

# Information for Applicants









### Welcome

Set in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the South Shropshire Hills and just 12 miles from the famous medieval walled market town of Ludlow, Bedstone College is a quintessentially British Independent school. With the historic towns of Hereford and Shrewsbury within 25 miles, there are excellent transport links to the rest of the UK. Birmingham International airport is just over an hour away by car.

The world that we are preparing our young people for is very different to the one that we, as adults, were prepared for during our school years. Many schools talk about fulfilling potential or blending academic excellence with outstanding extra-curricular provision; at Bedstone College we value the meaning of success in the widest sense. Our students come from a very wide range of backgrounds and abilities yet each of them has something within them that is special. It is this focus on trying to uncover that special talent and using it to build confidence and self-esteem that makes Bedstone much more than a school. We pride ourselves on our family ethos where effort, commitment, loyalty and service are valued as much as natural talents and abilities.

## Academic

Bedstone College is an independent, co-educational, day and boarding school catering for young people between the ages of 4 and 18 through both our junior and senior schools. Despite being a non-selective school with an international community, students regularly outperform national norms and are often accepted at top universities including Oxford and Cambridge.







# Working with us:

We continue to focus on improving the educational experience in the classroom with committed staff who strive to ensure that all students fulfil their personal best. Bedstone College is a rewarding place to teach with students who are motivated and keen to learn.

All classrooms are fitted with interactive TV panels. Pupils are expected to use laptops to aid classroom teaching and there are 2 bookable IT suites and a meeting room with an interactive panel and cameras for use as a long distance classroom/meeting facility. We use Schoolbase as our SMS.

The senior management team consists of the Head, Mr Mullins; Deputy Head, Mr Braden; Assistant Head (Teaching & Learning) Mr Downing and Mr Phillips, Senior Master. There are 3 boarding houses, Wilson, Rutter and Bedstone and 3 competitive day houses, Hopton, Stokesay and Wigmore. The School is divided into two sections all on the same site; the Junior School housed in Chacksfield for students from 4 to 11 years of age and the Senior School. The school welcomes immersion groups from around the world who add to the richness of the classroom.

Well-being for all our staff is of particular importance and, as part of an overall strategy for the college, several initiatives have been introduced to enhance our working environment.

The school is a member of the Society of Heads, the Independent Schools Association and the Boarding Schools Association and we expect all staff to look outwards and focus on their continuous professional development.











### The Role

We are seeking to appoint an inspirational, enthusiastic and committed teacher of Music to teach at all stages of the school. The post would be ideal for someone new to the profession looking to gain initial experience, key skills and knowledge in a small and supportive environment, or for an experienced teacher looking for a new role. We have a dedicated music learning environment which includes soundproof practice pods, recording equipment and Macs with composing software installed, along with a school web based radio station. We are looking for a subject specialist with high expectations and a passion for helping every student acquire a love of music and performance. The proficiency to teach across the ability range at key stages 3 and 4 is essential; experience of teaching A-level Music (or the willingness to learn) would be an advantage. ECTs will receive an extensive and tailored programme with support from a mentor.

There is the possibility of associated boarding duties.

Bedstone has its own salary scale and the salary will be set according to qualifications and experience. The College participates fully in the APTIS (Aviva Pension Trust for Independent Schools) scheme. There are also fee concessions with respect to staff children being educated at the College.

For further information about the school please visit our website at www.bedstone.org. Please look us up on X, Instagram and Facebook and follow our students' adventures!





# How to apply:

Closing date: 9am Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Interviews: W/c 20th May 2024

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Start Date: September 2024

A person specification and full job description can be found on the college website **www.bedstone.org** For any further details on this post please contact the Head's PA at **pa@bedstone.org** to whom enquiries about visiting the school and/or having an informal talk with the Deputy Head can be made.

Applications can only be accepted using the application form which can be downloaded from our website. Please then send it with a letter of application of no more than 2 sides of A4, and a CV if you wish, to the Head's PA at pa@bedstone.org.

Bedstone College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The role will be offered subject to receipt of references, proof of relevant qualifications and entitlement to work within the UK, prohibition from teaching and management checks, Enhanced Disclosure and Barring check, overseas check if appropriate and a medical assessment that all need to be satisfactory to Bedstone College.

All applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post. Full details of safeguarding policies are available on the website.



