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Garth Hill College

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**Dear Prospective Applicant** 

TEACHER OF COMPUTER SCIENCE
MPS (Fringe)
FULL-TIME
REQUIRED FROM SEPTEMBER 2021 OR JULY START FOR AN NQT

Thank you for your interest in Garth Hill College. We are looking for an enthusiastic, dedicated and committed classroom practitioner to appoint to the permanent post of teacher of Computer Science with effect from September 2021 or a July start for an NQT. A temporary contract may also be available depending on the successful applicant's circumstances.

As a Computer Science teacher within the Computer Science & Business department you would be responsible for delivering high-quality lessons, developing pupils' programming skills and syntaxes across all key stages. We have three dedicated computer suites equipped with all software required to deliver the curriculum and also three computer suites in our bespoke Sixth Form Centre. At GCSE, we develop pupils' programming skills through the teaching of the visual basic syntax, building on key programming concepts students have learnt in KS3. Post 16, we offer a range of qualifications in both ICT and Computer Science. At A Level, Computer Science students are taught the C# syntax enabling our students to leave Garth Hill College with experience of three programming languages and other valuable skills which enable students to successfully transition into university, apprenticeships and the world of work.

**Garth Hill is a 'good' school** (OFSTED May 2019). Our last OFSTED report was very positive and all areas were rated 'good' by the inspection team. The inspectors commented on the determination and passion of staff to continue to develop the College. We are excited and confident about the future as we continue our journey to excellence.

Our CPD programme for staff is very strong. An outstanding team of teaching and learning professionals, including Lead Practitioners and Teaching and Learning Coaches, lead whole college and bespoke teacher development programmes. This important area of our work also provides more opportunities for career development for teachers keen to develop and progress in the profession.

Furthermore, our behaviour and inclusion support for pupils is exceptional. There is a very clear and well established behaviour management system with 'send out'. The Behaviour Support Team helps staff and pupils to help resolve any issues that occur and work to ensure that pupils behave impeccably (one of our 'Seven Habits' for pupils). Centralised detentions help to reduce teacher workload.

I am fortunate to work with an extremely dedicated team of staff. We are passionate about our pupils' learning, and the Garth Hill community. We seek the very best for our pupils' education and their achievement and we are committed to providing excellent service and care to all of our pupils and their families. We also work in a great learning environment (our school building opened in September 2010) with superb facilities. A new Sixth Form Centre and specialist SEND unit provision (Rise@GHC) opened in 2015.











Finally, we believe that anyone can achieve, and beyond expectation, with relentless dedication, commitment and purposeful hard work. If you possess the qualities listed, have the necessary skills and experience, believe that working with young people is a privilege and are ambitious for the future of Garth Hill College, we welcome your application.

### Applications

Should you have any queries please contact Mrs J Drury at the College on <u>j-drury@garthhillcollege.com</u>.

#### The Interview Process

If selected, the interview process will test and assess your fulfilment of the requirements for this position. As part of this process, you will be expected to teach a class of pupils and attend a panel interview. The interview process will include consideration of your suitability to work with children and the interview panel will ask questions on safeguarding children/young people. During this time we are all adhering to all Covid 19 guidance regarding onsite interviews to keep everyone safe.

#### CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS AT 9AM ON FRIDAY 7 MAY 2021

## Safeguarding Children

Please note that Garth Hill College is committed to safeguarding children. In line with our Safeguarding Policy, we adopt safe recruitment procedures and always check the suitability of applicants to work with children/young people through the appropriate authorities. Only applications submitted on the College's application form will be considered and the successful applicant will be required to undertake a full check and disclosure by the Disclosure and Barring Service. It is our normal procedure to request references on shortlisted candidates prior to interview.

## Support and Professional Development

A range of support and professional development opportunities are available at Garth Hill College.

- Four period day with 75 minute lessons
- Highly effective behaviour and inclusion system with 'send out' and support
- Centralised detentions to reduce teacher workload
- Superb CPD including from our outstanding 'Teaching and Learning Team'
- OFSTED 'good' (May 2019)
- Friendly and supportive working environment
- Free use of on site gym with rowing machines, cross-trainer, spin bikes and free weights
- An active Staff Association
- A comprehensive Induction programme for NQTs and new staff
- Allocation of a professional mentor (NQTs)

Yours sincerely

Keith Grainger Principal