

**PROUD** TO MAKE SUCCESS HAPPEN



# COMPUTER SCIENCE-Applicant Pack

## Dear Applicant,

**Thank you for your interest in working at Uxbridge High School.** I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about our unique school and to highlight the significance of this important appointment. You are applying to join an exemplary and highly energetic staff team that has moved the school into a very strong position both locally and nationally. I am looking for exceptional people with energy and drive to join us in this work.

We have much to celebrate at Uxbridge High School including a committed and focused student body and staff, outstanding facilities, strong relationships with the community and school partners, supportive governors and a thriving sixth form. We value the successes of every child, whatever their starting point, as a truly comprehensive and multicultural school that reflects life in modern Britain. You will enjoy the reward of working with a wide range of students, from a variety of backgrounds.

I would recommend that you spend time reading our most recent Ofsted report, which can be viewed here: <u>Ofsted</u> <u>report</u>. The inspection report confirmed that there has been no change to this school's overall judgement of good as a result of this ungraded (section 8) inspection. However, the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be outstanding if a graded (section 5) inspection were carried out now. The report confirms our significant strengths in all areas of leadership, teaching, personal development and outcomes. We are particularly proud of our broad and ambitious curriculum, which prepares our students well for GCSE and A-Level study.



The current leadership team has embedded a number of changes to the approach we take towards learning, teaching and progress. These include rigorous selfevaluation, close monitoring of the impact of teaching on learning and highly individualised student and group tracking. Our lead practitioner team (LPT) lead on numerous initiatives to support this, for example, developing and supporting leadership of teaching at all levels. An extensive and rich CPD programme is highly valued by staff at all levels.

Our determination to eradicate any disadvantage, particularly through poor literacy and numeracy on entry to the school, allows our students to compete in a national context. This is one of the school's biggest challenges and one to which we apply a systematic, whole school focus, linked to a curriculum that is innovative, exciting and ultimately leads to student success. To this end we are constantly reviewing our curriculum pathways to ensure a rich and well referenced learning experience for all our students, whilst balancing the need to do the best for our students.

Our sixth form provision is exceptional with a broad and exciting post-16 curricula. We are highly successful in preparing students for a wide range of university, apprenticeship and workplace destinations.

As Principal, I operate with an authentic and distributive leadership style. To support this, I am looking for leaders and staff who subscribe to an open and trusting culture, who can bring a collaborative and 'can do' solution-focused attitude. We seek teachers and leaders who are able and keen to achieve excellence across the school.

The successful candidate will demonstrate their unrelenting energy and drive that will continue to allow Uxbridge High School to be a school that can guarantee to maximise student progress, achievement and opportunity through an outstanding education.

If you feel you can meet the needs of all of our students without limitation, and are excited to join us, then I look forward to hearing from you further

## Louisa Seymour, Principal

## The Role

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We are seeking a Teacher of Computer Science to work in our dedicated and committed team of three to teach ICT and Computer Science across the age and ability range up to and including Sixth Form. This role is suitable for either an experienced practitioner or a newly qualified teacher.

The successful candidate will:

- lead by example, through outstanding practice and professionalism;
- demonstrate their ethos of putting our students at the heart of our curriculum;
- be driven to make a difference, to overcome barriers, to be relentless in enabling all students
- to make exceptional progress;
- be committed to your own personal development and collaborative, consultative working.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the DBS.

Please take the time to view our website (wws.uhs.org.uk) before making an application. This gives a fantastic insight into the life of the school.

We would welcome applications from exceptional people who can make an integral contribution to Uxbridge High School.



Closing Date: Mon 30th Sept 2024 at noon

Contract: Permanent, Full time

Salary: Main/Upper Pay Scale (Outer London Weighting).

## How to Apply:

- Completed application form
- Supporting statement (two A4 pages) outlining why you believe that you have the right skill set to undertake this role successfully. Please be sure to relate to the person specification and include examples of impact and evidence.
- Email to <u>recruitment@uhs.org.uk</u>

If you would like to discuss any part of your application, please contact Nura Kambi, **Recruitment Officer** on 01895 234 060.

Uxbridge High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All appointments will be subject to receipt of satisfactory enhanced DBS check and pre-employment checks. "To be part of an amazing school like this, you have to be PROUD. These values are part of everything we do and we are positive, respectful, open minded, unique and determined at all times. I feel so lucky to be at this school."

Mariam Razaie - Year 7

# **PROUD TO MAKE SUCCESS HAPPEN**

## **Our Vision**

Uxbridge High School is a happy and ambitious school which enriches individuals academically, socially and emotionally.

## The UHS Way

We develop the whole student in a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment. We nurture students' ambitions ensuring all are **PROUD** of their success.

The UHS Way is the foundation to everything we do, ensuring we:

- Provide exceptional learning experiences.
- Cultivate excellence in each student.
- Have a safe, respectful and happy community.
- Prepare students for future opportunities as global citizens.



Uxbridge High School students are **PROUD** to be:

**POSITIVE** to learn new knowledge and thrive on developing their skills. **RESPECTFUL** and kind to all members of our school community and its environment.

**OPEN MINDED** and happy about all new opportunities. **UNIQUE** in their demonstration of skills and talents.

**DETERMINED** to achieve their best in all areas of the curriculum.



## **Benefits & Rewards**

Uxbridge High School employees benefit from:

- We support flexible working: 16% of our staff work flexibly (including 9% of teaching workforce and 37% of associate staff).
- 2.00 pm finish on Fridays
- We support the work life balance and have family friendly policies: we give our staff three paid days of special leave for medical appointments and there paid days for childcare/emergency leave.
- We offer private health care which includes: 24/7 GP and mental health helplines, medical diagnosis and treatment, physiotherapy, cancer support, social care advice and wellbeing hub, rewards and benefits.
- July start for Early Careers Teachers, paid induction for new starters, paid duties, interest free travel loans, interest free loan for ECTs (up to £1500), financial support for higher and further education.
- **Staff events:** Christmas lunch and end of year event, sport days.
- Staff wellbeing: staff wellbeing group, yoga sessions on site, running club, five annual INSET days to deliver exceptional CPD with TOIL days for twilight INSET which gives staff longer Christmas and Easter holidays, wellbeing is our appraisal target, Occasional Day off in Autumn.





# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

We have energetic and dedicated teachers, middle leaders, and senior leaders at Uxbridge High School. The board of trustees is well established and is resolved to drive and support our future development.

We value the dedication of our staff and are mindful to create a work environment that ensures well-being and supports productivity in the classroom. Uxbridge High School was one of the first schools to fully partner with Teach First. We continue to support new recruits into the profession and value the energy that they bring. We are innovative, creative and flexible in our recruitment and development of all staff.

## **Our Facilities**

We are fortunate to have an open campus with extensive playing fields. Our original school building, dating from the early 1900s, is still in use and is complemented by a range of more modern buildings. You will work in an exceptionally well-maintained school with high-spec specialist classrooms, laboratories and facilities.

Our most prestigious accommodation includes an excellent £6m sixth form centre, a state-of-the-art full size indoor sports facility and a new £2.1m art, drama and music centre.

#### **Our Partnerships**

To ensure the best opportunities for our students we have strong relationships with several local universities and partner schools in Hillingdon, nationally and internationally. We also work closely with organisations such as Teaching Leaders, Teach First, Be Her Lead and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

## **Our Website and Social Media**

You can find out more about our work by looking at our public profile. Our website <u>uhs.org.uk</u> and a selection of our social media accounts, linked below, give a fantastic insight into the extensive opportunities that form such a valuable part of our curriculum and are used widely by parents and other stakeholders:

- <u>twitter.com/uxbridgehighsch</u>
- <u>twitter.com/UHSPrincipal</u>
- <u>twitter.com/uhs\_VAPA</u>
- <u>twitter.com/UHSPE</u>
- instagram.com/uxbridgehigh

We also have a LinkedIn page, giving updates and current vacancies: linkedin.com/company/uxbridgehighschool/

## **Our Location**

Uxbridge is in the London Borough of Hillingdon in West London. We are in an urban area with a rapidly expanding population, but have easy access to the green spaces surrounding London.

The school is close to Uxbridge town centre, which is served by bus and tube links to central London, and has easy links from Hayes and West Drayton which is served by the Elizabeth Line. The M4 and M25 motorways link us to the national road network and Heathrow Airport provides global connections.

