

The Royal School Dungannon

Teacher of Chemistry (4 days, 0.8 FTE, to cover maternity leave)

September 2023 to May 2024

General Information

Founded by Royal Charter in 1608, the Royal School Dungannon (RSD) is one of Ireland's oldest schools. RSD is a co-educational voluntary grammar and boarding school which has 680 pupils, of whom 56 are boarders, many from overseas. The School is situated in its own spacious grounds in a quiet residential area of the market town of Dungannon, enjoying excellent road links to Belfast and other towns, and also to the Province's main airports. A recent rebuilding and renovation programme has provided the School with excellent facilities across all subjects as well as superb sporting facilities, including a sports hall and floodlit Astroturf hockey pitch. The curriculum at RSD is a blend of traditional and contemporary subjects and the School returns excellent public examination results each year, with over 90% of pupils entering universities throughout the UK and Ireland.

The Chemistry Department

The Chemistry Department is part of a Science Faculty consisting of seven modern laboratories of which two are designated for the teaching of Chemistry, connected by a Chemistry workroom. Each room is fully equipped and has its own PC and data projector. The Department has access to three computer suites and is supported by a technician. There are three teachers in the Department, including the Head of Department, with each contributing to teaching Chemistry along with Science at Key Stage 3. Chemistry is taught as part of Science in Years 8 and 9; and as a separate subject in Year 10. Chemistry is taught as a standalone subject at both GCSE and A Level and as part of Double Award Science at GCSE. Approximately 60% of pupils choose to study GCSE Chemistry while around 35% opt for Double Award Science; and at A Level there are typically two Chemistry classes in Year 13. The Chemistry Department staff also contribute to the teaching of A Level Life & Health Science. Results are strong at both A Level and GCSE with the CCEA specifications being used for all examinations. Each teacher is provided with an iPad and Apple Pencil. Each laboratory has access to Apple TV.

Main Responsibilities

The School wishes to appoint a teacher who can teach Chemistry to A Level from September 2023.

- To be responsible to the Headmaster, through the Head of Department, for the effective teaching and learning of Chemistry to A Level.
- To teach Chemistry in accordance with School policies and practice and in pursuit of high standards of pupil achievement.
- To contribute to the School's pastoral care system in accordance with School policies and practice.

The duties outlined above are not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post but are indicative of the general role played by all Teachers. A full Job Description for Teachers is available on the School website.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential Criteria – Applicants must (as at 1 September 2023)

- Have a good honours degree (2:2 or above) in which Chemistry is a major component or an equivalent qualification
- Be a qualified teacher recognised by the Department of Education for Northern Ireland and the GTCNI

- Demonstrate the ability to teach Chemistry to A Level
- Demonstrate sound subject knowledge and an ability to teach the subject(s) required using a variety of teaching approaches and strategies
- Demonstrate a sound understanding of the Northern Ireland Curriculum
- Demonstrate an understanding of the ways in which children learn and how individual needs may be assessed and met
- Be a team player capable of contributing to the Department's development work and working collaboratively with colleagues
- Demonstrate well-developed planning and organising skills, including time management
- Be committed to making a contribution to the work of the Boarding Department
- Be committed to making a contribution to the extra-curricular life of the School
- Demonstrate a good record of attendance and health

Desirable Criteria

Preference may be given to applicants who (at 1 September 2023)

- Have a 2:1 honours degree or higher, or a higher degree in which Chemistry is a major component or an equivalent qualification
- Demonstrate experience of teaching Chemistry to A Level either during PGCE or in another school
- Demonstrate experience of successfully teaching Chemistry to GCSE Level either during PGCE or in another school
- Demonstrate experience of leadership, coaching or involvement in one of the School's sports or with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
- Are willing to contribute to the organisation and leadership of trips and enrichment opportunities for pupils, including collaboration work with partner schools
- Are willing to make a commitment to become a Resident or Extern member of the Boarding Department
- Have experience of teaching able children
- Have experience of using ICT to enhance teaching and learning

The Board of governors reserves the right to enhance the above criteria for shortlisting purposes.

Applications

The completed and signed Application Form should be returned to **by 12.00 noon on Friday 2nd June 2023** addressed to: The Headmaster, The Royal School Dungannon, 2 Ranfurly Road, Dungannon, County Tyrone, BT71 6EG, clearly marked "TTC23" on the envelope. Please ensure that you use the correct postage. Application Forms received after the closing time will not be considered.

Email submission of Application Forms to: acullen583@c2kni.net before that time will be accepted but a hard paper copy must be received in the School by the closing date and time stated above.

Applicants should state clearly on their Application Form how they meet each of the criteria. Those applicants who are shortlisted will be invited for interview **during the week beginning 5th June 2023**. Specific details about the interview format and structure will be supplied to all shortlisted applicants by 6th June 2023. Applicants who have not received notification of interview by this date will have been unsuccessful on this occasion.

In order to comply with DENI guidelines on Child Protection, shortlisted applicants should bring an original birth certificate and/or marriage certificate (if appropriate) plus a means of photographic identification, such as a passport or driving licence, to the interview.