APPOINTMENT OF SUBJECT LEADER BUSINESS and COMPUTING

Leadership

The department includes Business Studies, Computer Science and ICT. The successful candidate is likely to be a strong classroom practitioner in Business Studies. However, an understanding of, and the ability to teach ICT or Computer Science would be desirable.

Our deliberate way of working has developed a very strong group of middle leaders at Stratford who have responded very well to our blend of autonomy and accountability. This includes fortnightly breakfast meetings, timetabled group meetings for middle leaders and regular presentations to SLT. As a leader, you will find a positive working environment supported by peers, Lead Practitioners and members of SLT. The school is 'well led by many'. We will help you develop as a leader.

We look forward to welcoming an enthusiastic, well-qualified colleague, who will help shape the future curriculum and manage high quality daily experiences for our students, working with a small friendly team to build on established strengths and contribute to the continuing success of the department and school.

The Facilities
The department is housed in five large classrooms, all with 30 computers; each room also has an interactive white board.

Curriculum

The school operates on a 2-week timetable of 1-hour lessons, with 5 periods per day.

ICT/Computer Science is taught to Year 7 classes in 2 periods per fortnight and Year 8 do a mixture of Business, Computer Science, and ICT to give them an introduction to the subjects that the department offer at GCSE. Students select 7 options subjects (including PE) to study in Year 9, before refining their choice to 5 that they will continue to study from Year 10.

Optional OCR GCSE Business, GCSE Computer Science and OCR Nationals Level 2 in Creative Media are currently taught to students, with 3 periods per fortnight in Year 9 and 4 periods in Years 10 and 11.

In the Sixth Form, we currently offer OCR A Level Business and OCR A Level Computer Science which are taught 10 hours per fortnight.

Staff
The department consists of 4 staff - a Subject Leader (Business Studies) and 3 other staff members (one Business and two ICT specialists).
Opportunities for colleagues wishing to enhance their career development by taking on an area of responsibility may be available.

Extra Curricular
Most lunch times and after school the ICT suites are open for students to attend and work on their coursework.

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