

WLFS Head of Economics

Closing Date: 23rd September 2020

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Permanent - Full-Time KST Teaching Staff Pay Scale Start Date: January 2021

West London Free School is seeking to appoint a Head of Economics to start in January 2021. The school is based in Hammersmith, West London. We are a non-selective school, which provides an excellent work environment, values the importance of staff wellbeing and encourages career progression.

The West London Free School aims to provide all pupils, irrespective of their background, with a Classical Liberal education. We have a distinctive school culture built on a passion for bringing rich, demanding and inspiring knowledge to pupils of all abilities. We treasure the subject knowledge of staff, we value their passion for continuing to grow as subject specialists and we support their subject-specific development. There is a firm and fair approach to behaviour, systematically supported by senior staff: all pupil detentions are centralised and run by senior staff every day. Teachers are therefore able to prioritise the planning and teaching of subject knowledge. School leaders all teach, love their subjects, understand workload pressures and are highly visible around school.

Our core belief is that every child is entitled to a classical liberal education, no matter what their background or ability. We place a heavy emphasis on the acquisition of core knowledge through the study of traditional subjects. Our students who choose Economics at A Level are enthusiastic and making excellent progress.

Key characteristics of the role include:

- To be a brilliant and inspiring Head of Economics, with a strong subject passion and desire to teach Economics to the highest standard
- To set the vision for the department and lead the department with vigour and enthusiasm
- To be a model of excellent practice, maintaining a clear focus on the outstanding delivery of A Level Economics to Sixth Form students.
- To stimulate and encourage students to a high standard of interest and work in the subject, ensuring that the needs of the individual are met.
- To design and implement schemes of work and resources as required for Key Stage 5, and to monitor their subsequent effectiveness.
- To monitor the progress of pupils according to the department and school assessment policy and to advise on set changes.

- To show a commitment to enhancing the quality of teaching and learning in the department by taking part in sharing resources, collaborative teaching, mentoring and active participation in continuing professional development.
- To be very well organised, notably in arranging oral classes and examinations.
- To support Sixth Form students with UCAS/Oxbridge entry.
- Organising trips and activities to enrich students' study of Economics.

The successful candidate will demonstrate:

- The ability to teach Economics at Key Stage 5 and be able to teach all ability ranges including SEN with excellent classroom management skills.
- Exceptional subject knowledge, including an understanding of the requirements of public examinations.
- Excellent team working skills.
- Experience with organising educational trips and in-house activities.
- Effective and efficient communication skills with both pupils and staff.
- An understanding and commitment to the ethos of the school.

The West London Free School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Application deadline: 23rd September 2020. Interviews will take place on 28th September 2020.

If you wish to apply, please complete and return the attached application form with a covering letter to Sarah Noel at careers@wlfs.org.