



THE CHORISTER SCHOOL

DURHAM CATHEDRAL

Class Teacher KS2 – Full Time, Maternity Leave Cover from September 2019

Job reference TCS2019/2

Description of Post

The Chorister School requires a graduate Class Teacher for KS2, to cover a Maternity Leave which starts from September 2019. The role is Full time.

The candidate needs to be flexible in approach, sympathetic to the needs of a boarding school and willing to participate in extra-curricular activities. There are occasional evening duties and one Saturday or Sunday a term required to support the Boarding House staff. The position would be suitable for an experienced, qualified teacher or an exceptional NQT as there are qualified mentors at The Chorister School.

Please see our website for additional information about the school at: www.thechoristerschool.com

The Chorister School

The Chorister School is a Co-Educational preparatory school for children aged 3 to 13. There are currently 170 pupils, including 22 boarders. The boy and girl choristers of Durham Cathedral are educated and board at the school, and we accommodate children as day and boarding pupils from Durham and as far away as Europe and Asia.

The Chorister School is located in the most magnificent setting, effectively the back garden of Durham Cathedral. It is in an oasis of calm in the centre of the beautiful city of Durham on a World Heritage Site. We blend the best of the traditions of a truly independent prep school steeped in history with the most modern teaching methods and practices. We are immensely proud of our pupils, not only for their impressive academic achievements, but also for their kindness and consideration, their generosity of spirit and respect for others.

We aim to build resilience, a passion for learning and the pursuit of excellence in all that we do. Our staff is dedicated to the various roles they play, leading learning and enabling children to grow in confidence and develop those skills needed for success in life.

In the classroom, on the sports field, in the boarding house, the kitchen, the office – throughout the school – our staff is of the very highest calibre. They take a pride in getting to know and care about every child as an individual. In addition, every pupil is given a rich, broad and exciting curriculum in small classes where they will always have personal attention and never be part of a crowd. Teaching is planned and delivered according to detailed knowledge of every child. The school offers before- and after-school care, with a wide range of after-school clubs and activities ranging from art to multi-sports; from ballet to board games. We also offer full-time, weekly and flexible mid-week boarding. Mid-week boarding is particularly popular, and groups of friends often book in together for a school sleepover, which is enjoyed by pupils and appreciated by busy parents. Our facilities are impressive, a purpose-built sports hall, a large music department and spacious and picturesque playing fields.

We are a happy school, small enough for everyone to know everyone else and feel part of the team that we are, yet large enough for everyone to have the space to develop in their own way. A happy child finds learning a pleasure. We aim to ensure that those crucial formative early years of education are happy ones so that the child who leaves The Chorister School at thirteen is a confident and happy individual, ready to take the next step to senior school. Children go on to a wide range of senior schools both locally and further afield. Many have won scholarships and exhibitions, and places at competitive entry schools.

Please see our ISI Inspection Report 2017.

Job and Person Specification

Responsible to: The Headmaster

Duties and Responsibilities include:

1. To be a class teacher in KS2.
2. To plan lessons within the curriculum and to contribute in the planning of Curriculum and Schemes of Work, preparation of resources, record keeping and tracking of learning.
3. To attend Parents/Staff Meetings to discuss the work and progress of children in the school.
4. To ensure the assessment and recording of each pupil's effort and attainment in the subjects which you teach.
5. To assist in the preparation of reports on children; to write reports.
6. To assist in the provision of lesson cover for staff absence and on the school duties rota.
7. To communicate with parents and other parties as required.
8. Attendance at and participation in training and development as required.
9. Participation in schemes of assessment, appraisal and review.
10. To be an effective role model for the standards of behaviour expected of pupils.
11. To promote the school within the context of Open Mornings and discussion with interested parties.
12. To have due regard for confidentiality, child protection procedures, health and safety, other statutory requirements and the policies of the governing body.

Liaison:

1. To liaise with the Head and Deputy Head, as required.
2. To liaise with Heads of Department

Person specification:

Creativity, and enthusiasm for the broader picture of education of younger children.

From time to time there may be additional activities required of the post holder regarding duties in school. These will be with agreement with the Head and commensurate with the duties outlined above.

The Chorister School and its staff share a commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.