separate sciences (biology, chemistry, and physics). Combined science is taught by three subject specialists across six lessons.

Separate sciences are taught by specialists across three lessons a week so nine lessons in total. At GCSE, pupils study Edexcel biology. Sciences are a very popular option at A-level, with many pupils studying more than one science subject in preparation for various courses at universities. Many of our pupils go on to study science-related subjects such as medicine, pharmacology, engineering and biomedical science, at top universities in the UK and abroad. At A-level, pupils follow the AQA syllabus for biology.

The Department believes in providing a wide variety of opportunities for pupils to experience science outside of the curriculum, such as a science club to year 6 pupils, a medical society to sixth form pupils, a medical leadership programme, numerous competitions, lectures, fieldwork, and trips across the age range. There are many opportunities to develop enrichment and be involved with the promotion and organisation of trips.



The Person

We seek to appoint an outstanding Teacher of Biology who can teach with fluency and enthusiasm from Year Seven up to Advanced Level. The candidate should have very good knowledge of the latest educational technology and reforms and be able to promote positive relationships with pupils at all times. The post would be suitable for those looking to develop their experiences and personal advancement as well as someone new to the profession.

Job Description

Tettenhall College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

- Job Title:** Teacher of Biology
- Reporting to:** Subject Leader for Science
- Hours:** Full time, permanent
- Benefits:** Pleasant working grounds and location
Lunch is provided free of charge during term time
Reduced rates for children of teaching staff being educated at Tettenhall College
Staff have access to the College swimming pool and fitness room
All teaching staff are automatically members of the Teacher Pension Scheme



Main Duties & Responsibilities

Professional Responsibilities

- To promote a school culture which is positive, purposeful and professionally stimulating.
- To uphold the school's vision, mission and values within the school and beyond.
- To encourage high standards in all aspects of school life, particularly in student progress and behaviour.
- To actively take ownership of your own continual improvement through sustained engagement in self-driven professional development, as well as engaging in the School's formal professional development programme.
- To identify and work towards professional development objectives in liaison with your subject leader; the objectives will support both your professional aspirations and the fulfilment of the department and school development priorities.
- To complete any mandatory training related to your role or required to fulfil the school's statutory or regulatory obligations.
- To proactively explore developments and innovations in pedagogy and subject knowledge.
- To demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct.
- To be punctual, organised and willing to fully contribute to wider aspects of school life.

Teaching and Learning

- To set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils.
- To promote outstanding progress and outcomes by pupils, ensuring the learning and development of pupils is effective, continuous and enables them to achieve.
- To demonstrate outstanding subject and curriculum knowledge
- To plan, prepare and teach well-structured lessons across the age and ability range.
- To adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils, including pupils on the SEND and EAL registers.
- To assess, monitor, record and report on the development, progress and attainment of pupils.
- To use a data driven approach to identify learning patterns and implement effective action plans to address any learning gaps.
- To contribute to intervention programmes, including GCSE and A Level revision.
- To provide high quality, accurate, constructive, and timely information to parents and guardians.
- To manage pupil's behaviour effectively to ensure a productive and safe learning environment
- To ensure teaching and learning is delivered in a way that is compatible with and supportive of the School's policies.
- To develop pupils' ability to use digital technology safely, effectively and ethically.
- To embed technology in lessons to enhance teaching and learning.



Responsibilities to the Department and School

- To be respectful of the needs of colleagues and the department with regards to cooperation, collegiality, deadlines and team cohesion.
- To participate positively in departmental meetings, follow policies and generally contributing to the effective and efficient running of the department.
- To promote professional dialogue, share ideas about teaching and learning and support other teachers in developing good practice and new approaches and initiatives.
- To contribute to the development of the subject and department by taking responsibility for schemes of work, teaching materials and appropriate planning.
- To take part in, and contribute to, INSET activities offered in the department and by the school.
- To enthusiastically contribute to cross-curricular links and initiatives.
- To keep up to date with developments in the subject, and in education more generally.
- To participate and promote the department and school at calendared school events, such as Saturday Open Days, Careers Evening, Options Evenings, Parents Evenings.

Co-curricular and Boarding

- To contribute to the school's extended day and after school activity programmes.
- To participate in three weekend boarding outings a year.
- To accompany pupils on trips as and when required.

Pastoral Care

- To be a Form Tutor and contribute to Tutor time and other tutor based activities.
- To promote the progress and well-being of individual pupils and the tutor group.
- To register pupils, accompany them to assemblies, encourage their full attendance at all lessons and their participation in other aspects of school life.
- To monitor attendance and punctuality within the tutor group and contact parents if either of these becomes a concern.
- To alert appropriate staff to problems experienced by your tutees or any pupil and make recommendations as to how to resolve these.
- To have good lines of communication with the parents/guardians of your tutor group.
- To teach PSHE.

Safeguarding and Staff Conduct

- To show commitment to safeguarding, child protection and the well-being of students
- To insist of high standards at all times
- To act as a role model for punctuality, resilience and commitment
- To display a smart and professional appearance, representing the school in a positive manner
- To uphold the staff Code of Conduct

The above is not an exhaustive list. Applicants must be willing to undertake other reasonable duties as requested by the Subject Leader, Head of Section or members of the extended Senior Leadership Team and any duties that the Headmaster deems necessary for the effective operation of the school



Tettenhall College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and if successful you are expected to share this commitment. The protection of our students' welfare is the responsibility of all staff and individuals are expected to conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles and values of our organisation. Any successful applications will also be required to undergo rigorous child protection screening including checks with past employers and an enhanced DBS check as well as completing any relevant safeguarding assessments.

How to Apply

Closing date: Tuesday 16th April 2024 - 12 noon
Interview: Week commencing 22nd April 2024
Salary: Commensurate with experience
Hours: Full time

To apply, please fully complete an employment application form and return, along with your CV, to head@tettcoll.co.uk



Tettenhall College is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (including a check against the Children's Barred List) and other pre-employment screening including references and medical fitness. The post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974.

Please note that we will take up references provided in your application form prior to interview.

If successful, an external provider will undertake online background checks adhering to the Data Protection Act 1998 which states that personal information shall be processed lawfully and fairly, obtained for one or more specified and lawful purposes only and be adequate, relevant and not excessive.

Full details of the School's safeguarding policies and procedures are available on the School website: www.tettenhallcollege.co.uk

A photograph of two fencers in white gear sparring in a grand, ornate room with a wooden floor, columns, and a chandelier. The fencer on the right is in a more active stance, with one arm raised. The fencer on the left is in a ready stance. The room features a large window with columns, a chandelier, and a wooden display cabinet filled with trophies.

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