



HEAD/TEACHER OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Teachers Pay Scale (plus TLR2b for lead role)

Full-time

Start date: January, April or September 2021

We are seeking an enthusiastic and dynamic teacher to join or lead our high achieving and experienced Computer Science and ICT team. We offer a comprehensive induction and development programme for all staff, and Roundwood Park prides itself in identifying talent and developing its staff.

The start date (January, April or September) will be discussed and agreed during the interview process, and there may be some flexibility for the right candidate, including deferral to September for a strong leader, if preferred. The teaching will be Computer Science, not ICT.

Roundwood Park is a forward looking and ambitious 11-18 co-educational comprehensive school with 1265 students on roll and enjoys a very good local reputation. We offer a comprehensive induction programme for all new staff. As a school graded 'Outstanding' by OFSTED, we were one of the first schools in the county to convert to Academy status in 2011. Roundwood Park is a school with a strong reputation as an innovative and exciting place in which to learn and to teach. It is a place where traditional values of smart appearance, excellent behaviour and acting with integrity mingle with modern learning and high academic standards. Additional information about the school can be found on our website

If you are viewing this vacancy on a web recruitment platform, application is via the form and process on that platform. If on our school website, your application should be submitted using the Word document application form on our Vacancies page and emailed to Ian Stowe, HR Manager, at i.stowe@roundwoodpark.co.uk Either way, your personal statement or covering letter is of particular importance, and must set out why you believe you are a good candidate for this role.

We are committed to the safeguarding and promotion of children's welfare and an equal opportunities employer. We will need to obtain references in advance of interview for any candidate short-listed, and all job offers are subject to satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service clearance.

Closing date: Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 9.00am

Interview date: TBC

However, we will close the advert and interview early once we have a strong short list, so early applications are encouraged



The Computer Science and ICT Department

The Computer and ICT Department is a team of experienced, successful, highly committed, friendly and supportive teachers.

As a department, we nurture pupils' creativity and teach the skills not only to come up with brilliant ideas, but also to turn them into a reality. By doing so, we teach a subject that complements their wider learning and brings it to life in practical terms.

We encourage pupils to be resourceful, innovative and enterprising as they solve real and relevant problems. This develops the essential skills young people need for everyday life, unlocking their ability to gain high grades at GCSE and A Level, and to enable them to progress in the workplace.

Key Stage 5 – A Level Computer Science (OCR)

We have excellent results in Computer Science at A Level and have established the new specification with success. We have an excellent range of resources to support teaching and learners. Students are passionate about studying Computer Science with the majority progressing to higher education to study Computer Science or a related field such as Cyber Security. Indeed, a growing number are now applying to study Computer Science at Oxford and Cambridge.

Key Stage 5 - BTEC Information Technology Level 3 – Extended Certificate

BTEC IT is taken in combination with A Levels or another BTEC by our students. The students have high aspirations with the majority wanting to progress to university. Our results have been strong in all components and overall in recent years. We offer the Extended Certificate and students who have studied this course have gone on to obtain degree apprenticeships.

KS4 Computer Science (AQA)

Computer Science GCSE enables students to gain an excellent understanding of computer fundamentals. This course is now fully embedded, and we have a track record of excellent results. The department have worked hard to create teaching resources and have included commercial resources to support teaching and learning. The groups at GCSE are mixed ability and really engage in the study of Computer Science.

Extra-Curricular

The department aim to facilitate a variety of activities linked to the courses to bring learning to life.

Our facilities and resources in school allow us to offer clubs where students can program Sphero robots and develop their understanding through play. We have recently invested a significant amount of money in new resources to help engage and inspire students.

We currently work with all students at Key Stage 3, and all those studying Computer Science at GCSE and A-Level participate in the Bebras computational thinking competition. Some of our students have been successful in getting to the Nationals and have taken some of the top places. In addition, we encourage students to participate in the Cyber First competitions delivered by GCHQ.