

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

The Principal (L25-L31, TBC, ages 4-19)

Start date: April 2012 or as early as possible thereafter

**Opening early September 2012 with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (56 per year group)
(From 1st September 2017 fully-operational with 800+ pupils aged 4-19)**

We are seeking to appoint an inspiring leader of talent, energy and vision to be the founding Principal of The Europa School UK. 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 which could lead, once the new school achieves accreditation, to the European Baccalaureate at 18/19.

The exceptional person we will appoint as our Principal 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 strong leadership that inspires pupils, staff, parents, governors and all members of the wider community
- 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 this innovative bi-lingual and multi-lingual education
- Managing complex organisational and cultural change – particularly during the years when the number of pupils will increase year on year
- 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
- Securing 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 Principal 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)

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

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