



# BEECHWOOD

*Sacred Heart School*

**An Independent School for Girls and Boys aged 3-18**



Appointment of  
**Specialist Teacher**

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**The Head of Beechwood Sacred Heart School invites applications  
for the post of Specialist Teacher**



**The School**

Beechwood Sacred Heart School is a forward thinking, inclusive and caring co-educational, independent, day, weekly and boarding school with 300 pupils on roll (between 3 years and 18 years). Beechwood is an international school and welcomes all faiths whilst being justifiably proud of its Catholic ethos. The pupil and staff body is diverse with many faiths forming our Community. The School prides itself on the close relationship between staff and pupils, which flourishes in a family-like atmosphere

Its tradition of 'bringing out the very best' in each and every pupil, setting standards in all round achievement and genuinely being a 'happy place to be' has endured and ensured generational support. Beechwood became co-educational in 2008 and now provides an outstanding education for boys and girls, both boarding and day. With its integral preparatory school, it provides continuous education for the whole age range from 3 to 18 years with pupils joining the senior school at age 11.

This is an exciting time for the school with a new Head, Nick Waite, starting in September. There is an ambitious Development Plan driving the School forward. Outstanding teaching and learning, major capital development projects, together with a keen eye on the continual attention and improvement of those essential elements that makes Beechwood unique and successful, are at the heart of the Plan.

Beechwood takes pride in an unusually broad curriculum, one that is geared to the needs of individual pupils, allowing a flexibility and breadth that differentiates the school and engenders an excitement and diversity that makes it a special place to learn and grow. In

addition, its strength in creative and cultural subjects adds a dynamism and energy that is infectious. Drama, Music, Art and Sports are valued highly as part of the curriculum and are also offered in a comprehensive and carefully balanced programme of after-school activities.

The school is located in a stunning 23 acre setting on the outskirts of Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent and was founded in 1915. Full details of the school, including curriculum and public exam results, are available at [www.beechwood.org.uk](http://www.beechwood.org.uk).

## **Wider School Life and Mission**

### **Mission statement**

- To be a vibrant, caring school, providing an education rooted in our Catholic Christian faith and in the Sacred Heart tradition where each person is known and loved.
- To enable all who study here to discover their strengths and make the most of their talents within a nurturing and supportive community.
- To foster spiritual and personal development and a sense of social responsibility.
- To create an educational environment that nurtures creativity, encourages flexibility and embraces independence of thought.
- To equip our pupils with the values, skills, and habits of mind that will help shape their future in the wider world.



## **Job Description**

We are seeking to appoint a Specialist Teacher preferably with a dyslexia qualification to Level 5 or above. This is a part-time post (0.8). The successful candidate will be required to work 1-1 with pupils from Years 7-13 and should be able to support the Maths and English curriculums to GCSE level. There will be an emphasis on teaching pupils who are struggling with Maths. They will be joining an established and energetic team that comprises of teachers from a number of professional SEN disciplines.

Outstanding interpersonal skills are essential when working with pupils, parents and staff. Excellent organisational skills and record keeping and competence in using IT for communication, record keeping and teaching are also required.

### **Responsibilities**

- Assisting with the monitoring, screening and assessing of pupils with SEND
- Using diagnostic testing to gain insight into individual learning needs
- Teaching Maths to students with Specific Learning Difficulties
- Developing and delivering individual programmes for students with Specific Learning Difficulties
- Working collaboratively within a strong learning support team
- Advising colleagues about individual needs and suitable intervention strategies
- Delivering training to school staff on different aspects of SEND
- Meeting regularly with parents/caregivers of the students and the outcomes
- Maintaining records of the support given to students and the outcomes.
- To write reports for individual pupils.

This is a part-time post and candidates would be expected to contribute to the school's extra-curricular programme.

Salary will be paid on the Beechwood Teachers' Salary Scale according to experience and qualifications. We welcome applications from experienced teachers. The successful candidate will be provided with excellent CPD and developmental opportunities.

Beechwood is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the DBS.