

# ST MARY'S SCHOOL ASCOT

## Job Description: Teacher of Photography – lens and light based media (Maternity cover, part time 0.5)



St Mary's School Ascot is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

1. **Title:** Teacher of Photography – lens and light based media.
2. **Location:** St Mary's School Ascot, St Mary's Road, Ascot, SL5 9JF.
3. **Background.** St Mary's School Ascot is a leading Roman Catholic girls' boarding school set in 55 acres of beautiful grounds in the heart of Berkshire. We are a friendly, stable and caring community, proud of our academic and sporting achievements and dedicated to bringing out the full potential of each of our 380 pupils. We are committed to full boarding, with spaces for a few day pupils living nearby. We offer a stimulating range of co-curricular activities which take place in the evenings and throughout the weekend. For further details see the website: [www.st-marys-ascot.co.uk](http://www.st-marys-ascot.co.uk)
4. **The Department**
  - The department consists of eight members of staff including the Head of Department.
  - The department is housed in a purpose-built art complex.
  - The department offers a wide range of art disciplines including painting, textiles, printed textiles, ceramics, printmaking, photography and graphics.
  - Art trips are made to relevant art exhibitions, museums and galleries in and around London including a residential A Level trip to Brighton and the South Downs.
  - Art and Design is taught up to and including GCSE and A Level.
  - Photography is taught from Year 9 up to and including GCSE and A Level.
  - The department is well resourced.

In Years 7 to 9 pupils explore themes in painting, textiles, ceramics, and printmaking. The department follows the OCR syllabus for GCSE and the Edexcel syllabus for A level.

### 5. **The Appointment.**

We are seeking to appoint a teacher of Photography for February 2020 to cover maternity leave. The post is part time and we welcome all applications. The person appointed should hold a good honours degree, and should preferably have gained, or be in the process of gaining, a PGCE.

### 6. **Responsibilities:**

- overall planning and teaching of photography in Year 9, GCSE and Sixth form;
- organising the relevant teaching resources for photography;
- organising and accompanying students on art trips to museums and galleries;

- organising the display of artwork around the school;
- running after school study sessions for students;
- marking students work and providing appropriate feedback;
- completing reports on students in line with whole school policy;
- promoting the profile of the subject in a wider school context.

### **Additional responsibilities**

- all members of staff are involved in co-curricular activities depending on interests and experience
- all full time staff are on duty on two weekends and two evenings a term (pro rata for part time staff)
- all members of staff attend relevant parent/staff meetings that take place on Friday afternoons
- all members of staff attend six full days of INSET per year at the beginning of term
- most members of staff can expect to take charge of or assist with a tutor group
- all members of staff attend the annual Open Day and any other out of school social function as required by the Headmistress.

### 7. **Person Specification.** Candidates should possess the following essential skills:

- excellent subject knowledge and a passion for art and, in particular, photography;
- the ability to communicate this discipline to our students with dynamism and creativity across the age and ability range;
- the ability to foster a warm and friendly environment in which to learn;
- competent ICT skills, including working knowledge of Photoshop or similar software.

### 8. **A Catholic School.** Nearly all pupils, and about 50% of the staff, are Roman Catholic. It is not a requirement of this post that applicants should be Roman Catholic but all staff at the school are expected to be sympathetic to the religious and boarding character of the school.

### 9. **Conditions.**

Salary: Salary is paid according to the St Mary's scale.

Accommodation: The post is not residential, and no accommodation is available.

### 10. **Applications.** A letter of application, completed application form and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three referees (including the current or latest employer) should be sent by 12 noon on Wednesday 6 November 2019 to: Mrs Danuta Staunton, Headmistress, St Mary's School, Ascot SL5 9JF.

Interviews will be held at the school on 18 November 2019.