

APPLICATION PACK

Role

Teacher of Religious Studies and Philosophy

September 2024

INTRODUCTION

Eastbourne College is a co-educational HMC independent school of just over 640 pupils, of whom half are full-time boarders. It is a strong community with excellent links with local schools and the remarkable town in which it is located.

Academic standards are very high with an average of over 80% of A-level grades being awarded A*, A or B in the last ten years. At GCSE approximately two thirds of all grades awarded are 9 to 7. The College recruits from a wide ability range and value-added outcomes are exemplary. The majority of College leavers enter higher education in leading universities at home or abroad.

The College is run as a seven-day week, full boarding school. Day pupils share the same wide curriculum as boarders and enjoy equal access to the physical and human resources of the school. Day pupils can complete their prep in Houses; buses run at both 18:00 and 20:00 on weekday evenings.

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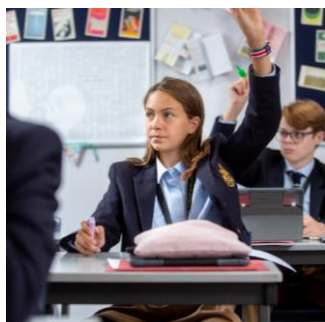
66%
grades 9 to 7
at GCSE

We are proud of our rich cultural and sporting traditions. The recently built Birley Centre is a hub of music practice, performance, composition and recording. There is an established partnership with Glyndebourne and links with Ballet Rambert, local artists and musical ensembles. College artists exhibit in London, actors have starred in film and TV; the Design & Technology department wins an extraordinary number of Arkwright scholarships. We have an enviable reputation for sport both regionally and nationally. Eastbournians frequently represent the county in hockey, rugby, cricket and netball; several old Eastbournians have gone on to achieve international honours. There are also thriving CCF, D of E and service programmes.

Eastbourne College places great emphasis on the importance of developing a school in which education is built on core values and positive, supportive relationships. These central qualities will endure long after a student moves on from the College. The five key values of participation, the pursuit of excellence, integrity, courtesy and kindness are, it believes, the bedrock upon which every child's education should stand, providing them with the wherewithal to flourish both at school and beyond.

More information about the College may be found by visiting the website: www.eastbourne-college.co.uk.

News of latest events can also be found by visiting our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EastbourneCollege>.



PURSUIT OF
EXCELLENCE
PARTICIPATION
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KINDNESS



Our
150th
year



30
State of the
art classrooms





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The successful applicant will be expected to teach Religious Studies and Philosophy to pupils of all abilities throughout the school. We are looking for someone who is passionate about Religious Studies and Philosophy and has the ability to communicate their enthusiasm in an inventive and inspirational way. She or he will be able to demonstrate originality in teaching, inspire creativity in pupils and staff, and inculcate the skills necessary for excellence in examinations while maintaining excitement and interest in learning.

They will be able to cope with administration competently yet speedily, leaving him or her free to concentrate on inspiring and motivating young people. The successful applicant will have opportunity to take the time to reflect and plan, and when appropriate they will be able genuinely to enjoy the exuberant life of the College. All members of the Common Room are expected to play an additional part in the boarding life of the College, e.g. by acting as tutors in one of the day or boarding houses, by offering their expertise in school productions, coaching team sports, or contributing to music, debating etc.

The College has its own salary scale and the successful applicant will be placed on the scale at a level commensurate with their skills, experience and qualifications. Accommodation may be available for single or married applicants, including those with families. Teaching staff benefit from generous rates for the education of their own children both at the College and at St. Andrew's preparatory school.



THE DEPARTMENT

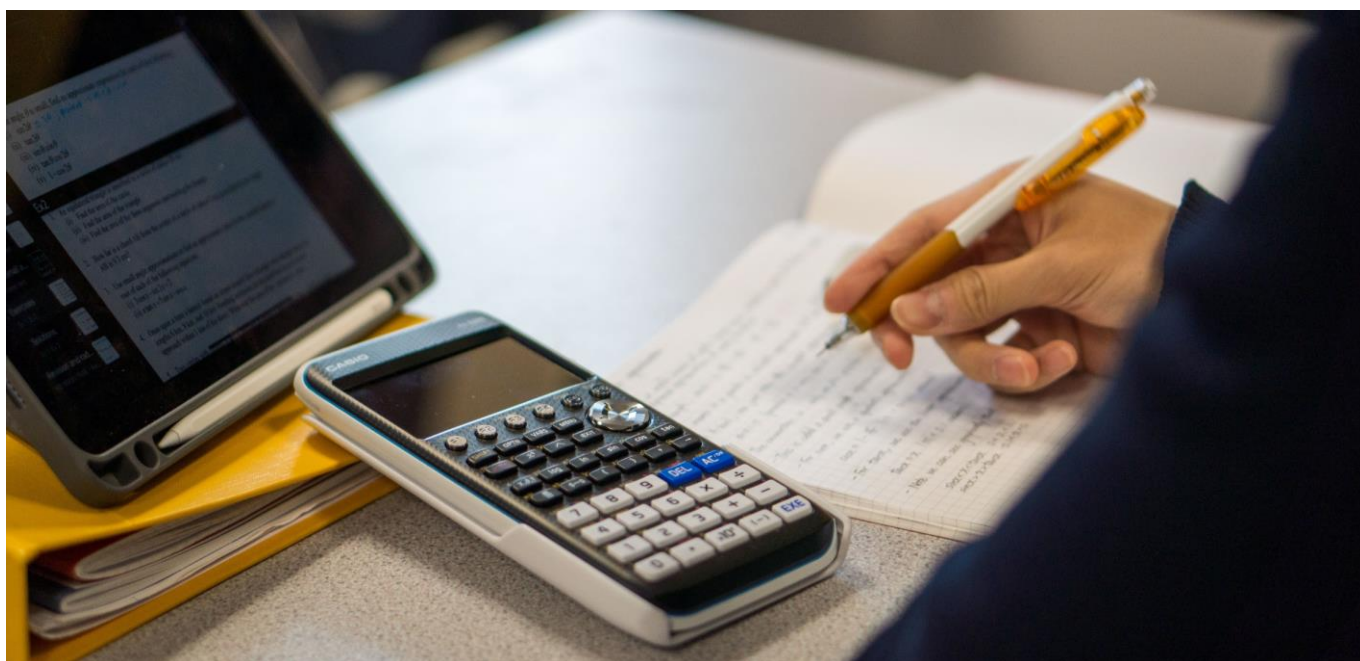
The Department has four dedicated classrooms in the cloisters of the iconic Memorial Building at the heart of the College campus. All classrooms are equipped with the latest ICT and an extensive departmental library. The Department comprises four experienced and passionate staff who add their own specialisms and enthusiasms to their teaching. The Head of Department is a Principal Examiner with a wide experience of assessment.

At GCSE the Eduqas (Christianity and Judaism) specification is followed and A-level pupils study OCR Religious Studies or the AQA Philosophy specification (applications are particularly welcome from those with experience of the latter).

Uptake for all examination groups is healthy, with 20-30 studying A-level in a typical year and two sets at GCSE, normally up to 20 pupils in each.

The Department plays a key role in academic enrichment in the school, contributing to various societies (including for example, debating) and to preparing pupils for applications to highly competitive universities.

A number of our pupils go on to read philosophy and theology at university, including Oxbridge and other prestigious institutions.



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Teacher of Religious Studies and Philosophy
Responsible to:	The Head of Religious Studies and Philosophy
Job Summary:	To teach Religious Studies and Philosophy to pupils of all abilities throughout the school. To play a full role in the development of pupils by contributing to the academic, pastoral and co-curricular life of the College

Duties and Responsibilities

Academic

- To teach up to 38 periods per timetable cycle in consultation with the Head of Religious Studies and Philosophy and the Deputy Head (Academic).
- To prepare and teach lessons in accordance with programmes of study and schemes of work drawn up by the Head of Religious Studies and Philosophy .
- To plan lessons such that there is variety, challenge and measurable progress in pupil learning.
- To expect and promote the highest standards of pupil behaviour both in and out of the classroom.
- To provide differentiated activities to ensure that learning is appropriate and accessible to all.
- To set and mark prep in accordance with College and Department policy.
- To keep up to date records of pupil progress, sanctions and rewards.
- To contribute to the strategic development of the department.
- To promote and support the wider work of the department through enrichment activities.
- To make regular formative assessment of pupil progress through the eRC system as scheduled by the Deputy Head (Academic).
- To attend INSET and seek opportunities for CPD in consultation with the Head of Religious Studies and Philosophy and the Head of Staff Development.
- To attend parents meetings and other academic events as requested by the Head of Religious Studies and Philosophy.
- To assist in the marking and moderation of coursework, controlled assessment etc. as requested by the Head of Religious Studies and Philosophy
- To attend department meetings as requested by the Head of Religious Studies and Philosophy.
- To attend staff meetings as requested by the Headmaster.
- To carry out any other duties associated with the role as requested by the Headmaster or Senior Management Team.

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Pastoral

- To promote and uphold the College's core both in and out of the classroom.
- To support the development of all pupils through the unspoken curriculum (the way pupils learn to treat each other and the way they are expected to behave).
- To be a tutor in a day or boarding house as directed by the Deputy Head (Pastoral).
- To act as tutor to a group of tutees as directed by the Hsm.
- To hold regular meetings with tutees to discuss academic progress and any pastoral issues.
- To discuss eRCs with tutees and comment as appropriate.
- To support the Hsm and house by attending house activities and events.
- To support tutees in their wider College lives.
- To attend chapel alongside tutees at weekly chapel services and any other school congregational events as requested by the Second Master.

Co-curricular

- To play an active role supporting the games and activities programme as directed by the Deputy Head (Co-curriculum).
- To provide team /activity lists and carry out other administrative tasks as requested by the Deputy Head (Co-curricular) or the Director of Sport.
- To attend INSET and other training courses as appropriate.
- To play a role supporting either the CCF or S@S programme on Monday afternoons

Safeguarding

- The post holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom they are responsible, or with whom they come into contact will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Statement and staff code of conduct at all times.
- If in the course of carrying out the duties of the post the post holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School they must report any concerns to the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead or, if they are the School's DSL, to the Headmaster and relevant agencies.
- The post holder will be engaging in regulated activity.

JOB DESCRIPTION

In making the appointment the Headmaster will have regard to the experience and potential specifically exhibited by candidates. The exact delineation of responsibilities will be determined by the strengths and interests of the appointee.

This job description may be altered to meet changing educational context at the discretion of the College.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Applicants should be able to demonstrate the following

Attribute	Essential	Desirable
Education and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Educated to good degree standard (or equivalent) in Religious Studies, Philosophy, or a closely related discipline▪ Evidence of continuous personal and/or professional development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Teaching qualification▪ Post graduate degree
Knowledge and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ An understanding of GCSE Religious Studies and A-level Religious Studies / Philosophy and their importance in the school curriculum▪ Involvement in, and support for; co-curricular activities relevant to the College	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Schools experience▪ Experience of working in a boarding/residential environment
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Excellent communication and listening skills▪ Strong organisational and administrative skills▪ A high level of ICT competency▪ An inclusive manner and the ability to work in a team▪ The ability to interpret quantitative and qualitative feedback; to monitor and evaluate	
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A belief in the College's core values and the determination to uphold them▪ An ability to set deadlines, meet them and manage expectation against them▪ An ability to build, foster and sustain positive relationships with all in the College community▪ Patience, compassion, courage, resolve and objectivity▪ Dedication, loyalty, commitment and positivity▪ Capacity for hard work▪ Being a positive role model for all in the College community by virtue of approachability, personal conduct and standards of expectation	



INFORMATION



SALARY AND CONDITIONS

The College has its own salary scale and the successful applicant will be remunerated at a level representing their qualifications, skills and experience. Specifics of this can be discussed with the Headmaster at interview.

The College offers generous packages of additional benefits and pay; all staff are on a salary scale above the national average and have opportunities for salary progression.

All appointments are made subject to an enhanced check with the DBS and any other pre-employment checks deemed necessary by the College.

The College is a non-smoking establishment and an equal opportunities employer.



SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Eastbourne College (Incorporated) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The appointment is subject to an enhanced DBS check, pre-employment medical questionnaire and positive references.

The post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the Charity is therefore permitted to ask job applicants to declare all convictions and cautions (including those which are "spent" unless they are "protected" under the DBS filtering rules) in order to assess their suitability to work with children.



EQUALITY STATEMENT

Eastbourne College (Incorporated) welcomes applications from all sectors of the community as we aspire to attract staff that match the social and cultural diversity of our pupil intake. We consider the most important factor to be the right skills, abilities and attitude for the job which will ultimately improve the well-being and education of the pupils.



HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please visit www.eastbourne-college.co.uk/contact/employment-opportunities and click the APPLY NOW button to complete the mandatory application form.

A letter of application (addressed to the Headmaster), evidencing your suitability for the post against the job description and person specification described above, and an up-to-date CV should be uploaded with this online application form.

Please provide two or three referees, one of whom should be your current employer (if applicable).

Applications should be received by no later than **Friday 8 March 2024**.

All candidates will be contacted shortly after the closing date with interviews week commencing **18 March 2024**.

Please e-mail hr@eastbourne-college.co.uk for further details, or telephone 01 323 452288.



POSTSCRIPT

There are many attractions to teaching at Eastbourne College, not least its location on the south coast in the sunniest part of the country.

The College provides a safe urban environment in an attractive part of a peaceful town where pupils have easy access to shops, cinemas and theatres at appropriate times, and this strengthens the boarding experience. The railway station is close, with easy travel to Gatwick (one hour) and London (under 90 minutes). The beach and sea are a five-minute walk away and the South Downs (the newest National Park) are literally on our doorstep.

The school is a strikingly happy, cohesive and coherent community. We look forward to meeting you.

February 2024