



BELFAST ROYAL ACADEMY

Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6JL

The Board of Governors invites applications
for the posts of:

TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES and **GENERAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

Application forms and relevant information may
be downloaded from the website.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is
Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 12:00noon.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

POST:	Teacher of Religious Studies to A Level and Junior History
CONTRACT:	Full-time, Permanent
LOCATION:	5-17 Cliftonville Road Belfast BT14 6JL
REPORTING TO:	The Principal via the Subject Leader of Religious Studies

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Belfast Royal Academy was founded in 1785 by Dr James Crombie. His aim was to establish a school to provide an education of high standard. For over 230 years, the school has remained true to this principle and continues to enjoy a reputation of academic excellence alongside notable extra-curricular activities. It is a voluntary grammar school of 1450 pupils. Its management is vested in a Board of Governors on which parents and teachers are represented, along with Governors elected by Members of the Academy and nominees of the Minister of Education.

The School's vision statement is: ***"To ensure that all our pupils are given every opportunity and the support they need to fulfil their potential in school and life."***

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

There are four members of staff, led by the Subject Leader who share in the teaching of Religious Studies throughout the school.

GCSE Religious Studies is a compulsory subject for all pupils in Forms 4 and 5. Pupils sit one module at the end of Form 4 and the second module at the end of Form 5.

At GCSE, pupils follow the CCEA specification for Religious Studies. At AS/A2 the CCEA specification is followed with the School opting for the Philosophy and Ethics options.

A willingness to contribute to the extra-curricular life of the school is essential.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

All relevant forms and information may be downloaded from the vacancies section on the school website (www.belfastroyalacademy.com).

Completed forms should be sent electronically to Ms L McIntosh, Imcintosh152@c2kni.net, no later than **12 noon on Wednesday 1st May 2024**.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE:

Posts involving work with children and young people in educational institutions are subject to the provisions of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order 2007. Belfast Royal Academy treats with the utmost seriousness its responsibility to protect and safeguard pupils. Subsequently, any offer of employment will be confirmed subject to the satisfactory outcome of all the following:

- Two satisfactory references, one of which must be from the most recent employer
- Viewed originals of qualifications recorded on the application form
- Health Declaration
- Enhanced Disclosure Certificate from AccessNI

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JOB DESCRIPTION

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To teach Religious Studies at KS3, GCSE and Advanced Level.
- To teach History at KS3.
- To contribute to the delivery of Games through timetabled classes.
- To carry out the role of Class Tutor.
- To maintain good levels of discipline.
- To work with other members of the Religious Studies Department to develop the schemes of work and to ensure that the relevant curriculum is met.
- To carry out such administrative and such other tasks within the Religious Studies Department as are considered appropriate by the Subject Leader or the Principal.
- To develop the use of Google Classroom or similar platform to promote effective teaching and learning in the Religious Studies Department.
- To contribute to the extra-curricular life of the School.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

- EC1 A First- or Second-Class Honours Degree in Religious Studies or a related degree.
- EC2 Recognition as a qualified teacher by the General Teaching Council (NI), or an equivalent qualification pending as part of a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education.

- EC3 Experience of teaching Religious Studies to GCSE level (which may include teaching practice)
- EC4 Evidence of a high standard in oral and written communication.
- EC5 Evidence of the ability to contribute to the extra-curricular life of the School.
- EC6 Energy, enthusiasm and the ability to cope with the demands of the post.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

- DC1 A First or Upper Second-Class Honours Degree in Religious Studies or a related degree.
- DC2 Experience of teaching Religious Studies to A level (which may include teaching practice)
- DC3 Experience of teaching History at post-primary level (which may include teaching practice)
- DC4 Experience in coaching one of the main School sports.

In their application form, candidates must show how they meet the essential and desirable criteria for the post. The School reserves the right to enhance the criteria for the purposes of short-listing.