

# TEACHER OF PSYCHOLOGY

MAIN SCALE / UPS

FULL TIME

STARTING IMMEDIATELY/SEPTEMBER 2025

## SAFEGUARDING

Harlington School is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All job offers are provisional until such time as the school has undertaken appropriate safeguarding checks and is satisfied that successful candidates are suitable to work with children and young people.



# WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome prospective colleague, to quite possibly your next role and a life changing experience for both yourself and our students. Thank you for showing an interest in joining our team and working alongside us here at Harlington School. If successful you will be joining a dynamic, diverse and passionately committed team of highly professional staff. All of our staff place our students at the heart of everything we do.

Our vision is to enable each and every one within our School community to 'Be the BEST version of themselves'. Be it ourselves as staff or our students, we believe in being the best in ourselves so that we can bring positive solutions to make the world a better place. In an ever-changing world we aim to keep moving forward and to be part of the positive solutions...

We look after our staff here, using coaching and joint collaboration model for improving professional practice and pedagogy. Middle and senior leaders work hard to support staff with behaviour management to ensure you have the skills and support to teach without interruption. We see professional development for all associate and teaching staff as the foundations of our success. Whatever post you are applying for, you will be incredibly well supported in your professional development to become an outstanding practitioner. We are highly regarded by ITT providers for the quality of training that we offer to colleagues at the beginning of their careers, and for more experienced colleagues, professional development is a key priority; colleagues are frequently promoted after working with us. Associate staff are equally supported to develop their professional practice, with industry 'gold standard' accreditations, and we have a stable staffing with low annual turnover.

Harlington School has a responsibility for, and is committed to, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of students and young people, and ensuring that they are protected from harm. All positions are subject to an enhanced DBS check and we take pride in being an equal opportunities employer.

Harlington has undergone significant transformational change over the last few years coupled with significant improvement in progress outcomes and examination results. Anticipating moving into our new building in November 2023 (phase 1/2), we are a happy, successful and popular oversubscribed school, with waiting lists in every year group. Much of this has been due to the successful inclusive culture fostered over many years by the staff and students at Harlington.

Our teaching and student facing staff aim to deliver quality first teaching approaches that builds both the keys to successful academic outcomes alongside the stability and resilience to thrive as an independent successful contributing adult. Our associate staff work tirelessly to deliver a professional, outstanding quality of practice with the students at the heart of their work, understanding that regardless of role our priority always remains the safety, wellbeing and improving the life chances of our students. It is these common goals and the ability to see challenges as opportunities rather than barriers that enables our collective and unified response, built over many years of dedication to the students of our Harlington School community.

Where we support, coach and promote successfully from within, we are also in the position to recruit transformational staff who can support, build on and enable our continued growth and change. We look for individuals with the capacity and drive to succeed, see solutions rather than problems, and are glass half full individuals with the ability to recognise that regardless of role, our students are paramount and that they have solutions to enable a better tomorrow.

We work hard, but the rewards are immense. We aim to maintain a work life balance so that in protecting each other we enable us to be at our best professionally and committed in the time we are here. We have a supportive culture where staff wellbeing is augmented by our commitment in constant improvement to keep moving forward.

We welcome contact prior to application (email [recruitment@harlingtontschool.org](mailto:recruitment@harlingtontschool.org)) – please contact HR if you would like to see us in action, and we'll do our best. I would like to wish you every success in your future career, and look forward to receiving your application if you choose to apply for this position.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A D'Onofrio  
Headteacher



# THE ROLE

## TEACHER OF PSYCHOLOGY

**SALARY:** Main Scale/Upper Pay Scale – depending on experience

If staff are successfully recruited via an agency, we expect that a proportion of the finders' fee will be reimbursed to the school if you leave (except by mutual consent) within 2 academic years.

**HOURS:** Full time

This is a full time contract with contractual obligations based upon the Teacher 'Burgundy Book' conditions of employment.

### SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT:

**It is an exciting time to join the team at Harlington School. With a new Headteacher in post since Summer 2022, a new building opened in October 2023 and a new vision for the school, it is the perfect time to join our journey.** Harlington is a happy, successful and oversubscribed school, where staff retention rates are excellent. We are a dynamic and passionate team of associate and teaching staff, who put the students in our Harlington family at the heart of everything we do. We employ colleagues who have a passion for working in a diverse, multicultural school.

### APPLY:

Applications are to be made electronically using the school application form available on the website. All enquiries and applications via email only to: [recruitment@harlingtonschool.org](mailto:recruitment@harlingtonschool.org). Applications can also be made on TES. If you require any further information or wish to discuss this role in more detail please contact the Director of HR and Admin, Vanessa Chettiar via the recruitment email.

*We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and to equality of opportunity. Enhanced DBS clearance will be required. No agency enquiries. CVs alone will not be accepted.*

**CLOSING DATE:** 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

**INTERVIEW:** TBC

**SHORTLISTING AND INTERVIEWS MAY TAKE PLACE BEFORE CLOSING DATE FOR SUITABLE CANDIDATES.**

# SELECTION AND INTERVIEW PROCESS

## APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE

The appointment procedure will be based on the following activities:

- Shortlisting based upon skills and experience that meet the person specification and job description
- Suitable references and safeguarding checks occurring prior to, during and after the interview process.
- Lesson observation and discussion/reflection meeting, to explore your current practice with you
- Interview panel if calibre of teaching and reflection is good, in line with the experience of the candidate.
- HR meeting.

Please note that we shall be following up references after shortlisting has taken place. Please ensure that you complete all sections of the application form. Gaps in employment history will be explored with you at interview, and we ask that you bring copies of your qualification certification with you – thank you.



# SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY

The Social Sciences faculty encourages students to investigate how we think, act, react and interact with our environment in different situations. Our aim is to help students understand the world and to develop that interest in how and why we behave as humans and as a society. Our priority is to create a safe, welcoming and stimulating environment where students can develop their knowledge as well as their transferable skills.

## FACULTY ORGANISATION

There are currently two full-time teachers in the Social Sciences faculty, with a variety of specialisms such as Sociology, Criminology, Psychology and Key Stage 5 Lead Practitioner for Harlington School. The faculty is well-resourced and we take pride in planning, developing and sharing new practices to encourage independent learners. If you join our team then you will be welcomed into a supportive group of teachers who have high expectations for themselves and their students.

## TEACHING GROUPS

At Harlington School, we offer both Psychology and Sociology at Key Stage 4 to deliver a diverse and wide curriculum to all students. We deliver a 2-year Key Stage 4 programme with mixed-ability classes. From September, there is one class in Year 10 and one class in Year 11 for both Psychology and Sociology. We will be delivering a mixture of double and single lessons.

For Key Stage 5, we offer and deliver multiple classes in both Year 12 and 13 Sociology and one class in both Year 12 and 13 Psychology. All Key Stage 5 classes are delivered three double lessons (100 minutes) a week.

## CURRICULUM

We deliver a mixture of qualifications that we believe are suited to our students' skill sets. We currently offer Edexcel GCSE Psychology and WJEC Eduqas Sociology. Finally, we offer AQA A-Level to both our Psychology and Sociology classes at Key Stage 5.

One of our medium-term goals is to launch Criminology A-Level to future Sixth Form students'

## ENRICHMENT AND INTERVENTION

Our teachers generously offer a range of enrichment activities such as after-school flexis for examination groups, scholarship competitions with prizes and an outreach programme with Brunel University for external speakers. Our long-term vision is to develop our current Social Sciences enrichment programme to encourage a passion for our subjects such as introducing trips back into the curriculum for Key Stage 4 and 5.



# JOB DESCRIPTION

## JOB PURPOSE

The basic duties of a teacher are outlined in the latest School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.

Main scale teachers are expected to prepare and deliver high calibre learning experiences that stretch and challenge students' educational development, and lead to excellent progress and outcomes in public examinations. All teachers must have high expectations of work completion, behaviour, conduct and positive attitudes to learning from all students.

All teachers are also form tutors, and are responsible for developing emotional and behavioural self – regulation, so that our students are fully equipped to take their place in the wider world, being able to communicate, listen and have a high regard for other people at all times. All staff are expected to model appropriate behaviour and to engage in restorative practice as well as consistently upholding the rewards and sanctions outlined in our behaviour policy. All teachers deliver PSHE to their form class on a weekly basis, and are the key motivators for students' commitment and support of everyone in the Harlington family.

All staff should recognise and relish both the rewards and the challenges of educating adolescents, and be committed to guiding, mentoring and supporting our young people on their way to their adult lives. It goes without saying that the staff we employ are committed to the highest standards of awareness and action in respect of safeguarding children, and to keeping up to date with the latest guidance to keep children safe from harm.

All teaching staff should also be committed to working with others in a supportive and collegiate manner. They should be committed to regular reflection and an 'open classroom' policy, within a 'no blame' culture, to develop best pedagogical practice. Finally, we expect that all staff adhere to professional expectations in matters of courtesy and conduct.

## KEY TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### TEACHING:

- Plan work in accordance with departmental schemes of work and national curriculum programmes of study.
- Take account of students' prior levels of attainment and use them to set future targets and appropriate programmes of study. Set work when required for absent students, and also if cover is required for your classes.
- Maintain good discipline by following the school's student disciplinary policies and procedures.
- Ensure punctuality and establish a purposeful and calm working atmosphere during all learning activities.
- Maintain excellent classroom management with due regard to health and safety policies.
- Set appropriate and challenging work for all students.
- Ensure effective setting of home learning for students, in line with the school policy.
- Identify, or use information provided, to work appropriately with 'special educational needs' students and 'academically more able' students.
- Commit to full engagement with teacher development, reflection and joint planning initiatives, to further improve pedagogy and practice in the classroom.

### ASSESSMENT, RECORDING AND REPORTING:

- Keep appropriate records of students' work.
- Mark and return work set, including homework within an agreed and reasonable time.
- Use the faculty marking/feedback scheme at all times.
- Carry out assessment and intervention programmes, as agreed by the school, faculty or department.
- Complete records of achievement or concern when requested.
- Complete student data drop requests in line with school policy. Attend parents' evenings as required and keep parents informed about their child's performance and future targets.



## PASTORAL WORK:

- Undertake responsibility for a form group.
- Monitor targets set for the social and academic progress of all students in the form.
- Build up a good relationship with the students in your form, so that they will look to you for support and advice.
- Command high standards of student behaviour, uniform and conduct at all times and support the school in its application of related policies.
- Report issues of concern to the appropriate pastoral or senior staff.
- Maintain an accurate register of attendance and do everything possible to encourage good attendance.
- Attend all required safeguarding and child protection training. Familiarise yourself with Keeping Children Safe in Education and all school safeguarding policies and procedures. Ensure that you follow mandatory procedures for teachers, for the reporting of suspected or disclosed cases of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

## OTHER:

- Report any and all safeguarding concerns immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or a member of the Safeguarding Team, in person, and using the appropriate school procedures.
- The teacher will be part of the school's appraisal scheme. S/he will have a team leader who will set agreed targets for the year. The team leader will monitor and review performance, including classroom teaching. The school will support the continuing professional development of all staff, to ensure that their expertise is being kept up to date.
- Attend and contribute to key stage, subject, team and full staff meetings.
- In relation to the school's strategic plan, contribute towards the goals and targets.
- Maintain a professional interest in educational initiatives relevant to the teacher's subject(s).

## REVIEW OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION

This job description is intended to provide guidance on the range of duties associated with the post. It is not intended to provide a full and exclusive definition of the post. It may be subject to modification and amendment from time to time and the post-holder may be required to undertake additional duties as required by the Headteacher.

This job description will be reviewed and updated as required, in consultation with the post-holder and the Headteacher.

**Person Responsible: Headteacher.**



## PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

| Personal and Interpersonal Qualities – all posts  | Essential | Desirable |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Be prepared to adopt and support the core values of Harlington School , in order to play your part in providing high quality education and support to our students and other staff colleagues | ✓         |           |
| Understand, promote and uphold policies for safeguarding children and young people  | ✓         |           |
| Maintaining absolute confidentiality and integrity; being trustworthy and honest.   | ✓         |           |
| Excellent interpersonal and communication skills; a non – judgemental team player   | ✓         |           |
| Positive, ‘can do’ approach to tasks and workstreams  | ✓         |           |
| Calm and patient; emotionally resilient in challenging situations   | ✓         |           |
| Energetic, enthusiastic and good attendance and punctuality.  | ✓         |           |
| Professional in attitude, conduct and appearance – a role model to young people   | ✓         |           |
| Planned and organised approach to workload  | ✓         |           |
| Excellent written and verbal communication skills   | ✓         |           |
| Good ICT skills   | ✓         |           |
| Thinking laterally and open to new ideas and approaches   | ✓         |           |
| Committed to professional training and development  | ✓         |           |
| Committed to equality and diversity   | ✓         |           |

| Qualifications, Understanding and Experience - Main Scale Teacher   | Essential | Desirable |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Appropriate First degree (2ii minimum pass)   | ✓         |           |
| Qualified teacher status.   | ✓         |           |
| A continued commitment to own professional development.   | ✓         |           |
| Teaching experience (including training practice) within the designated age range.  | ✓         |           |
| Understanding of child-safeguarding issues and successful measures that promote and ensure the safe-guarding of children          | ✓         |           |
| Knowledge of current legislation, guidance and developments relating to the subject area.   | ✓         |           |
| Successful practice (including training practice) in accordance with the specified teaching standards 2012 (as identified below). | ✓         |           |
| Second Subject offered:   |           | ✓         |
| Involvement in and organisation of wider school activities, including extra-curricular activities.                                |           | ✓         |





# SCHOOL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Harlington School is a large school in the southernmost part of the London Borough of Hillingdon. After a period of very high student mobility, the school is now successful and oversubscribed.

We are a Foundation, mixed ability comprehensive school, with a small Specialist Resource Provision for children with Physical and Sensory Disabilities. The School has been in the top quintile nationally for FSME6, EAL and mobility for a number of years, but since 2016, we have moved nearer to the national average for deprivation, although we are still in the 4th quintile. Prior attainment on entry is below the national average in all year groups, but the number of highly able students is increasing year on year. Our staff and students are passionate, friendly and diverse, hailing from across the globe. More than 60 languages are spoken at the school, and we are renowned for our inclusive, supportive culture. Our admissions policy includes priority placement for the children of staff. Currently we employ approximately 162 staff, including teachers, associate staff and apprentices. We also host up to 20 Beginner Teachers every year, from a number of ITT providers including the Hillingdon SCITT, a number of universities and we also train colleagues from Teach First.

The school has a number of links with other schools, and external accreditations. We are an IQM Flagship School, an ArtsMark Gold School and are pleased to be in receipt of the Schools' Wellbeing Award. In September 2018 we were featured in the Parliamentary Review:

<https://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/organisations/harlington-school>

In our most recent OfSTED Section 8 inspection in April 2018, the school was judged as continuing to be Good.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/102451>

## NEW TO THE TEACHING PROFESSION?

Your training and development needs are fully supported in your ECT years and beyond. We have a full time professional tutor in addition to your faculty mentor, to guide and support you and there is a weekly ECT training programme in addition to other professional development programmes. Loadings are reduced, and we give you a classroom that is located near to more experienced staff in the faculty. Wherever possible we look at not only the number of periods you teach but also the number of classes that you are responsible for, in your first year.

We actively promote collaborative and reflective practice, and support colleagues who are new to the profession in developing positive relationships and effective behaviour management strategies, as well as developing effective techniques to reduce workload. We know that the first couple of years in the profession are hard work as you develop your craft, and we encourage you to share in your successes, but also not be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

We offer the opportunity of paid employment for the last three weeks of the summer term prior to September contracts commencement.

## TEACHING STAFF: LEARNING, ASSESSMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching is good at Harlington as a result of a whole school commitment to continual discussion and improvement of the teaching craft. We have reduced teacher loadings for many teachers to create a weekly Joint Planning Time for subject areas during the school day, and we have used our training day provision to create regular Teacher Development meeting slots after school. We have a Teaching Team comprising of Lead Practitioners and a Professional Tutor who are highly regarded for their support and CPD programmes for all staff. Staff who are relatively new to the profession are given time, energy and care to support their training. We very rarely ask teachers to teach outside of their specialism, and we are investing heavily in developing a trust based, coaching model. As a result, teaching quality has further strengthened since OfSTED judged it to be good in 2015, and this was reconfirmed in the recent 2018 Section 8 visit. We are highly regarded by Teach First and a number of universities, who place large numbers of Beginner Teachers on placement with us. Staff are encouraged and supported to gain additional qualifications, and we currently have staff undertaking National Professional teaching accreditations, as well as Lead Practitioner and Masters' Degrees. There are 'step up' programmes for emerging middle and senior leaders, and coaching opportunities for the Middle and Senior Leadership





Team. Preparation for Headship is established, with 4 colleagues either undergoing or have completed NPQH, the 'Head for a Day' Programme.

We are developing our virtual learning platform, migrating to Microsoft Teams this year for student communications, remote learning and pedagogy to provide a wider range of curriculum resources to students. We are actively moving away from 'marking' to 'feedback', and developing best practice in moderating students' work when evaluating progress.

## ASSOCIATE STAFF: ETHOS, VALUES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Associate staff are expected to be committed to supporting and educating young people, whether or not their job involves working directly with the students. Everything that we do is to provide a high quality educational experience for our students. Associate staff are encouraged to develop their own professional development and have equal access to the staff development budget. We are currently supporting entry level and higher level apprenticeships in finance and learning support, and we have a great track record in supporting staff into teacher training from a learning support assistant background. Industry accreditations such as CLEAPPS and HAS training is also encouraged and supported.

## HOW TO FIND US

Harlington School is situated at the southern end of the London Borough of Hillingdon, near the M4 and Heathrow Airport. We have good access to London to our east by road, rail and underground. There is also easy access to the countryside of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire via the M4 and M25.

### BY BUS

U4 Uxbridge – Prologis Park via Hayes & Harlington Station.

### BY RAIL

Hayes & Harlington Station from Paddington, Ealing, Reading and Slough.

### BY CAR

Exit M4 Junction 4, following signs towards Hayes.

If you wish to use your Sat Nav to find us, use postcode UB3 1PB. Please park in the car park accessed from Dudley Place.

