

THE EUROPA SCHOOL UK, Culham, Near Abingdon, Oxfordshire, is seeking to appoint:

Headteacher Of Primary (L17-L21, ages 4-11)

Start date: April 2012 or as early as possible thereafter.

The school plans to open early September 2012 with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (56 children per year) but from 1st September 2017, it will become fully-operational with 800+ pupils aged 4-19.

We are seeking to appoint an inspiring Primary phase leader of talent, energy and vision to be the founding Primary Headteacher of The Europa School UK who will work closely and support the newly-appointed Principal designate of ESUK. ESUK is a Free School offering an academically-rigorous education to children from all parts of the local community, regardless of background, income, ability or faith.

The driving vision for the school – underpinned by our passionate belief in the educational and economic benefits of multi-lingual and multi-cultural education - is our determination for every pupil to develop a deep understanding and enjoyment of all learning. Our school will specialise in Modern European Languages and Sciences. Expertise or experience in science or language education would therefore be advantageous.

From the age of 4, our children will learn in two languages: French and English or German and English. They will study a rounded, creative European curriculum.

The exceptional person we will appoint as our Primary Head will need to be able to demonstrate competence in a modern European language (preferably French or German as well as English) and a capacity for success in all the following areas :

- Providing effective leadership
- Securing equality of access for all pupils to a high-quality teaching, learning and social environment – and to outstanding educational outcomes
- Celebrating and promoting the virtues and achievements of innovative bi-lingual teaching and multi-lingual education
- Managing complex organisational and cultural change
- Recruiting, developing and retaining multi- and bi-lingual staff of exceptional calibre
- Ensuring that the curriculum meets the requirements of both the English National Curriculum and the European Curriculum
- Helping to secure the school's accreditation as a Type 2 or Type 3 European School

Do you have the educational experience, charisma and intellectual ability to lead this project? If so, we'd like you to apply to become Primary Headteacher of The Europa School UK.

Additional information and an application form can be down-loaded from www.europaschooluk.org

Prospective candidates who would like to discuss the post informally are also encouraged to contact Sam Williams (Tel: +44 (0)207 812 2673. Mob: +44(0)7825 114 166) who is working with our DfE-appointed consultants, EC Harris.

Application deadline: Feb 14th (by email or post) to sam.williams@echarris.co.uk

Interviews: 27th Feb – 8th March (tbc)

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