



APPLICATION PACK
FOR THE POST OF
Learning Development
Teacher



CHEAM | Overview

Cheam is a wonderful co-educational prep school on the Berkshire/Hampshire border. The school is situated in a stunning rural location ten minutes from Newbury and fifteen minutes from Basingstoke, just off the A339. It is surrounded by smaller towns and villages from which it draws many of its pupils.

Cheam was founded in 1645 and is one of the oldest prep schools in the world. Cheam is an IAPS boarding and day school with some 375 pupils, boys, and girls. Cheam prides itself on its excellent all-round record academically, musically, artistically and on the sports field. The facilities are outstanding. On completing their life at Cheam, children move on to the top Public Schools in England, including Eton, Wellington, Marlborough, Radley, Harrow, Winchester, Bradfield and St. Mary's Calne. The school is non-selective yet achieves consistently high standards academically.

Learning Development Teacher

An outstanding opportunity has arisen to join the team as a full time and inspirational Learning Development Teacher

This post will play a vital role in one of the strongest departments within the school, working alongside other Learning Development Teachers and the Head of Learning Development. The successful candidate will be responsible for teaching and supporting pupils on the SEND register. We expect the successful candidate to plan Individual Intervention Plans and follow these, teaching a range of neurodiverse pupils, equipping them with strategies to enable them to independently achieve their own potential in the classroom. In addition, it would be desirable if the candidate could conduct 'in house' assessments for access arrangements and pupil profiling. The department currently has a wealth of experience and ability on which to draw and we wish to seek a passionate, enthusiastic and supportive individual, who can share their expertise and support the wider school staff. Cheam supports a diverse range of learners and we strive to support neurodiversity to ensure all learners achieve and excel.

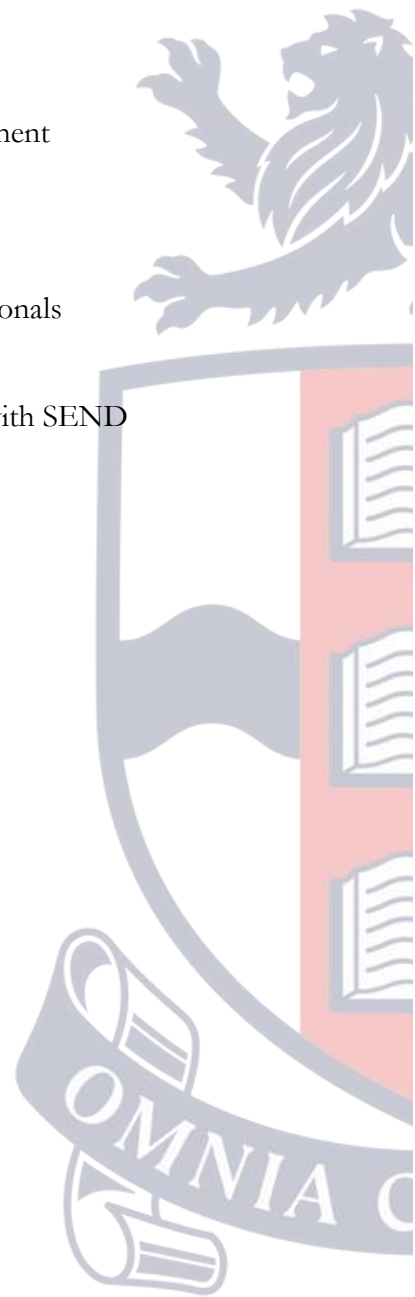
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Key Skills Required

We are looking for someone with the following skills, knowledge and experience:

- Level 5 and Level 7 (desirable but not essential) SpLD certified
- Qualified Teacher Status
- Experience of 1:1 teaching, planning and assessing in a school environment
- Strong communication skills
- Motivated, positive and hard working
- Able to confidently liaise with pupil, parents, staff and external professionals
- Able to use Microsoft Teams, Excel and Word
- Committed to maintaining specialist CPD log to maintain UpToDate with SEND changes



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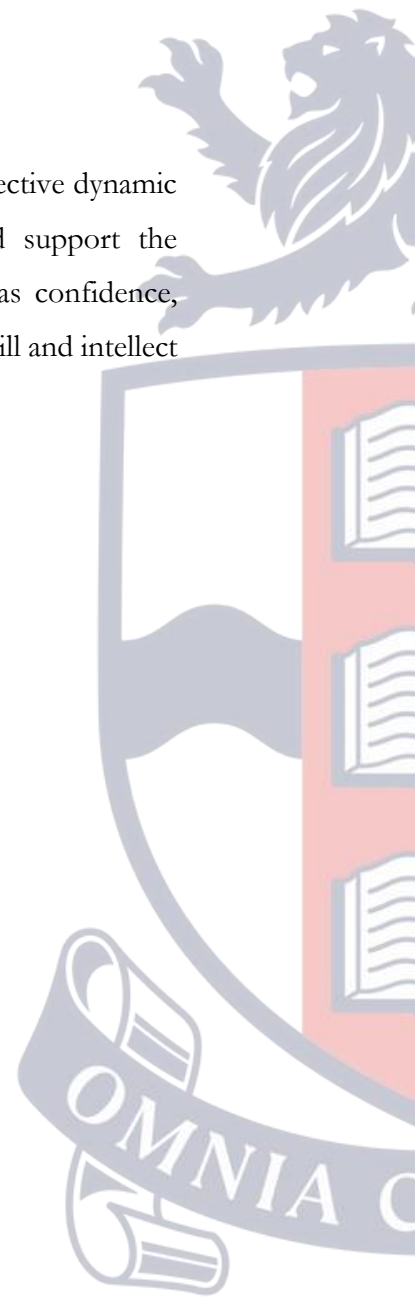


Other Responsibilities

A willingness to contribute to the life of the school beyond the usual school day is considered essential. There is an appropriate level of duties, in line with other staff including daytime and evening duties.

Teaching at Cheam

It is expected that candidates for all teaching posts will support the strong collective dynamic and inspirational ethos of the educational philosophy of the school and support the community aims of our school life. We are looking for a candidate who has confidence, integrity, humility, fun and humour and is happy to give their time, expertise, skill and intellect to children and colleagues.



Salary and Hours

Salary will be competitive, according to experience and qualifications.

This is a full time role but we are flexible to discuss a part time role for the right candidate. Full time Learning Development Teachers work five days a week.

School Holidays | Days Off

School holidays are usually 3 weeks at Christmas, 3 weeks at Easter, 8 weeks in the summer, 1 week for February, May and October half terms. There are regular staff meetings and INSET days just before the start of each term and all staff are expected to attend these.



BENEFITS

LOCATION

Nestled in 100 acres of beautiful Berkshire countryside



CAREER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

including mentoring and a variety of training opportunities



LUNCHES

Meals, snacks and refreshments provided



GENEROUS PENSION SCHEME



WELL-BEING

Focus on staff well-being, yoga classes, team socials and access to physio and counsellors



FACILITIES

Use of school facilities when available



WORKING AT CHEAM



Our staff are Cheam's greatest asset. From the inspiring and experienced teachers to the efficient and friendly support teams, everyone contributes to the special environment at Cheam. Cheam offers the brightest of learning environments. It is the perfect place for staff to thrive and grow.

“Having worked in a number of schools, when I found Cheam, it felt the most like home. The team, the amazing site and the positive, can-do attitudes are what makes it a great place to work and live.”

“The pupils who are happy, engaged, so well-mannered and keen to learn make coming to work something I genuinely look forward to.”

“The feeling of camaraderie amongst the staff and being part of the Team Cheam. It's a very special community.”

“It's a privilege to work in such a beautiful setting, with a brilliant group of colleagues who make coming to work worthwhile.”

Quotes from Staff Members

- “The quality of the pupils academic and other achievements is excellent.”
- “Pupils throughout the school display extremely positive attitudes towards their learning.”
- “Pupils show highly developed knowledge and strong understanding and skills across their studies.”
- “Pupils are excellent communicators.”
- “The quality of the pupils personal development is excellent.”
- “Pupils show high levels of self-understanding and self confidence for their age.”
- “Pupils behave notably well and show respect and kindness towards others.”
- “Pupils have a strong understanding of how their decisions affect their development.”
- “Pupils are extremely socially aware and collaborate highly effectively across all areas of school life.” *Quotes from the ISI Inspection Report 2023*

See also:

[THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE](#)

[MUDDY STILETTOS SCHOOLS REVIEW GUIDE](#)

HOW TO APPLY & KEY DATES



- Candidates should complete the application form and equal opportunities form found on our website at www.cheamschool.co.uk and provide a covering letter. Applications will not be accepted without a completed application form.
- Covering letters and application forms should be submitted by post to Cheam or online to the Head of Learning Development Nakita Wright at wrightn@cheamschool.co.uk

Key Dates

Closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday 26th June

Interviews will be held shortly afterwards on w/c 1st July although the school reserves the right to call someone to interview before the closing date.

Start Date: January 2025

Cheam School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

At Cheam we are committed to a culture of equality, diversity and inclusion. We value difference and recognise that individually we perform well but collectively we shine. If you believe your personal values would fit with the Cheam values we would love to hear from you. Whatever your background, if you lead by example, show resilience and kindness and seek always to integrate and share, please get in touch.



