

Teaching Assistant (Junior Department)

September 2022

The Role

We are seeking to appoint a creative, dynamic and well-qualified Level 3, or above Teaching Assistant, to support and work under the guidance of the teaching staff in the Junior Department.

In this varied role you will support and encourage the development of the children and assist individuals or groups of children with learning or practical activities, as well as preparing resources and displays to maintain an attractive and stimulating learning environment.

We seek candidates who are passionate about working with children and who demonstrate a calm, patient and nurturing approach. You will need to be adaptable and have strong IT skills.

This role includes the responsibility of running the After School Childcare for the Junior Department one day a week.

This is a full time (Monday to Friday 8.15am – 4.30pm), term time only permanent position.

We can offer:

- Strong, supportive staff team
- Competitive salary
- Pension Scheme
- Discretionary school fee discount
- Use of the school's facilities
- Employee Assistance Programme

Closing date: 6th June 2022

We reserve the right to interview and offer to a strong candidate prior to the closing date. For this reason, early applications are encouraged.

Please apply by completing the application form. CVs may be attached, but not in place of the application form. Please return completed applications to Solveig Store at hr@westbournehouse.org.

Westbourne House is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening

appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure & Barring Service.

About the School

Westbourne House is situated just to the east of Chichester in beautiful grounds of over 100 acres. There are approximately 350 boys and girls, aged 2½ -13. Most children go on to major Public Schools across the South.

The school enjoys outstanding facilities. Teaching is extremely well resourced with excellent teaching rooms, the majority equipped with interactive whiteboards; there are also sets of laptops which can be booked for class based work. There are rooms for Art, Ceramics, ICT, Design Technology and Food Technology, a separate Science block and Music School, as well as a modern, 300 seat theatre/assembly hall. The School also has a large (30 acre) lake on the north boundary for kayaking.

Academic standards are high, with consistently outstanding Common Entrance results together with an excellent scholarship record; last year no fewer than 36 awards and scholarships to senior schools were won across a range of disciplines, totalling 140 over the last five years.

Westbourne House uses the High Performance Learning philosophy to guide all pupils in becoming good learners. The school believes that all pupils have the potential to perform at the highest level regardless of their current performance level. The Advanced Cognitive Performance Characteristics (ACPs) and Values, Attitudes and Attributes (VAAs) of HPL are the “thinking” and “behaviour” characteristic and these are delivered specifically and systematically throughout the curriculum.

The Music and Drama departments also excel consistently: all children are involved in school productions, a large number are members of school choirs and there are regular concerts.

Saturday school consists of sports matches, as well as optional enrichment activities, such as kayaking and coding.

There is a wide variety of sport on offer, and a large number of teams represent the school most Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. As well as extensive playing fields, there is a 25-metre swimming pool, dance studio, sports hall, squash courts and a full-sized astro-turf pitch.

There are around 100 boarders, many of whom board for two or three nights in one of seven houses on the school grounds. As of September 2017, the school introduced full time boarding allowing the children to further enjoy the beautiful facilities and grounds the school has to offer.