

# CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACK



Heckmondwike  
Grammar School

**JOB TITLE**

## Teacher of Biology

Discover Faculty

Are you an innovative, enthusiastic and passionate Biologist?

**SALARY**

Commensurate with skills and experience

Then this will be the job for you.

**TERM/  
HOURS**

1.0 FTE from September 2021 or sooner

This post provides a unique opportunity to work within a high-performing and growing 11 to 18 grammar school with a large sixth-form and exceptional students. With an intake of approximately 500 post-16 and 210 in next year's Year 7, Heckmondwike Grammar School is a dynamic place to be.

**CLOSING  
DATE**

9am Monday 15 March 2021

We also have the significant addition of a new £1.1 million sixth form centre nearby.

**INTERVIEW  
DATE**

Interviews are expected to be held during w/c Monday 22 March 2021



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THE SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND EXPECTS ALL STAFF TO SHARE THIS COMMITMENT. OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT ARE SUBJECT TO TWO SATISFACTORY REFERENCES, A SIX MONTH TRIAL PERIOD AND AN ENHANCED DBS DISCLOSURE. WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER.



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### Department Information

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Biology has a team of experienced specialist teachers and two technicians. The teachers are passionate about their subject and believe that learning Biology should be engaging and lead to high levels of student attainment. Our lessons are challenging and varied, with high standards of teaching and learning, and we support each other, sharing ideas and resources.

The department has five well-equipped modern laboratories, a large staff office and a dedicated prep room. We make good use of practical work and the school's excellent ICT resources to support imaginative and innovative teaching. We also organise a field trip in each key stage (including a residential trip to Malham Tarn in Y12) to enrich the practical experience of our students.

In Biology, we follow the Edexcel GCSE (9-1) specification. Achievement is very high; progress in 2020 was 0.59, with 98% of students being awarded a grade 9-5 and 73% of students achieving grade 9-7.

Over 300 students study Biology at A-level, following the Edexcel "B" A-level specification. Our students achieve good results at A-level, with over 43% of grades at A\*-B. Almost all A-level Biology students continue to University, many studying medicine or related degrees and various branches of science.

The post-holder would be responsible for teaching Biology as part of the 'Discover' Faculty. Results in the faculty are very strong. Experienced colleagues provide wide-ranging expertise, which is shared throughout the faculty and department.



We would like to appoint an outstanding Teacher of Biology. The department is always looking at ways of developing its curriculum and widening the experience for students so expert subject knowledge and a passion to lead extra-curricular activities in Biology are highly desirable.

We take great pride in providing our students with a first class education and instilling them with a love of learning.

Consideration will be given to both experienced teachers and NQTs who wish to develop their teaching expertise in an outstanding school.

For the Biology department at Heckmondwike, commitment, attitude, ideas, potential and enthusiasm are important qualities.

#### ***You will need to:***

- believe in our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence and follow our school ethos embedded in our motto of 'Nil Sine Labore - Nothing Without Work'
- be a reflective practitioner wanting to develop and hone your craft to the highest level
- be an inspirational teacher who builds excellent relationships and motivates students

#### ***Responsibilities:***

Specific responsibilities are set out in a detailed job description.

In addition to this, teachers at HGS are expected to be effective, reflective professionals who challenge and support all pupils to do their best. Teachers at HGS should inspire confidence, build team commitment, engage, and motivate their pupils. They should think analytically about their work and take positive action to improve the quality of pupils' learning.

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They will encourage high standards of academic and personal achievement and be a good role model for the students in the school. They will make an active contribution to the policies and aspirations of the school and their department.

## ***In return we can offer:***

- eager and committed students who are keen to learn and progress
- a creative and supportive team, who are driven to support and challenge our students
- well-equipped specialist classrooms
- a learning-centred school where the best possible practice is the priority
- a comprehensive CPD programme and opportunities to develop as a teacher and as a leader
- a vibrant, supportive community of like-minded professionals

## ***What Will You Bring To The Role?***

- Suitably qualified – degree in relevant discipline plus teaching qualification
- Up-to-date knowledge of curriculum related issues 11-19
- Skilled classroom practitioner with the ability to inspire and motivate students in KS3 to KS5.
- ICT skills and an understanding of the potential for use of ICT for teaching and learning, including IWB/Powerpoint/VLE/iPad
- Ability to contribute to the wider school life
- Able and confident to contribute to development of schemes of work and teaching and learning materials
- Energy and enthusiasm
- Suitability to work with children

## ***Why Should You Apply?***

Heckmondwike Grammar School is a unique school, with students who are eager to learn, keen to know more and want to enjoy their educational experiences. It is exceptional in many ways: a very diverse school community that produces results of the highest quality. We work effectively with our young people, really care about them and their futures and have an ultimate success measure of enabling them to proceed to where they want to go. Excellent relationships between staff and students are the norm, expectations are high and students perform very well as a consequence.

In return, we offer a competitive salary, membership of the teacher pension scheme and other well-being benefits.

## **How Should You Apply?**

If you are interested in this position then please visit the vacancies section of our website [www.heckgrammar.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/vacancies).

Completed applications should be sent by email to: [recruitment@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@heckgrammar.co.uk).

Further information about the school is available on the school website [www.heckgrammar.co.uk](http://www.heckgrammar.co.uk)



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