



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT
~ TWO BOATS SCHOOL ~



VACANCY NOTICE

Secondary Teacher (Science)

September 2022 start – 2-year fixed term contract

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. The school has just recently being through a COBIS audit and has been granted Compliance status with 5 commendations. Two Boats School is a happy school, with a welcoming and friendly atmosphere. Students are well behaved; keen to learn and achieve. Staff are committed to the pastoral wellbeing of their students, as well as their academic success. There is a friendly and family like atmosphere in the school. Parents appreciate the work of the school and feel that their children are cared for in all aspects of their school life.

What you'll do

We have a vacancy for a Secondary Teacher to teach Science (Primarily KS3 Science with some GCSE lessons) with effect from the start of the new academic year September 2022 term. Due to the size of the school, teachers are required to teach other subjects. The ability and willingness to teach Music, Drama or PSHE would be an advantage. Travel to Ascension would be during the last week of August 2022.

What you'll bring

With ideally 2-3 years' experience, you'll hold qualified teacher status, ideally to St Helenian, UK 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 £20,750 and £22,300 – 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 £3,350)
- 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 South Africa, and returns, approximately every 4 weeks. 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: Friday 8 July 2022

First stage interviews: w/c 11 July by Skype

Required start date: Requirement to fly to Ascension from the UK or St Helena w/c 22 August 2022 to board flight from South Africa / St Helena on 27 August 2022

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