



April 2017

Teacher of Home Economics to A Level (to cover maternity leave)

Thank you for your interest in the above post at Strathearn, which was recently advertised. This is a full time temporary position to provide cover from 22 August 2017 to 17 March 2018. However, if necessary, this contract may be reduced or extended for any valid reason. The information given below is our proposed schedule for the appointment.

Applications: The closing date is 12 noon on Thursday 11 May 2017.

- Essential Criteria:**
1. Recognised to teach by the Department of Education for N.I.
 2. A good honours degree (minimum II.2) in Home Economics or Consumer Studies.
 3. Ability in teaching Home Economics to A level and / or Child Development to GCSE.
 4. Ability to secure, sustain and evaluate effective teaching and learning.
 5. Clear understanding of the academic and pastoral needs of pupils and a commitment to help them to fulfil their potential.
 6. Ability to work as an enthusiastic member of a team and to gain the confidence of pupils, colleagues and parents.
 7. The personal qualities and professional attributes associated with an effective teacher.
 8. Good oral and written communication skills.
 9. Good attendance record.

Desirable:

1. Experience in teaching Home Economics to A level and / or Child Development to GCSE.
2. Experience teaching another subject at Key Stage 3.
3. Ability and willingness to contribute to school provision outside the classroom.

Any of the above criteria may be enhanced to produce a manageable shortlist.

On taking up this post the successful applicant must be a registered teacher with the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland.

Interviews: Shortlisted candidates will be informed as soon as possible after the closing date for applications and interviews are planned to be held in late May / early June.

Commencement of Service : This post is tenable from 22 August 2017.

I hope you will find this information helpful. Thank you for your interest in Strathearn.

Information for Applications for the post of Teacher of Home Economics (temporary)

Principal	Mrs Nicola Connery
Vice Principal (Teaching & Learning)	Mrs Karen Quinn
Head of HE Department	Miss Suzanne McGahon (temp)
School enrolment	773
Sixth form enrolment	218
School's admission number	110 (5 classes of 22)
Teaching staff FTE	47.5
Timetable Structure	45 periods per week (35 minutes each)
Teaching staff FTE	2 + 1 part-time

Strathearn School is one of the top girls' grammar schools in Northern Ireland. It has a national reputation for academic success and is locally renowned for music, sport and drama. The last ETI Inspection in September 2010 details more fully the 'very good' quality of education offered by the school.

The overall size of the school and small class size allows each individual pupil to develop in a caring and supportive environment. The school is situated in extensive grounds and enjoys complete seclusion in very attractive surroundings with well-equipped buildings and sporting facilities. Pupils are drawn from a wide ranging catchment area including East Belfast and North Down.

There is a strong tradition of Home Economics study and excellence in Strathearn. All pupils in Strathearn study HE for three periods per week at KS3. The curriculum is essentially based around the key concepts of Healthy Eating, Home & Family Life, and Independent Living, aiming to provide a balanced and coherent learning experience for each girl integrating practical elements with theory. Home Economics is an optional subject for study at GCSE, AS and A level in Strathearn, where the CCEA Home Economics specification is followed.

The teaching of Home Economics at Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and A-level is shared by all of the staff. The work of the teachers is supported by an experienced technician. There are two specialist classrooms designed and equipped for the teaching of Home Economics and each of these is furnished with its own multi-purpose area and is equipped with computers.

Staff development within the school is regarded as a priority. It is the policy that opportunities will be sought and provided to facilitate personal and professional development. In addition, curriculum development is shared equally by all staff members in a department.

Child Protection

Strathearn treats with the utmost seriousness its responsibility to protect its pupils by preventing unsuitable people from working with them in paid or voluntary positions. Posts involving work with children and young people in educational institutions are subject to the provisions of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order 2007.

The process whereby applicants are vetted for employment is set out by AccessNI as an Enhanced Disclosure; see www.nidirect.gov.uk/accessni Hence, applicants should be aware that any offer of employment will only be confirmed when the Principal has:

- received two written satisfactory references, one of which must be from the most recent employer;
- verified proof of identity as specified by AccessNI;
- received an Enhanced Disclosure Certificate from AccessNI confirming the eligibility of the applicant to work in the School;
- viewed originals of qualifications recorded on the application form.

AccessNI regulations do not allow for individuals to apply directly to AccessNI for an Enhanced Disclosure Certificate therefore the application will be made through Strathearn School.

Process

Applicants called for interview will be required to bring with them

- photographic proof of identity.

When an offer of employment is made, the preferred applicant will be required to:

- complete an AccessNI application by the following process
 - register with AccessNI for an Enhanced Disclosure Certificate and complete the 'Pin Notification and ID Validation Form' as provided by the School
 - complete the AccessNI document 'Appendix C' as provided by the School
 - return these two documents to the School and produce for the Principal valid identification documents as specified in the application
 - enclose a cheque for £33 made payable to Strathearn School
 - furnish the Principal with a copy of the return from AccessNI;
- complete a 'Health Declaration' questionnaire which you should complete and return and
- let the Principal view originals of qualifications recorded on the Employment application form.

The appointment will only be confirmed after all pre-employment checks have been completed satisfactorily.

General Information

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