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HOSPITAL

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APPOINTMENT OF MANDARIN LANGUAGE ASSISTANT

An opportunity has opened up for a well-qualified, committed, skilled and inspirational Mandarin Language assistant for September 2020. This is a temporary position to cover the 2020-21 academic year.

THE DEPARTMENT

The study of a modern foreign language is a compulsory requirement for all pupils at Christ's Hospital and Mandarin is amongst one of the most popular choices in our school. Our Mandarin Department comprises the Head of Mandarin, one full time teacher, and the Language Assistant. All our members are native speakers and we offer our pupils the opportunity to learn Mandarin Chinese.

THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT

The position would suit a native speaker of Mandarin Chinese with a degree in Modern Languages or related discipline. The ideal candidate would also have experience in language teaching to students of all levels. Knowledge of the oral exam formats for the International Baccalaureate (all levels), the Cambridge IGCSE and the Mandarin Edexcel A-Level and Pre-U Mandarin programmes would be an advantage. The main duties of the Mandarin Language Assistant include:

- Delivering speaking sessions to small groups and individual pupils
 - Leading extracurricular activities within the department: Chinese Culture Club, Chinese New Year celebration, School trips to promote Mandarin study.
 - Assisting Mandarin teachers within the department with some of our formal lessons, supported prep sessions and during all the Oral Exam seasons
- involvement in the school's pastoral and co-curricular programmes is required. This will include being on duty in one of the boarding houses once a week and being a form tutor.

THE SCHOOL

King Edward VI founded Christ's Hospital in 1552 to take the poor children from the streets of London and provide shelter and education for them. Throughout over 460 years of social and economic change, Christ's Hospital has remained true to its founding principles. It now provides high quality boarding education for children who, but for Christ's Hospital, would not have the chances in life that their potential deserves.

When Christ's Hospital was founded, boys and girls were based in what had been the Grey Friars' Priory in Newgate Street, but the girls and some of the younger boys were relocated to Hertford in the 17th Century. The boys at the Newgate campus were moved to the Horsham site in 1902 and were joined here by the girls in 1985. Christ's Hospital retains strong links with the City of London and many City Livery Companies provide financial support to pupils at the School. The School retains many of its ancient traditions, including the everyday use of its unique Tudor uniform, known as 'Housey' and Band Parade six days a week.

881 pupils are enrolled at Christ's Hospital for the 2019-20 academic year with a 50/50 mix of boys and girls. All are boarders apart from a small number of staff children and day pupils. The main intake each year is at Year 7 (11 years of age) with a small number joining at Year 9 (13+) and 40 to 45 new pupils joining in the Sixth Form. A balanced pupil population is a feature of the School, and we admit children from a wide range of backgrounds. Our selection is based on academic ability, talent in some combination of music, art, drama and sport and the potential to benefit from a first class boarding education. However, the over-riding principle of the admissions process is to help those with need, whether that need be financial, familial or educational.

The School offers a traditional academic education and our expectations of pupils are high. We achieve excellent standards, with 90% of pupils gaining places at Oxbridge, Russell Group universities, art colleges or music conservatoires.

Currently, over 60% of the cost of running the School is funded by Christ's Hospital's charitable Foundation, with the balance coming from grants from a variety of sources and from fees. Around 75% of pupils receive bursary support; 13% pay no fees at all and just over 20% pay full fees. The resultant mix of pupils is refreshingly down to earth and there is a strong desire to make the most of the opportunities on offer at Christ's Hospital.

The school has a proud tradition of sporting achievement and runs an active and successful broader curricular programme which includes CCF and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Music is outstanding and in addition to the Marching Band, there is a large and impressive Chapel Choir, plus various orchestras, classical ensembles and jazz groups. Drama flourishes with regular productions in the purpose-built 600 seat theatre and the Art School produces work of unusual quality.

The lesson timetable is planned across a two week period (i.e. Week A and B), which is spread across six days, with five lessons on Saturday morning and games or activity sessions on three afternoons each week including Saturday. The school works on a three weekly cycle, with a leave weekend or longer break at the end of every three week period. All staff are expected to contribute to the busy co-curricular programme throughout the year and are required to help out in a boarding house for one evening each week.

SAFEGUARDING, PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

All staff are required to follow published statutory guidance and the School's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy at all times and to share in the corporate commitment to promoting the safety and welfare of students.

In addition to a thorough understanding of safeguarding procedures, staff are expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct. We will require evidence of your:

- Eligibility to work in the UK
- Full understanding of safeguarding requirements and how teachers promote the welfare of children
- Commitment to implementing whole school/staff policies relating to the safeguarding of children

We must be able to obtain satisfactory:

- Enhanced DBS
- validated references
- fitness for work
- overseas police checks (where applicable)

REMUNERATION

This is a one year placement, commencing 1st September 2020. The salary is c. £13,500 per annum, paid in monthly instalments over that period. The successful applicant will be provided with accommodation in either a one room flat or with his or her own room in a shared dwelling free of charge and including utilities. Laundry and, while on duty, meals in the Dining Hall or Common Room will be provided free of charge during term time only.

All new staff appointments are subject to a clear medical check, receipt of satisfactory references including one from the current employer and a cleared Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Check at Enhanced Level.

Equal Opportunities and Child Protection.

Christ's Hospital is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community. The school also follows current Child Protection procedures for the appointment of new staff.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

An application pack can be downloaded from the CH website; please go to www.christs-hospital.org.uk/about-ch/vacancies/, where you will find full details of the role.

The completed application form should be sent to:

Human Resources Department,
Christ's Hospital,
Horsham,
West Sussex
RH13 0LU

Email: hr@christs-hospital.org.uk

and should include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two professional referees, one of whom should be your current employer/university.

The closing date for applications is 9am Friday 21st February 2020. Interviews of the short-listed candidates will be held at the school shortly afterwards.

If you have any queries about this position, please call the Human Resources office in the first instance on 01403 246635.



Simon Reid,
Head Teacher

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