



SUBJECT LEADER FOR MATHS (TLR 2B)

We require, from September 2012, an inspirational and highly motivated Subject Leader for Maths. The post requires the successful candidate to have experience of teaching Maths, preferably across the middle years age-range although this is not a pre-requisite for the post. However, it is essential that the successful candidate is passionate about the subject and is able to lead and motivate a team of teachers to provide high quality lessons that inspire and motivate the children to achieve highly. Maths is taught in sets across the school with enhanced staffing and an HLTA, with expertise in Maths, providing support for children who are underachieving. Detailed analysis of pupil performance, through regular tracking of progress, facilitates intervention / catch up programmes particularly in Year 6 to ensure KS2 targets are met. Therefore, an understanding of data on both individual and departmental level is important to the post. Support for colleagues, both in terms of the planning and the delivery of high quality lessons is essential so the ability to lead and motivate a team is a key success criteria.

An ability to use ICT as a teaching tool is important; all classrooms are equipped with Interactive Whiteboards. The department is well resourced and receives a generous departmental allowance to maintain the high level of resourcing. Excellent support is available through a clear line-management structure and an induction programme is provided for all new staff. Standards achieved from Year 5 to Year 8 are excellent.

Alban is a Church of England Academy for pupils aged 9-13 years. It is situated in the picturesque village of Great Barford, to the East of Bedford. It has a designated catchment area of Great Barford and surrounding villages, although it attracts almost half its pupils from outside its catchment. Opened in 1976 as a purpose built middle school, the building comprises excellent specialist accommodation in a beautiful rural location.

Alban became an Academy on April 1st 2011 and this marks an exciting stage in our development, making it an excellent time to join our community.

The Academy benefits from a hardworking and committed Governing Body, supportive parents and enthusiastic pupils who demonstrate positive attitudes to learning. There is an active Parents Association (Friends of Alban) who work hard to raise additional funds for the Academy. Staff are hardworking, supportive and dedicated to the aims and philosophy that every child can achieve at the Alban Academy.

Alban was inspected by OFSTED in January 2008 and was judged to be an "Outstanding" School. Pupils were found to display excellent attitudes towards learning and relationships between themselves and adults are very positive. Behaviour and attendance are both excellent and pupils love coming to school. Effective classroom management creates highly positive relationships between teachers and pupils.

Alban is organised on a year group basis with a Year Leader responsible for the four classes in their year group. A four form entry school, with a standard number of 120 in each year group; there are currently 503 pupils on roll. A strong emphasis is placed on pastoral care.

In year 5, the children have more frequent contact with their class teacher. As they progress through the Academy, the amount of time they spend with their class teacher diminishes. Mixed ability classes are generally retained throughout the four years; the exception to this is the setting of Mathematics throughout the Academy.





Alban Church of England Academy

'Promoting wisdom and learning based on Christian values'

A wide-range of extra-curricular activities are provided for the children and uptake is good. A desire to support the extra-curricular provision would be expected.

Applications are invited from enthusiastic candidates who would welcome the opportunity to work in this aspirational and highly achieving Academy.

Visits are welcomed.

Further information about the Academy and application forms are available on our website:

www.albanacademy.org

Completed applications should be received by Friday 2nd March 2012



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