

Friendship Excellence Opportunity

# Teacher of Religious Studies MPS/UPR

Starting from September 2024

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in our school and the post of Teacher of Religious studies.

#### **Seven Kings School**

Seven Kings School is a successful all through school in the London Borough of Redbridge, with a strong local and national reputation. We are a mixed, multi-ethnic community school providing high quality education to local children of all abilities. All staff contribute to our vision in creating an all through school which is a model of exceptional practice for all of our community and beyond. There are approximately 2230 students on roll, 500 of these in our dynamic Sixth Form which brings together outstanding learners from across East London (50% of our Sixth Form) to join our own students and is an exciting place to study. The school is always oversubscribed and enjoys strong support from parents and governors. We are a 'harmonious school' with an excellent learning environment.

Outcomes are consistently high in all phases and were once again excellent in 2023, placing us as one of the best state schools in the country. We are the most oversubscribed state school in the country. We were recently reaccredited World Class School status and are one of the Mayor of London's Schools for Success.

#### 2023

GCSE 77% Grade 5+ English and Maths, 88% Grade 4+ English and Maths, with a P8 score of +0.98 and A Level 77% A\*-C.

A Level Religious Studies: 80% A\* - C; 60% A\* - B.

GCSE Religious Studies: 92% G4+; 89% G5+; 57% G7+; Value Added is +1.54

In our last OFSTED inspection in September 2018 we were judged to be outstanding, it reports on the 'unwavering focus...leaders leaving no stone unturned.... exceptional teaching.... of awe and wonder'. It is a joyous read; this is a school where students want to learn and relationships are excellent. We are proud to run a successful provision which integrates students with physical disabilities into mainstream education.



Seven Kings is a vibrant and fulfilling place to work with excellent opportunities for personal and professional development. We are proud of our induction and support programmes for all teaching staff and our high quality continuing professional development opportunities. Staff retention rates are high. The Seven Kings Learning Partnership is a thriving partnership of 23 schools providing exciting opportunities for staff development which is at the heart of our continuing success. We support schools in raising standards and we are committed to educational innovation. The school is regularly involved in local and national initiatives, all of which offer opportunities to our staff to enhance their professional development and develop their career at whatever stage.

### What we are looking for

We are looking to appoint a well-qualified, creative and passionate teacher of Religious studies who will join our successful department. You will need to be an enthusiastic practitioner with strong subject knowledge and ability to teach A-level Religious Studies.

## The Religious Studies Department

Religious Studies is a popular and successful subject at Seven Kings. The Department has a legacy of outstanding results both at KS4 and KS5, adding significant value to students. The department and subject have grown in the last 3 years with the subject gaining further popularity at GCSE. The department has recently introduced the short course GCSE in year 9 to support transition to KS4.

Our curriculum is designed to give every student, at all Key Stages in our all-through school, a greater ability and confidence to express their own beliefs whilst respecting the faiths and beliefs/non beliefs within our community and society and to take this learning outside of the classroom when interacting with religious or non-religious beliefs. Our curriculum develops students oracy skills so they are able to listen, to feedback and challenge around their own beliefs and discover who they are in the wider world. Students' learning experiences are characterised by their exploration of a range of moral issues. They develop their skills in empathy, debating and evaluation through a range of religious teachings and ideas. A key aspect of the department's vision is to help develop students as independent thinkers.

This post would be suitable for an ECT or experienced teacher.

We are looking for a candidate who is eager to develop this role and we welcome applications which will ensure we are continuing to diversify our staff and leadership, we are committed to equal opportunities. The right candidate can make something of this role and help lead the school further in its development and we are excited by this prospect.



#### **An Opportunity**

This is a great opportunity for an enthusiastic, creative and well-qualified Teacher of Religious studies to join a thriving department. We ask a great deal of our staff but we offer an outstanding opportunity for the right person to make a real impact on children's and teachers' lives, and to develop their career in a committed, successful and innovative school. This is a fantastic job; learning with great colleagues in a school where we are committed to the whole child and their learning and nurturing of our staff.

We hope that you will decide to pursue your application and that you will consider a future with us at Seven Kings. Seven Kings School is a self-confident and ambitious school, we are rightly proud of our place at the heart of the community and this is and will remain our focus.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Please visit our web site to find out about our work at Seven Kings: <a href="http://www.sevenkings.school/">http://www.sevenkings.school/</a>

If you would like to arrange a visit to the school, please telephone the Sharon Taak, Personnel Manager to make an appointment 020 8554 8935

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