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Information for Candidates **Cookery School Teaching Assistant**

Commence September 2024

Part-time / Permanent / Term Time Only

Truro School, Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH

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From Kieran Topping Chief Operating Officer



Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the role of Cookery School Teaching Assistant here at Truro School.

Our School is steeped in 140 years of history and is Cornwall's leading coeducational independent school for children aged 3-18. We are situated over two campuses. The Senior School educates around 840 pupils and is set within 40 acres of sports fields and open spaces overlooking Truro and its iconic Cathedral. The Prep School educates around 300 pupils and is located next to the Royal Cornwall Hospital. We have superb facilities and resources at both sites that support our forward-looking educational ambitions.

Our Cornish setting allows us the privilege of working in a thriving city surrounded by beautiful rural and coastal opportunities. Our educational philosophy is to promote inclusive excellence, academically, pastorally and via a vibrant co-curriculum, for all who join our school.

Underpinned by a welcoming and liberal Methodist ethos, we champion the values of curiosity, courage, creativity, compassion and confidence in all we do. We want all our pupils to be and to become the very best of themselves, embracing the richness of a broad and forward-thinking education. We want our staff to be excited by what we are able to provide for the children under our care.

We are an "excellent¹" co-educational school that is large enough to offer many diverse and exciting opportunities, but small enough to know our children and families well. We champion an ambitious, broad and balanced education, and we hope that everybody who joins us will feel an important part of this flourishing community.

For a flavour of life here at Truro School please look at our website www.truroschoo.com and view our virtual tour, where you will see and hear from staff and pupils, and find a glimpse of who we are and where we work.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kieran Topping".

Kieran Topping
Chief Operating Officer

¹ As judged by ISI in 2017 at both our Senior and Prep Schools

Job Description: Cookery School Teaching Assistant

ACCOUNTABLE TO:

Head of Cookery School

CORE PURPOSE:

Working in the Cookery School, providing practical and operational support to assist with the delivery of academic and commercial cookery (where arranged) to students, staff and visitors.

KEY TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work as part of a busy team to support delivery of high-quality cookery courses for both Truro School and the wider community
- Support the Head of Cookery in all matters relating to provision of the Academic Cookery School curriculum
- Support the cookery school teaching and learning through active participation in lessons, supporting the teachers where appropriate
- To take initiative in practical cookery lessons, independently identifying challenges and opportunities to support students requiring help.
- To lead the regular cleaning and organisation of the cookery school after demonstration and practical lessons
- To be sensitive with and intuitive to students requiring pastoral support.
- Support SEN students where necessary
- Support the Cookery School Technician on all matters relating to preparation of ingredients and equipment for all lessons
- Help maintain all food hygiene and health and safety registers including due diligence
- To liaise with facilities, suppliers or contractors when necessary and in relation to laundry, equipment repairs, servicing and maintenance, new installations and disposals
- Trial new recipes as required for external courses, co-curricular clubs and special events
- Maintain excellent standards of organisation, cleanliness and hygiene at all times and ensure the preparation and collect rooms are compliant with all relevant Food Safety and Health and Safety standards
- Assist in carrying out both routine and non-routine checking, cleaning, maintenance, testing of equipment to the required high standards
- Assist in the promotion and observance of a healthy and safe working environment
- Establish and maintain good relationships with all students, parents / carers, colleagues and other professionals
- Attend school events as required for example, open days and Speech Day
- Attend relevant meetings and training sessions as required
- By arrangement, support external events during school holidays, at weekends and evenings as required on a zero hours basis
- By arrangement, support the Head of Cookery School to develop and run exciting and innovative income generating cookery courses and bespoke events on Thursday evenings and Saturdays on a zero hours basis

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- By arrangement, support the Assistant Head of Cookery with the delivery of external events on a zero hours basis

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS:

Essential

- Interest and knowledge of current food trends, recipes and ingredients
- Educated to a minimum standard of GCSE in English and Maths (grade A*-C or equivalent)
- Ability to work positively and effectively under pressure, independently and as part of a team and manage a busy workload including evening and weekends if required
- Self-motivated and reliable with a disciplined work ethic
- Approachable with excellent interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Motivation to work with children and young people and ideally with experience of working in an educational establishment.
- Ability to provide excellent customer service to all customers – including children, young people and adults
- Ability to develop good working relationships with colleagues and all members of the wider School community
- Computer literate (with experience of MS Office packages including Outlook, Excel and Word) and good record keeping skills
- An empathy and understanding of expectations within Independent Schools
- Sensitive to the Methodist ethos of the School

Desirable

- Basic Food Hygiene Certificate
- First Aid
- Experience working in education or with young people

This job description sets out current duties of the post that may vary from time-to-time without changing the general character of the post or the level of responsibility entailed.

Truro School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening including checks with past employers and a Disclosure and Barring Service check

We embrace diversity and promote equality of opportunity. We welcome applications from all sections of the community.



Truro School

Our Motto

Esse Quam Videri, meaning 'to be, rather than to seem to be.'

Founded by Methodists in Cornwall in 1880 our School is a welcoming community in which children and adults can flourish, thrive and be happy. They enjoy being and becoming the very best of themselves.

Our Values

From nursery through to Sixth Form, the values our community nurtures are:

- **Curiosity** to always want to discover and learn more, academically and more widely too.
- **Confidence** to build resilience by learning from both successes and failures alike.
- **Compassion** to understand and champion the needs of others, in our community and beyond.
- **Creativity** to be imaginative in how we express ourselves and approach new challenges.
- **Courage** to enjoy becoming the very best of who we are, with integrity and ambition.

Our Ambition

To be a community of inclusion and excellence delivering the best educational journey in the South-West.

Our community and its culture reflect our Methodist foundation and our ongoing evolution in an inspiring Cornish setting. In an ever-changing world, we support and challenge young people to thrive – personally, spiritually, academically, socially, and physically. We value our pupils in the diversity of their identities, beliefs, abilities, talents, interests, backgrounds, and needs. The happiness, energy and wellbeing of our community shapes and inspires who we are and who we can become.

Academic Life

Many of our pupils at Truro School celebrate exceptional results as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their lives, education and career. Our Upper Sixth pupils enjoy places at some of the best universities in the world including Oxford, Cambridge, and a range of Russell group universities.

49% of GCSE and iGCSE grades in 2023 awarded were 9-7 (or A*/A), with just under 17% at grade 9.

In the same year, we were pleased to report 43% of A-Levels were graded A*/A. Furthermore, 67% of all A-Level grades were graded at A*-B.

Further information can be found here: www.truroschoo.com/senior-school/academic/results

The Co-Curriculum

We believe that a rich co-curricular life is a key ingredient of an excellent education. Whilst having fun, participating in a wide range of activities, without academic pressures, pupils broaden their horizons and learn a new skill or extend existing skills. This develops confidence, self-esteem, teamwork and independent-thinking, communication skills and social development across all year groups.

Sport

Truro School has an enviable reputation for the high quality of its sporting provision. Several teams compete nationally and the School hosts elite sportspeople in the fields of windsurfing, fencing and sailing

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to name but a few. All abilities are welcome and every pupil is encouraged to participate and enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

Music

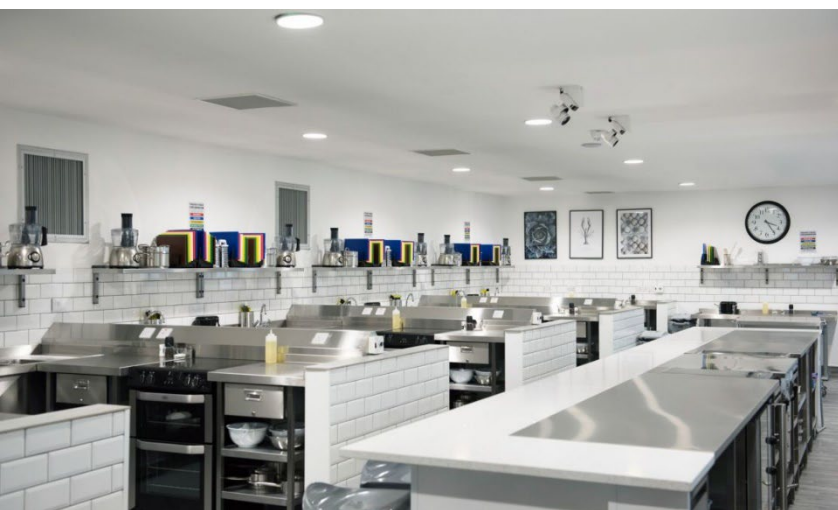
Truro School is one of the most busy and vibrant music departments in the country and is home to the Truro Cathedral choristers. We host over 60 concerts each year involving ensembles, choirs and bands. Tuition is available for numerous instruments. Over a third of our school undertake instrumental or vocal lessons each week from 30 of the county's top specialist teachers.

Drama

Truro School is renowned for the quality of its drama productions which are held in our Burrell Theatre. The school runs a number of major productions throughout the year including an annual whole school play or musical, an annual sixth form drama project (including performing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival every two years) and the junior play in the summer term.

Cornwall

Truro School is located in the county of Cornwall, in south west England. It is surrounded almost exclusively by water which makes it ideal for those who love to spend their downtime at the beach, surfing, sailing, windsurfing or just enjoying a coastal walk. With the nearest beach only a 15-20 minute drive either north or south from Truro School, it is most certainly a life style choice of many. Take a look at www.visitcornwall.com for more information about how to get here, where to stay and what's on.



TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

If you are appointed to the role, a formal offer will first be made verbally and then followed up with an offer letter and contract of employment. The following are for guidance and may or may not be available at the time of offer. Benefits are subject to change from time to time.

- Competitive salary based on the Truro School Salary Scales
- Pension scheme
- Lunch provided
- Free membership of the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre and pool facilities
- Free weekly fitness classes for staff only
- Access to a wide range of books, magazines and DVDs through the School library
- Free parking
- Free fruit, tea, coffee and use of an espresso machine
- Discounted school fees
- Employee Assistance Program
- Cycle to Work scheme
- Employee benefits platform
- Continued Professional Development and training possibilities.

Appointment Date

This role is a permanent, term time only position working part time, 29 hours per week. The working week will look like the following:

- Monday- 11:00am till 18:00pm
- Tuesday- 11:00am till 18:00pm
- Wednesday- 11:00am till 17:00pm
- Thursday- 11:00am till 17:00pm
- Friday- 11:00am till 16:00pm

Salary

The role is graded at NT1 on the Truro Salary Scales and is £13,260 per annum (based on a full time equivalent of £23,400pa).

Pension Scheme

Truro School complies with its legal obligations to provide access to a pension scheme. All staff have the option of joining the defined contribution L&G Pension Scheme for Truro School staff. Teaching staff also have the option of the Teachers' Pension Scheme.

Employee Assistance Program/Employee Benefits Platform

Truro School utilises Care First as our EAP provider so all employees have access to a 24/7 helpline and website support. In addition, this platform gives to access hundreds of discounts, offers and savings from high street retailers to holidays, Marks & Spencer to Bloom & Wild.

Other Employment Checks

The offer of employment will be conditional upon satisfactory receipt of the following;

1. Proof of right to work in the UK
2. Acceptable self-disclosure form
3. Overseas criminal record check (if you have resided or worked out of the UK in the past 3 years)
4. Two satisfactory references
5. Evidence of qualifications held
6. Barred List check
7. TRA and section 128 check (if applicable)
8. Fitness to Work Questionnaire



APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for this position, you will need to complete and submit a formal application using our Truro School application form. We are unable to accept any CVs. This should be emailed to recruitment@truroschool.com or mailed to the School address.

Through the submission of your application form you should demonstrate your qualifications, skill, and experience in relation to the role you are applying for. This information will be assessed against the requirements detailed in the job description.

Once the closing date for applications has been reached we will shortlist applicants and you will be contacted in order to either be invited to interview or to be notified that you have not been successful this time. Our shortlisting process utilises anonymised application forms in order to avoid any bias. If you are called for interview you will be asked to provide your right to work in the UK evidence, complete a self-disclosure form and provide a copy of your qualifications. Additional selection methods such as preparation and delivery of a lesson, a presentation or activities/tasks may be used and you will be notified in advance if that is the case.

References may be taken up prior to interview.

All applicants must be prepared to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and undergo any other appropriate child protection screening including checks with past employers.

The post for which you have applied is exempt from Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975, amended 2013. If you are shortlisted and invited to interview, you must declare any relevant warnings, reprimands, cautions and/or convictions by completing a self disclosure form prior to interview. Any positive disclosure will be discussed at interview.

Any information given will be treated in strict confidence and will be considered only in relation to your application for this post. Truro School does not discriminate against candidates with irrelevant criminal convictions. For further information on which offences should be disclosed please visit:

<http://hub.unlock.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/What-will-be-filtered-by-the-DBS.pdf> and/or view the flowchart on our employment webpage.

Candidates who have a disability or any other special requirement should let the school know so that reasonable adjustments can be made during the recruitment process.

You should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in the application being rejected or summary dismissal if the applicant has been selected and possible referral to the police and/or Department for Education.

We look forward to receiving your application.

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