**The Curriculum Area**

The Hermitage Computing and ICT Department has developed a strong ethos of understanding the needs of individual students in their efforts for success. We encourage all our learners to enjoy these most valuable of subjects and have been rewarded with higher than ever A\*-C results at KS4 for ICT and a vibrant and healthy number of students taking the subject into A-level and beyond.

In Years 7, 8 and 9 all students follow an inventive Computing and ICT curriculum where they explore programming, digital media, video editing, animation and e-safety. At KS4 students currently follow Edexcel GCSE ICT and OCR Computer Science. At KS5 students currently study for Cambridge Technicals in IT.

Many extra-curricular activities are offered to students as we try to provide as rich an experience of Computing and ICT as we are able. Recent activities include involvement in the BIMA D Day and BBC School News Report as well as residential visits to Dukeshouse Wood Outward Bound Centre for Year 7 and visits to the Gadget Show Live and EGX Games Convention. This year the department are taking a group of Sixth Formers to GamesCom in Cologne. Games Club runs weekly for KS3 students, and there are always a large number of KS4 and KS5 students staying back in the department to work on coursework and to use the editing suite and green screen technology, creating a vibrant and inspiring environment within the department.

The department has continued to improve by working closely as a team and the successful candidate for this post will be joining an experienced and dynamic department. The department is well resourced with computer suites, green screen room and an editing suite with Applemac computers.

**The Post**

We are seeking an inspiring and enthusiastic teacher who will contribute to the further development of a strong and forward looking team. The successful candidate will not only fulfil normal teaching duties, but will also be eager to be involved with extra-curricular activities in order to enhance the opportunities offered to all students and therefore further enhance the reputation of the department and the Academy.

The candidate should be able to teach Computing and ICT to all ages and abilities at KS3 and KS4. The ability to teach Computing and ICT at A Level isn’t essential, but we have a thriving Sixth Form with increased interest in Computing and ICT and therefore the suitably impressive candidate would be encouraged to take on Sixth Form experience. The department will be looking to introduce Computing at Advanced Level in the near future so the successful candidate should also be willing and able to contribute to this area of development.

The post would suit either a newly qualified teacher who will be given a comprehensive induction programme and a full range of professional development opportunities, or an experienced teacher looking for professional development opportunities.

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Principal