



**Teacher of Geography (with ability to teach some KS3 History desirable but not essential)
September 2018**

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The school opened with 63 students in September 2013 and now has 450 plus. We opened for internal and external sixth form candidates for the first time in September 2016. The school will grow to full capacity over the next 3 or 4 years with circa 600 students aged 11-18.

The successful candidate will be a well-qualified, experienced and enthusiastic graduate teacher. They will have the opportunity to assist in further developing and building the department in this new school. This is a full time post from September 2018.

The school operates its own pay scales consistent with the national pay scales and will offer salary commensurate with experience and the nature of this role. There is opportunity to develop and take on additional management roles, academic or pastoral, for the right candidate, and we would welcome applications from those seeking to develop leadership experience in the longer term.

Location

The school is housed in a modern and newly equipped building, close to rail and road links near Kew Bridge. These include Gunnersbury Underground station (7 minutes) and Kew Bridge British Rail Station (2 minutes). There is also some on-site parking.

The school takes students from a wide area but many come from the local area. The location of school means that it feels like a community school as opposed to some schools further from the centre of London where travel times are greater.

Facilities

The building is equipped with modern, cutting edge facilities including Science labs, an Art and Design studio, a Design and Technology suite, a Music department and rehearsal rooms, a restaurant, café, flexible teaching suites and meeting rooms. The Languages department moved into a new facility in September 2017 offering the staff and students suite of exceptional classrooms with the latest facilities.

The use of information technology has been given great importance within the school and a digital curriculum is a core component of the education for Kew House students. As such, access to computers, tablets and other digital media is available throughout the building in flexible spaces and smaller hubs.

Curriculum

The school offers an extensive range of GCSE and A level subjects. The curriculum will be structured around a two year Key Stage Three and flexible timetabling. The school will pursue excellence in all areas whether examinable or not, aiming to provide a rich and broad education to all students whatever their specialism. Whilst we will aim to achieve the highest academic results for each student, we will not serve as an examination "factory".

An extensive extra-curricular programme is in place. This consists of sport, creative activities and curriculum extension sessions in the full range of subjects. We also include guest speakers and workshops to inspire the students. Residential and other school visits are encouraged, making the optimum use of the resources and facilities available locally, nationally and internationally.

The Individuals in Society (IS) course focuses on personal development, emotionally, practically and intellectually. This is a timetabled teaching programme.

Pastoral

The ethos of the school is that of a family and social hub, giving emotional support and security to all students and employees. Each student receives individual attention both educationally and pastorally. The approach emphasises our partnership with parents; their involvement, with parents often spending time in school, is part of the ethos of Kew House. As the school matures, vertical tutor groups will add to the family approach.

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We are seeking to appoint an experienced and enthusiastic graduate Teacher of Geography, from September 2018. Geography is a very popular subject in school and has been a significant uptake at GCSE and A level and the successful candidate would be expected to support the growth of the number of students opting for Geography at GCSE and A level.

Key Requirements:

- A good degree in an appropriate subject and a recognised teaching qualification
- Ability to teach Geography from Year 7 through to GCSE and A level, the ability to teach KS3 History is desirable.
- Up to date knowledge of the changes at GCSE and A level and willingness to develop new schemes of work.
- Ability to demonstrate the capabilities to assist in the further development of a department. You will be able to assist in the production of the online facility and development of the curriculum through the use of a VLE.
- Willingness to engage in creative team planning and teaching.
- Commitment to, and experience of, using a range of teaching styles and methods including ICT. Humanities classrooms are equipped with interactive plasma screens with Apple TV capability.
- Willingness to offer extra support through subject clinics and revision classes
- Willingness to participate in the wider co-curricular life of the school

The school is committed to staff development and this position will provide a good springboard for further promotion within the school and beyond. All staff will be encouraged to attend INSET courses and will be provided with ample professional development opportunities.

The school operates its own pay scales consistent with national teacher pay scales and will offer salary commensurate with experience and the nature of the role.

To apply, please submit a completed application form together with supporting letter of application and details of two referees. One referee should be able to comment on your teaching skills, and one from your current or most recent employer. References will be taken prior to interview. You must provide original documents as proof of identity at interview.

Completed applications should be emailed to info@kewhouseschool.com or posted to Mr Mark Hudson, Headmaster, Kew House School, 6 Capital Interchange Way, London, TW8 0EX.

The **closing date for applications** is Tuesday 23rd January 2018. Suitable applicants will be contacted by email and invited to attend an **interview by arrangement**.

All appointments are made in accordance with our equal opportunities policy and applicants should let us know of any special needs they may have. Kew House School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and questions will be asked at interview to assess suitability of candidate to work with our children. All appointments are subject to satisfactory criminal record (DBS) check.