



# South Dartmoor Community College

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## Job Description

### Teacher of Psychology

FT Maternity Cover: September 2018 - June 2019

We wish to appoint an enthusiastic graduate to join a strong, motivated department and contribute to all that makes Psychology special at South Dartmoor. The successful candidate will be expected to teach and contribute to Psychology courses at both AS and A levels and will be directly responsible to the Post 16 Provision Coordinator and Leader of Sociology. The post also includes a pastoral role on the sixth form tutor team, led by the Head of Sixth Form.

Psychology has a specialist teaching room in our sixth form building and is equipped with whiteboard, video, projector, and is located close to ICT facilities. Desktop computers are available for presentations. Resources within the department are very good and there is an ongoing input of new textbooks, video materials and ICT software relevant to Psychology.

Psychology is taught as a discrete discipline by specialist psychology or social science teachers. Currently Psychology GCE AS and A are taught using the AQA Psychology.

Examination courses are successful at both AS and A Level and the department is keen to build upon current successes and to this end implements a range of teaching and learning strategies. For example, traditional forms of teaching are complemented by more experimental forms of teaching and learning such as student-led seminars and teacher guided student-led peer assessment. Data provided by ALPS and Oxford Analytical is used to project examination outcomes and inform the academic partnership between student and teacher. The teaching and learning relationship between students and teachers in the department is very pro-active. The success of Psychology at South Dartmoor is built upon an understanding of both student and teacher needs. To this end the department uses student-led course assessment to assist in curriculum development.

The Psychology department utilises 'Moodle', a VLE, to provide a range of relevant resource material for students both in the form of theoretical information and research studies.

In sum, this appointment will enable a committed, loyal graduate, with creative energy and ideas, to teach in a Community College, which has a proven track record of successful staff and student development.

South Dartmoor Community College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its care. Recruitment to this post will involve all necessary checks in line with college policy.

## **JOB PROFILE: TEACHER OF PSYCHOLOGY**

### **Aims**

To carry out the duties of a teacher as set out in the most recent School Teachers' Pay & Conditions Document. Your aim is to be an effective teacher and tutor who challenges and supports all your students to do their best by:

- Inspiring trust and confidence in your students and colleagues
- Building team commitment amongst your students and colleagues
- Engaging and motivating students
- Focusing on the quality of your students' learning

### **In particular, you will:**

- Maintain a thorough and up-to-date knowledge of the teaching of your subjects(s) and take account of wider curriculum developments which are relevant to your work.
- Plan tutorials, lessons and sequences of lessons to meet students' individual learning needs.
- Use a range of appropriate strategies and follow college policies for tutoring, teaching, behaviour management and classroom management.
- Use information about prior attainment to set well-grounded expectations for students in your teaching and tutorial groups.
- Assess, monitor and record the progress of the students in your teaching and tutorial groups; give them constructive feedback, targets and advice; report and discuss progress with parents.
- Do all you can to ensure that, as a result of your tutoring and teaching, your students achieve well relative to their prior attainment, making progress as good as or better than similar pupils nationally.
- Within the framework of the College's performance management and CPD policies, take responsibility for your own professional development and use the outcomes to improve your tutoring and teaching and your students' learning.
- Make an active contribution to the policies, aspirations and plans of your year group, of your curriculum team and of the College – our 6th Form has been consistently amongst the best in the country, being ranked in the top 5% in 2016.