

APPOINTMENT OF FRENCH LANGUAGE ASSISTANT

An opportunity has opened up for a well-qualified, committed, skilled and inspirational French Language assistant for a 9 month fixed term contract starting in September 2020.

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 first founded, both the male and female pupils 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.

Around 900 pupils are currently enrolled at Christ's Hospital. Half are boys and half are girls and 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 children are admitted from a wide range of backgrounds. 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. Excellent standards are achieved, with 85% of pupils gaining places at Russell Group universities, art colleges or music conservatoires. Around 10 pupils each year go to Oxbridge colleges.

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 a minority of pupils whose parents pay full 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 lacking in pretension, but there is an underlying 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 extra-curricular programme that 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 theatre and the Art School produces work of a very high order.

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 day staff are required to help out in a boarding house for one evening each week.

Christ's Hospital takes part in the Newly Qualified Teacher scheme and provides assistance and guidance for staff who are working towards NQT status.

THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT

The position would suit a fluent speaker of French 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 Edexcel IGCSE and the French AQA A-Level programmes would be an advantage. The main duties of the French Language Assistant include:

- Delivering speaking sessions to small groups and individual pupils
- Leading extracurricular activities within the department e.g. Film Club
- Assisting other 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 or twice a week and being a form tutor.

THE DEPARTMENT

The study of a modern foreign language is a compulsory requirement for all pupils at Christ's Hospital and French is amongst one of the most popular choices in our school.

Our French Department comprises the Head of French, two full-time teachers, one part-time teacher and the Language Assistant

REMUNERATION

This is a 9 month placement, commencing 1st September 2020. The salary is £13,283 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 house with other graduates, 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.

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

Please visit our website www.christs-hospital.org.uk/about-ch/vacancies/, where you will find full details of the role and the online application form.

The completed application form should include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees, one of whom should be your current employer or university tutor if you are still studying.

Applications should be received by 9am Friday 26th June 2020.

Interviews of the short-listed candidates will be held shortly after (via video conferencing).

If you have any queries about this position, or have difficulty with the online application form please contact the Human Resources office in the first instance on HR@christs-hospital.org.uk .

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