

TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY



HAYES SCHOOL

Application Pack – Teaching Staff



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Required for September 2024

Full Time

Main/Upper Pay Range (Outer London)

We are looking to recruit a full-time qualified teacher of Geography to join our Humanities Department within our outstanding school. If you have a passion for Geography you will be joining like-minded colleagues who inspire and encourage students of all abilities to enjoy and achieve in the subject.

Geography is one of our most popular subjects at GCSE and A-Level and a significant number of students continue to study Geography at university. The successful candidate will have the ability to teach, motivate and inspire students across all key stages.

Our school benefits from and actively contributes to a range of partnerships and we are the lead school for the Bromley Schools' Collegiate, a School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) provider for primary and secondary teacher training.

Hayes School is a high achieving, oversubscribed school, which provides excellent education for its students as well as exciting opportunities for professional and career development for staff. The school benefits from its proximity to central London and excellent transport links whilst bordering the beautiful Kent countryside.

"Pupils enjoy school and achieve highly." (OFSTED, 2022)

"The curriculum is especially well throughout." (OFSTED, 2022)

"All who work in the school understand and share these values. This is the Hayes Way" (OFSTED, 2022)

We can offer:

- Motivated students with outstanding attitudes to learning.
 - Outstanding student behaviour.
- Excellent facilities for staff, including an on-site fitness suite.
- An excellent induction and support programme for new staff.
 - An employee Assistance Programme and flu vaccination.
 - Innovative approaches to Teacher Professional Development
- Opportunities to work with other schools through established partnerships.
 - A friendly working environment

This post is suitable for experienced and Early Careers Teachers looking to develop within an outstanding department in an outstanding school.

Closing Date: Monday 25th March 2024

Interview Date: Thursday 28th March 2024

Early applications are encouraged and we reserve the right to close the vacancy early if a suitable candidate is found

We are committed to equality of opportunity for all our staff.

We particularly welcome applicants from ethnic minority backgrounds as they are currently under-represented on our staff body. We recognise the vital contribution that members of a diverse team make to our students' learning. The range of cultural experiences, differing viewpoints and role models this brings is essential in our Trust and we recognise the gap that would be left in our offering without these.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Therefore, the successful applicant will be subject to Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check



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Dear Applicant

RE: VACANCY FOR TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY

Thank you for your enquiry about the post of Teacher of Geography at Hayes School.

I hope that this pack gives you all the information you need at this stage and that we can look forward to your application.

Should you wish to arrange a visit to the school or to have an informal discussion prior to submitting your application, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The closing date for applications **Monday 25th March at 9am.**

Please send your completed application form and covering letter to vacancies@hayes.bromley.sch.uk

If you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact Blessing Opayemi, HR Officer at boo@hayes.bromley.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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HAYES SCHOOL

WELCOME

Our School

Hayes School is a high achieving, oversubscribed and well-disciplined 11-18 co-educational school with excellent accommodation and facilities set in very attractive grounds. We provide an outstanding education for our students as well as exciting opportunities for professional and career development for staff. Our 1700 students have a desire to succeed and to learn displaying excellent attitudes and behaviour. Relationships between students and staff are very good and staff enjoy opportunities to lead and participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities and trips. (There are over 80 clubs and over 100 trips take place every year)

In September 2022, Hayes School was judged Outstanding by Ofsted:

- "It is clear that Hayes School provides all pupils with an exceptional experience."
- "Pupils behave extremely well. They are polite, respectful of others and have excellent professional relationships with their peers and teachers".
- "Leaders and teachers have developed a consistent approach to their work in the classroom".
- "A great deal of emphasis is given to ensuring that teachers are experts in their subjects".
- "Staff were especially positive about the way their wellbeing and workload is considered by leaders".

Attainment and progress are high and above local and national averages. In 2023, students achieved considerable academic success in GCSE, A level, vocational and L1/2 qualifications. 82% of GCSE students achieved at least a Grade 4 in English and Maths, Nearly 1 in 3 grades were Grade 7-9 and students made excellent progress across a range of subjects/courses. Our Year 13 students achieved considerable success with 53% and 81% of all grades at A*-B and A*-C respectively and an average grade of Distinction - on our vocational courses.

Our Sixth Form of 500 students is heavily oversubscribed and successful. "The Sixth Form curriculum meets the needs of all students and includes a range of academic and vocational qualifications (Ofsted 2022)."

However, Hayes is not complacent. We have a relentless commitment to improvement. We judge everything we do by the standard "would this be good enough for my child?" All staff go the extra mile to provide challenge, support and opportunities for every child.

We are very proud of our school, of the opportunities we provide, and of our role in the community. We strive to build on our success creating an environment where each individual is valued: an environment that fosters tolerance and compassion, vibrant, caring relationships, life-long learning skills and a strong sense of moral purpose.

Our Facilities

Hayes School benefits from a beautiful campus comprising green spaces, trees and a variety of purpose-built teaching blocks. The School offers exceptional educational facilities, which are continually being maintained, extended and developed. We have a recently installed purpose-built fitness suite for use by students and staff and a new, refurbished staff room.

Partnerships with local sporting clubs support our academy programmes and provide students and staff with access to high quality coaching and expertise.

Our arts provision in art, music, dance and drama is outstanding – students excel and benefit from high quality teaching and a wide range of opportunity.

All teachers and students have access to ICT to enhance teaching and learning.

The school benefits from:

- A significant number of networked computer suites across the school
- Apple Mac computer classrooms
- Media and photography equipment including digital stills, video cameras, studio and dark room
- Industry standard machinery including laser cutters and CAD/CAM equipment
- State of the art audio-visual equipment to support high quality performances
- Interactive whiteboards and networked PCs in all classrooms
- A high speed wireless network across the campus
- A range of software and cloud-based apps to support the curriculum
- A Staff Committee with a focus on supporting staff wellbeing

Our students

Our students are a delight to work with. They are kind, caring and supportive of each other. We have “uncompromising aspirations” for all and encourage our young people to aim high and to live our motto “Excellence through Endeavour.” Hayes students want to do well and recognise that they need to work hard to achieve their own personal ambitions. The “Hayes Way” enables all students to demonstrate the behaviours for learning we expect and supports us in sustaining an environment where all are respected and can be safe, happy and successful.

We have a well-developed pastoral system and staff genuinely care about our students as individuals. We encourage students to participate in school life and to lead our school. There are countless opportunities to volunteer, mentor other students and participate in extra-curricular clubs, activities and educational trips and visits.

Our staff

We recognise and value the skills, knowledge and expertise of all our staff and are committed to supporting their professional development. Our newly launched Teacher Professional Growth programme supports teacher professional development within ‘teaching and learning communities’ as we model our commitment to lifelong learning to the students we teach. In this respect, we balance the needs of the school with those of the individual. Teaching and leadership development programmes are delivered in-house through and there are opportunities to mentor and support trainee and early career teachers, or to participate in coaching programme.

An induction programme, staff buddies and active staff committee all contribute to helping staff new to the school to find their feet. All staff are willing to share expertise, resources and ideas and are a great source of support.

We are committed to working in partnership with other schools, both within and outside our Trust. We encourage and support further learning and research and there are opportunities for specialist career progression and to work with and support other schools through networks and partnerships.

Staff regularly go the extra mile at Hayes to support students and to give their time to the broad extra-curricular programme, which includes sports, music, drama and a host of trips, exchanges, clubs and other activities.

We are a friendly team of teachers and associate (support) staff and look forward to welcoming you to our school.

The Impact Multi Academy Trust

Hayes School joined with Ravens Wood School in April 2017 to form the Impact Multi Academy Trust.

In September 2022, our trust merged with Langley Park Learning Trust to form a new trust of seven schools (Clare House Primary School, Hawes Down Primary School, Hayes School, Langley Park Primary School, Langley Park School for Boys, Langley Park School for Girls and Ravens Wood School).

It is rare to see two high performing, like-minded trusts come together in the interests of providing better and more sustainable education and care for all of the children in their schools and community, but we believe this is what the Impact Multi Academy Trust is.

Our schools are popular and high performing, serving the same community. They are also driven by a commitment to improving even further to deliver the very best education, care and life chances for all children. We are driven by educational and moral purpose as well as enlightened self-interest. We want all schools within the Trust to retain their identity and compete, but also to collaborate to provide an outstanding educational experience that impacts on the life chances of all students. This is reflected in our Trust vision, mission and values.

There is an African proverb "If you want to travel fast travel alone. If you want to travel far travel together." Together in collaboration, we will build on the strengths of all schools, address those areas that could and should be improved further, and travel both fast and far in the interests of all our students.

Working within a trust provides opportunities for support from a network of Teachers across all our schools.

For more information about the school, please watch our introductory video (click on image below)



What do parents say about Hayes School?

"Hayes School produces wonderful young people"

"The school encourages the students to achieve the best they can, to reach their potential."

"My children are comfortable and relaxed at school with good friends. They respect their teachers and enjoy their day. They never complain or moan about school. We are extremely happy with Hayes School."

"I have been so impressed and grateful for the dedication shown by teachers to enable my son to achieve the best that he can."

"Strong leadership and management starts from the top and filters throughout the whole school."

"The school has a family feel about it."

"Hayes is an outstanding school that doesn't rest on its laurels. The school continues to strive to do better and with each passing year it does become even better."

"The leaders are regularly seen around the school talking to students which I think is great to see."

"I believe you have created a school environment which is what a school should be. Happy, safe, that allows students to be the best they can be and celebrates them for who they are."

"The support my child has received both pastorally and academically has been brilliant. The teaching is fantastic and the good behaviour of all students is maintained."

"A huge range of opportunities and leadership activities is offered to children and they receive recognition for this."

"Hayes as a place is a fantastic community and this school is at the heart of it."

"Hayes has built a reputation that is the envy of many other schools. As parents, we are very grateful that our children attend Hayes, as this will stand them in good stead for their futures."

What do staff say about working at Hayes School?

These are just some of the soundbites from some of our staff. For more information visit our website and click on [Working at Hayes](#).

"Since starting at Hayes, it has been clear that Teaching and Learning is at the very heart of everything at the school. I feel very supported here at Hayes, especially in developing teaching and learning practice."

"Students are incredibly dedicated and hardworking and are always pushing themselves to do their best. Working with students that are proactive, marvellously polite, well-mannered, and with high goals, is a really exceptional experience."

"The organisation and effective set up of whole-school procedures make Hayes School both a fulfilling and straight forward place at which to work."

"When I look back at my time at Hayes so far, it's very rewarding to see how I've progressed professionally. Every year I have been encouraged to, and have taken on responsibilities that I never thought I could do when I began teaching here."

"Academic success is central to the vision and aims of the school, but this is not at the detriment of the absolute commitment to the development of the whole child. The pastoral support, the ACTIVE (PSHE) curriculum and the extra-curricular opportunities are truly outstanding."

"Staff are highly motivated, committed to excellence and are always willing to support each other."

"Hayes is a true community school, which everyone is proud to be part of. I feel very much a valued member of a vibrant team working here."

"Hayes School is the kind of school you wished you could have attended as a child. The possibilities and opportunities are endless!"

THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Geography is a subject that inspires a lifelong interest and curiosity about our world. As a department, we believe that Geography is an essential ingredient in the development of our students as global citizens. In an age where our world is becoming a single global society, understanding and appreciation of this world is now more important than ever before. We want our students to be prepared for the world within which they will work and to be provided with information that will allow them to make informed decisions as global citizens.

Our curriculum is far more than lists of content, rather specific topics chosen to really broaden the mind-set of our students and teach beyond the specification, allowing time for regular retrieval and application of prior knowledge, which enriches and broadens students' long-term memory.

Geography lessons allow students to develop the idea of what it is to be a 'Hayes Learner' by partaking in group work. Collecting data in the field or communicating their opinion to others while respectfully listening to others. We expose our students to excellence through attending A Level conferences by Geographers in the field, as well as working with numerous organisations such as the Geographical Association and the Royal Geographical Association.

The Geography department is well established and comprises a team of seven forward-looking Geographers. The subject is popular with students and take up at GCSE and Advanced level is excellent. Geography is our most popular option subject at GCSE with 150 students opting to study it and over 100 students at A Level. A significant number of A-Level students this year are applying to university to study Geography or related subjects.

The Edexcel B syllabus is followed at GCSE and Advanced level and results are consistently high. In 2023, 27% of grades at GCSE were 7-9 and 78% of all GCSE entries were awarded a Grade 4 or better. Students attained 56% A*-B and 85% A*-C grades at A-Level this summer in public examinations. Fieldwork is secure and well supported and includes residential work in addition to day visits in all years.

The Department has well-resourced specialist Geography rooms and there are excellent opportunities to develop work associated with interactive whiteboards, IT, flexible learning strategies and environmental issues.

All in the department are committed to working collaboratively and sharing resources and best practice.

We are looking for a colleague who is capable of sustaining and building on our success and taking us further forward. An interest in fieldwork and IT is essential. The post offers an excellent opportunity for career development and job satisfaction.

Testimonial from Joe Brockman who joined the department in September 2019 as a NQT:

I really enjoyed my start at Hayes. I joined an extremely experienced and supportive department who were all willing to share ideas. I found the whole staff team incredibly friendly and approachable, which creates a positive and motivating environment for students. Regular CPD sessions support the teaching and learning drive at the heart of the school. With the teaching and learning aspect of education being an interest of mine, I feel I have benefitted from this, especially the specific 'Building Teaching Power' course designed for NQTs. I found this an important time to take a step back from the classroom and really reflect on my own practice, whilst sharing ideas with others. A variety of courses are available for individual needs.

The Hayes Learner initiative is designed to shape pupils and equip them with key attributes, and this is apparent during lessons and around school. The students are, on the whole, proactive, engaged and willing learners. They benefit from the broad, topical and creative curriculum the geography department offers. As such, the subject is an extremely popular choice for GCSE and A-Level.

I have also really benefitted from the support network and opportunities within the school. I am involved with extra-curricular and manage an Yr7 and 8 football team with the help of the PE department. I have also had the opportunity to go to Iceland on a fieldtrip as well as other school trips including the Somme with the History department. Since joining the school I have been appointed to the role for Achievement Co-ordinator (Head of Year)

When looking for schools to apply for, Hayes was one I had identified before a job advert was posted. I am glad I made this decision when a job became available. As an NQT I feel incredibly supported day to day from all staff, including my mentor and NQT leader.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

The person appointed to this post will:

- Have excellent subject knowledge
- Be an excellent classroom teacher
- Be able to teach Geography to students of all ages and abilities
- Have a passion for Geography and the desire and ability to convey this to students
- Be enthusiastic and energetic
- Be highly motivated and committed to working as a team
- Ensure all students make good progress and reach their potential
- Monitor students' progress via regular assessment, feedback and marking
- Provide appropriate support and promote high attainment in public examinations.
- Have a knowledge of IT and its use in teaching
- Possess clear and effective communication skills
- Have a commitment to equal opportunities
- Demonstrate a commitment to continuous professional development
- Be actively involved in the school's Initial Teacher Training Scheme, if appropriate
- Support the development of students' communication skills and promote their acquisition of lifelong learning skills
- Be committed to extra-curricular activities
- Ensure the needs of all students are met, including students with special educational needs and disabilities
- Work productively and co-operatively with the line manager

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Please note the appointment will be subject to satisfactory references, medical clearance and an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Teaching Staff – Selection Criteria

Qualifications & Training	
Good Honours Degree or equivalent	Essential
Qualified Teacher Status	Essential
Evidence of relevant continuous professional development	Desirable
Professional Experience & Knowledge	
Knowledge of assessment and target setting in your subject	Essential
Evidence of planning and developing resources	Essential
Have an understanding of current educational initiatives	Essential
Professional Expertise	
Exhibit a range of teaching, learning and behaviour management strategies.	Essential
Be able to create a positive learning environment where expectations of students are high and behaviour is good.	Essential
Act as a role-model for students and staff through their personal and professional conduct	Essential
Have an understanding of how to improve results	Essential
Be reflective about your own practice	Essential
Be able to articulate ideas in both verbal and written form	Essential
Be committed to improving practice through professional development	Essential
Be able to cope with change, be flexible and handle uncertainty	Essential
Have an understanding of the features of an outstanding lesson	Essential
Potential to be an good or outstanding classroom teacher	Essential
Have good time management and personal organisation skills	Essential
Be willing to contribute to the wider life of the school	Essential
Personal Attributes	
Be passionate about young people and their education	Essential
Have a commitment to raising standards and achievement	Essential
Show evidence of being able to build and sustain effective working relationships with students, staff, governors, parents and the wider community	Essential
Have an excellent punctuality and attendance record	Essential
Have a capacity for hard work	Essential
Special Requirements of the Role	
Show a commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people	Essential

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Application Procedure

- 1) Read carefully all the information about this post.
- 2) Complete the application form as fully as possible. You must use the school application form. If there is insufficient room on any section of the form, please provide the additional information on a separate sheet.
- 3) In section 'details in support of your application' please tell us:
 - a) Why you are applying for this post.
 - b) How your experience, skills, training and/or qualifications equip you for this position and specifically how you meet the person specification and requirements of the job description.

Early applications are encouraged and we reserve the right to close the vacancy early if a suitable candidate is found.

Appointment Process

- 1) Suitable applicants will be shortlisted for an interview.
- 2) If you are successful you will receive either a letter, email or phone call inviting you to attend an interview. It is therefore important that you give us a daytime telephone number and email address.
- 3) Candidates called to an interview will:
 - a) Be given a tour of the school.
 - b) Have an opportunity to meet with members of the department.
 - c) Be expected to teach a lesson to students that will be observed by one or more members of the staff and usually include the Head of Department and/or Assistant Principal. Details of the lessons to be taught will be given in advance.
 - d) Have a formal interview with the Head of Department and a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Pre- Employment Checks

The successful applicant will be required to:

- 1) Provide details of two referees who know you in a professional capacity, one of whom must be your current or more recent employer, Headteacher or mentor at your placement if you are still training. It is our usual policy to take up references before interview where possible. Employment is conditional on these references being deemed satisfactory.
- 2) Provide proof of all relevant qualifications (GCSEs and A levels or equivalent), degree and teaching qualifications.
- 3) Provide proof of eligibility to work in the UK.
- 4) Undertake an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check, and receive clearance. Please note that an enhanced check will reveal all criminal convictions on record, including those that might be considered 'spent'.
- 5) Complete a Health Declaration form and New Starter Health Assessment Questionnaire with our occupational health provider, Health Assured.

Conditions of Service

Employment is subject to a number of pre-employment checking procedures – these are given above.

This post is also subject to the School Teacher's Pay and Conditions Document and the Condition of Service for School Teachers in England and Wales known as the Burgundy Book. The professional standards for teachers will also apply.

The job description may not necessarily be a comprehensive definition of the post and may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the post holder.

Salary

The salary will be in accordance with Main Pay Range or Upper Pay Range (as applicable) for Outer London.

Pension Scheme

Teachers, whether full or part time, will automatically be a member of the Teachers' Pension Scheme unless they elect to opt out.

Policy on Equal Opportunities

The School is an Equal Opportunities employer and appointments are based on the applicant's ability to meet the requirements of the position.

The School is opposed to any form of discrimination against any individual or group and welcomes the fact that our School includes a diversity of individuals from many races and cultures.

Behaviour which is discriminatory on the grounds of race, colour, culture, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion will not be tolerated.

The school is also committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.