



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT – TWO BOATS SCHOOL

VACANCY NOTICE

Primary and Secondary School Teachers, Assistant & Deputy Head

About the role

Two Boats School is a delightful primary and secondary school on the beautiful and tiny island of Ascension in the South Atlantic. We have approximately 70 students between the ages of 3-16 (Primary 40, Secondary 30) and we offer a range of subjects up to IGCSE level.

What you'll do

Due to the nature of employment contracts on Ascension, we have a number of teaching vacancies we are looking to fill from September 2021:

Primary Sector – Full-time teaching posts. Teachers are expected to teach combined year groups i.e – Years 1 & 2 or Years 5 & 6.

Secondary Sector – Full-time teaching posts. Due to the unique nature and size of the school, with very small class sizes, it is essential that teachers are adaptable and able to teach one or more subjects outside of their specialism to sometimes combined year groups. The subjects we need to fill are:

To GCSE Level

- Mathematics
- English Language
- English Literature
- History
- Geography
- French (one term only to cover maternity leave)

To KS3 Level

- Science
- French (one term only to cover maternity leave)
- Music

Deputy Head

As a key member of the three-person leadership team, we're looking for one of the teaching posts to fulfill the roles of Deputy Head and Assistant Head. This may be across either primary or secondary sector, and will be in conjunction with delivering a near on full-time subject area post above.

What you'll bring

With ideally 2-3 years' experience, you'll hold qualified teacher status, ideally to UK GCSE or IB standards. You'll have strong interpersonal and communication skills (oral and written) and you'll be excited and passionate about working as part of a small team of professionals making a big difference to the education and development of children on Ascension Island.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of between £20,115 and £21,645 – dependent on qualifications and experience (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts accompanied status contracts and the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with Accompanied or Single status electricity and water allowances)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £6,700 per annum (or if Single status £3350)
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check and Teacher Status checks
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance (employee and any accompanying dependents)

What's it like to work on Ascension?

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-34°C). We are part of the wider British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and 800 miles from our nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. Ascension Island has no right of abode, so all people living on the island are employees or dependents of one of the organisations here. Children accompanying parents up to the age of 18 are dependents, following which they are either required to take up their own employment on the island, or move away.

Travel to and from the island is a challenge, even more so with current travel restrictions worldwide. A charter flight travels to Ascension via St Helena from the UK, and returns, approximately every 5-6 weeks. Teachers joining us for September would be required to fly to Ascension from the UK during August 2021.

To thrive here on this unique, challenging and beautiful island, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in an incredibly small community.

Closing date: Monday 24 May 2021

First stage interviews: End of May

Required start date: Fly to Ascension in August 2021 for the start of the September term.

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/

If you have any queries about the role, email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac