

Chemistry Teacher from September 2011

A well-qualified graduate is required to teach Chemistry throughout the school. The position would particularly suit someone looking for a second post or a more experienced teacher, although a well-qualified and highly motivated NQT would be considered. It would be advantageous if another science subject can be offered to Lower School or GCSE level. Teaching of other subjects may be available if the successful candidate has a particular interest. The successful candidate will be expected to undertake a teaching timetable of some thirty one periods a week, and become fully involved in the life of a busy boarding school, including an involvement in extra-curricular activities.

The Department

The Chemistry Department comprises two full-time and two part-time Chemistry staff undertaking teaching over the full range of ages from 11 to 18. Chemistry is a popular subject beyond GCSE with most students staying on to take A2. Examination results are consistently very good. Chemical and medical sciences are a popular choice for students to study at University. At GCSE we follow the AQA Specification. All candidates take separate sciences; in order to facilitate this we teach the GCSE course over three years. In the Lower School (years 7 & 8) we follow an in-house course in foundation Chemistry.

The department is housed in the Science and Maths building. There are three specialist modern Chemistry laboratories, a Chemistry preparation room which is run by a very experienced full-time Chemistry technician and a part-time assistant. The department is very well resourced and practical work in all year groups can be performed individually. All laboratories have data projectors, DVD players and video recorders. Teaching staff at Bloxham are issued with a PC laptop, as are all pupils when they reach Year 10, which offers wireless connectivity to the School's network. This gives internet and email access throughout the school. PCs are regularly used to receive and send work to pupils via the Intranet. Up to date subject specific software is installed on all laptops.

As a department we have a great love of the subject which we share with our pupils and aim to make the subject interesting, relevant and fun. We hope the person appointed will be equally enthusiastic.

A willingness to play a full part, both curricular and extra-curricular, in the life of a boarding school is essential. All applicants invited for interview will be required to teach a lesson as part of the selection process.

Salary will be according to the Bloxham School scale and based on the successful candidate's qualifications and experience. Accommodation may be available.

Candidates who do not return a completed application form will not be considered for the post.

Interviews will take place at the school in December.

The School

Bloxham is an independent, coeducational, boarding school founded in 1860, with 430 pupils of whom 150 are currently in the 6th Form. Bloxham School is a member of the Woodard Corporation, one of the

few national organisations of schools that contain both independent and maintained schools. The staff pupil ratio is approximately 1:8.5 and academic standards are high. The normal ages for entry are 11, 13 and 16 and there are scholarships and bursaries available at all entry points.

Bloxham School stands in a very attractive North Oxfordshire village above the Cherwell Valley, about three miles from Banbury and the M40, and 25 miles from Oxford. The school estate consists of about 60 acres and there are many fine buildings. The school has outstanding facilities that enable it to offer a wide variety of sporting and other activities. Over £8 million has been spent in recent years on the building of a new Technology Centre, Business Studies Suite, and the refurbishment of the boarding facilities, Dining Hall and Kitchens. The most recent major project was the new Library, which opened in April 2006 and other recent developments have included: a second Astro turf hockey pitch, 2 new squash courts, Music and Art Schools have both been significantly expanded and the Great Hall modernised as a performing arts centre. We are also in the second year of a new and exciting system of assessments and reporting.

There is a lively, friendly and forward-looking Common Room and most members live either on campus or in the village of Bloxham and participate fully in the busy life of a boarding school. Staff are welcomed into the sports organisation and they also assist with a wide variety of other activities (academic, intellectual, cultural, outdoor and sporting). Each teacher is provided with a laptop computer. The boarding houses and Lower School operate a tutoring system and nearly all members of staff participate, each tutoring about twelve pupils. The life of the Chapel is an integral part of a Woodard School and Common Room offers valuable leadership and support in this area as well.

Further details of the school may be found on our website: www.bloxhamschool.com, which has an integral E-prospectus. Applications, including a completed application form and the names and addresses of two confidential referees, should reach:

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as soon as possible, and not later than **Friday 3rd December**
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