



APPLICATION PACK

TEACHER OF HUMANITIES

(January – July 2025 Maternity Cover)

HOW TO APPLY

Applications from ECTs or experienced teachers would be equally welcome, as would full or part time working requests.

Please contact the Headteacher's Secretary for an application form and further information at;

- John Spendluffe Technology College, Hanby Lane, Alford, Lincolnshire, LN13 9BL
- Direct telephone: 01507 464308
- Email: f.smith@jstc.org.uk.

Alternatively application packs are available on the JSTC website (www.jstc.org.uk).

Prospective candidates are encouraged to visit the school; please contact the Headteacher's Secretary using the above contact details to arrange an appointment.

Completed applications should be emailed to the Headteacher's Secretary f.smith@jstc.org.uk or posted to the school.

Applications must be received by: 9 am on Monday 28 October 2024

Interviews (Provisional): Wednesday 6 November 2024

Start Date: Monday 6 January 2025

JSTC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure, medical and reference checks. All pre-employment checks, undertaken are in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education.

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John Spendluffe Technology College Overview

JSTC is a non-selective 11-16 co-educational school in a selective area. We are a popular and over-subscribed school of around 650 students. Despite being a secondary modern school we have the full ability range of students, including gifted and talented. We are proud of the work that we do with our young people to enable them to challenge themselves academically and reach the highest of aspirations. At our most recent Ofsted inspection we were rated as 'Good' in all areas. We are very proud of our achievements; we will continue to develop and provide the best possible education for our young people. We are a single academy trust but have developed strong networks and links with a range of partner and other schools locally and throughout the county.

An Attractive Location

JSTC is situated in the small, quaint, rural market town of Alford on the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Lincolnshire is a large county with a variety of beautiful landscapes: flat fens, coastal marshes, clay vales and the rolling uplands of the Wolds, attracting an abundance of wild flora and fauna. Morning drives across the stunning and tranquil Wolds frequently creates wonderful memories and conversation with colleagues. The school is well placed and at the centre of the community of Alford with good road links to major urban centres in the East Midlands. Housing is extremely low priced compared to other areas of the UK and new build developments are enhancing the housing choices available in the region.

The School Site

The school site has been enhanced in recent years to include two new classroom builds, a refurbished Humanities teaching block, a remodelled, modern canteen, and refurbishment of the original, attractive 1930s building. Car Park facilities on site are free. The school has its own all-weather pitch, sports hall and gym facilities which are all available for staff and community use.

Ethos and Values

Supporting our students and their families to achieve the highest possible aspirations to a bright future lies at the heart of our daily work in school. High quality, extensive pastoral provision enables us to fulfil this mission. Our aim is to empower our students to become '*resilient, respectful and responsible*' in readiness for the next step of their educational journey. We are committed to serving each other, the students, and the wider community.

Our Students

Our students are our best ambassadors. They come from a wide rural and coastal area, with the majority travelling by bus to school. Many students are not confident about their talents and abilities when they first arrive but through the hard work of our staff, we enable our students to develop and thrive into young adulthood. Students take part in a range of activities in and out of the classroom and visitors are frequently impressed with their courtesy, and the pride that they have in their school. Our students behave well and want to learn. Some students find academic work difficult and our experienced SEND team work hard to ensure that students have an appropriate curriculum and personal support. JSTC offers its students excellent opportunities to develop skills for life as well as academic qualifications. We want all of our students to develop into caring, active citizens.

JSTC has a strong coaching culture; a wide range of staff coach KS4 students to help them improve their resilience, independence, and self-efficacy.

Committed and Friendly Staff

Our dedicated staff believe passionately in improving outcomes for all students and this can be seen in the positive relationships with each other and in the classroom. Staff are happy to teach at JSTC and want to stay. There is a low turnover of staff each year as we believe in providing opportunities for career progression at JSTC.

Staff Wellbeing

Teaching is a demanding profession, and we therefore ensure that staff wellbeing is at the core of our development. The school has a highly supportive ethos with respect to both staff and student wellbeing. The Wellbeing Learning Community is an active forum of different staff who engage in evidence-based practice to promote good mental health and wellbeing for students and staff.

Our Education Support Employee Assistance Programme provides impartial, confidential support and general advice on wellbeing, workload, and work-life balance. This EAP can provide fast-track counselling, financial and debt advice and legal support. Extra coaching support is available to leaders and line managers. In school, trained Mental Health First Aiders can support staff for a range of feelings such as low morale, loss and bereavement, isolation, fear, stress and anxiety. This is fully funded from the school for all of our employees.

Staff enjoy engaging in social activities outside of school – particularly at the end of terms. There is sport to get involved in, such as football, netball and running; there are creative activities involving art and cooking too.

New Staff Induction

You will be warmly welcomed into our friendly school and supported in all areas of your practice so that you can enjoy teaching with confidence. JSTC offers a comprehensive and personalised induction training programme to all new staff including Academic Mentors, ITT trainees and ECTs. The New Staff Induction Team support all staff who are new to our school or their role, or returning after absence, regardless of their position. Staff are fully supported through a series of live and recorded training sessions.

Professional Development

The Governors, Headteacher and Senior Leaders remain committed to recruiting high quality staff to the school. Staff professional development and career progression are an important part the school's caring culture.

JSTC is committed to providing staff with opportunities to access nationally recognised professional development qualifications such as the new suite of NPQs as well as NPQSL, and NPQH. We want our staff to enjoy their teaching, develop their professional practice and flourish in their careers. Our strong team of staff coaches and mentors provides personal and professional support for every stage of a teacher's career.

Staff share strong practice and our unique staff coaching programme provides exciting opportunities in professional research, inquiry, and collaboration. We provide in-house training as we have created strong partnerships with the best and most relevant support.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Department - Humanities

The Humanities department aims to give all pupils the opportunity to achieve their best. All Humanities subjects allow pupils to immerse themselves in the diversity of other cultures, faiths and environments; from here in Lincolnshire to the wider British Isles and to far flung places across the globe.

The Humanities department is a well-established and committed team of 6 teaching professionals. Comprising of subject and non-subject specialists within those numbers. We are committed to supporting all members of the team, whatever stage of your teaching career you are at presently. We have been training Humanities teachers constantly for the past 10 years through our relationships with teacher training schools. Many of these staff members joined the department permanently and now form part of the team.

We have 6 dedicated Humanities rooms across the school site, which includes one central block comprising of three classrooms, an office and intervention/meeting room. All rooms have Wi-Fi, Smart boards, and centrally stored ICT trollies. We are a well-resourced department with a wide range of textbooks and electronic resources available to support our students learning and also our staff development.

All members of the team are dedicated to developing our shared vision to 'connect pupils to the real world'. We value educational experience and enrichment opportunities. Many of our students have a limited cultural capital on arrival and it is our aim to ensure that all pupils leave us understanding more about the world around them. Through careful and strategic planning, involving all Humanities teachers, we ensure that the delivery of History, Geography and Religious Studies embraces the same cross – curricular model of enquiry and concepts we identify as our 'Golden Strands'.

All students are taught a five-year History curriculum from KS3 to KS4, where they will develop their knowledge and understanding of both first and second order historical concepts. We currently offer AQA GCSE and although not setted, we do have two streams through the X and Y option blocks.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Subject: History
Line managed by: Head of Humanities
Salary: M1 - U3 (£31,650 - £49,084)

Purpose of Role;

- To deliver the taught elements of the Humanities department.
- To support the work of the department – staff and students.

Role and responsibilities

- To meet the statutory Teachers' Standards.
- To teach History as directed by the Head of Humanities; currently GCSE and a programme in KS3 that supports our 5 year curriculum from Y7 to Y11.
- To implement assessment, recording and reporting systems to monitor student progress in accordance with national, school and departmental policy.
- To undertake all necessary exam preparation and administration as required by the line manager.
- To share the supervision and development of Humanities teaching areas.
- To attend departmental meetings and INSET sessions.
- To work evenings, open days and whole school events as part of directed time.
- To undergo training to enhance professional practice.
- To engage actively in staff performance development review process.
- To maintain accurate records and registers as required by the department and school.
- To complete relevant documentation to enable accurate tracking of learning, progress and behaviour.
- To use relevant information to inform planning, teaching and learning of students.
- To communicate effectively with parents of students as appropriate.
- To be a form tutor to an assigned group of students.
- To promote the general progress and well-being of individual students and of the form tutor group as a whole.
- To register students, accompany them to assemblies, encourage their full attendance at all lessons and their participation in other aspects of school life.
- To alert the appropriate staff to issues experienced by students – including safeguarding concerns.
- To contribute to PSHCEE and Careers education.
- To teach students according to their educational needs including the setting and marking of work.
- To apply the Behaviour Management systems so that effective learning can take place.
- To mark, assess and give written, verbal and diagnostic feedback as required.
- To continue personal development as identified.
- To undertake any other duty as specified by the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Body (STPCB) not mentioned in the above.
- To comply with the school's Health and Safety Policy and undertake assessments as appropriate.
- To show a record of excellent attendance and punctuality.
- To exercise a commitment to the school's ethos, vision and values and all school policies.
- To undertake any other duties or one-off tasks at the reasonable request of the Headteacher/SLT.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Subject: History

It is expected that the person appointed will have the following qualifications, experiences, knowledge/skills and personal qualities and/or special requirements for the post.

1. Qualifications

- A good Honours degree or higher qualifications
- Qualified Teacher Status or currently completing a course of professional training leading to QTS.
- Any other relevant qualifications specific to the post.

2. Experience

- A proven record of successful classroom teaching
- Experience of teaching across the full age range and ability spectrum.
- School experiences which have provided a thorough preparation for this post.
- Experience of monitoring and evaluating students' progress.
- Experience of initiating implementing and managing development within the subject area would be desirable.
- Form tutor experience would be desirable.

3. Knowledge/Skills

- Knowledge of current educational issues.
- Ability to teach up to GCSE level.
- Administrative skills to support the work of the department.
- Excellent classroom management skills.
- The ability to communicate effectively with students and adults.
- Secure knowledge of current curriculum developments.
- Understanding of the learning process.

4. Personal Qualities

- Commitment to the best interests of the students.
- Willingness to take responsibility.
- Enthusiasm and sense of humour.
- An ability to co-operate with colleagues.
- Reliability and resilience.
- Ability to use a variety of teaching strategies.
- Ability to monitor and evaluate students' progress.
- Excellent written and communication skills.
- Excellent presentation skills and smart appearance.
- Excellent organisation, prioritisation and time management skills.
- Excellent classroom behaviour management skills.
- Ability to use ICT to enhance teaching and learning.

5. Special Requirements

- Commitment to raising standards.
- Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people.
- An enthusiastic and effective team player.