

Senior Teacher

Job Description 2023



Job Title: Senior Teacher

Line Manager: Director of Studies, Centre Manager

ST1=£600 = Good with previous experience (2+) defined as a minimum 2 academic years + 4 weeks summer school

ST2=£660 = Worked with Churchill House previously

Salary is paid weekly in arrears and the final salary payment includes 12.07% accrued holiday pay. Full board residential accommodation is provided free of charge

Returner Bonus: Staff who worked for Churchill House previously will receive a £100 Returner Bonus, paid with their first payroll.

Increments available:

- Zig-Zag teaching (Usually St Lawrence College only but possible elsewhere) - Teachers will receive an additional increment of £50 for each week they are required to teach 30 or more contact hours in a given teaching week

TEFLQ teachers (i.e. those who have completed the full DELTA/Dip.TESOL and meet British Council TEFLQ requirements) will receive an additional £30 per week

We also pay a completion bonus at the end of the contract. This is only paid to employees who complete their full contract.

General Overview

Senior Teachers have a dual academic role: they are responsible for delivering and planning engaging English lessons as part of the normal teaching programme while providing academic support for the DOS for approximately 15 hours per week instead of taking part in daytime activities. They are responsible for ensuring that students are safe, happy and participating both in and out of the classroom.

Teaching Duties

- Teach 15 hours contact time per week except for St Lawrence College and some possibly some other centres where STs might be required to teach a maximum of 30 hours per week if necessary. However, where student ratios permit, the Senior Teacher may be taken out of class to provide 1st cover/extra admin support to the DOS.
- Plan and implement schemes of work and lesson plans in support of the above
- Deliver lessons which are 'good' (according to the CHSC definition of a 'good lesson')
- Attend 1 teacher development workshop per week
- Write reports as required
- Keep class register and other administrative paperwork up to date and submitted by the deadlines set
- Any other duties reasonably delegated by the Director of Studies

Academic Support

- Assist the DOS by providing administrative and academic support e.g. assisting in placing students in class, preparing testing materials.
- Provide the first line of support to teachers e.g. helping them plan and prepare their lessons
- If not teaching, the ST provides 1st cover or cover to allow peer observations

Activities, excursions and pastoral care duties (reporting to the AM)

- Participate actively, enthusiastically and effectively in evening and weekend activities as required (Senior Teachers are not usually required to take part in daytime activities due to their academic support duties)
- Assist in monitoring and maintaining student discipline
- Ensure the safety of the students at all times
- Work with enthusiasm and to the standard expected by Churchill House Summer Centres
- Any other duties reasonably delegated by the Activity Manager

General Duties

- Ensure that students do not breach the rules of the school
- Engage with students in a friendly but professional manner
- Ensure student behaviour is of the required standard and that non-accidental damage is kept to a minimum
- Assist at any time, whether on duty or not, with an emergency situation or where a student is ill, injured or absent without permission
- Cover at least one night duty per week
- Assist at night-time, whether on duty or not, if there are students out of their rooms

Hours of Work

Senior Teachers are expected to be flexible with their hours. Senior Teachers receive one day off per week. Hours can be unsocial and may include early/late starts and split shifts. Senior Teachers will be required to work one night duty per week (11pm until 2am) after which they may be required to remain on call in their own accommodation building.

Location

Churchill House operates schools at venues throughout the UK. The location of the position is specified in the contract although teachers may be asked to change venue if circumstances change.

Professional Development

The role of Senior Teacher is seen as a potential stepping-stone to an academic management position, for which a TEFLQ qualification would be necessary. Senior Teachers interested in completing the DELTA course may apply for the company's Diploma funding programme (see Teacher's Manual for details).

Senior Teachers returning to Churchill House in subsequent years may be entitled to a higher level of contract completion bonus.

How to Apply

To apply for this position please send your full CV and covering letter/email to recruitment@churchillhouse.co.uk

Person Specification – Senior Teacher

Criteria	Essential	Preferable
Personal Attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional attitude to teaching • Excellent teaching skills • Willingness to take a full part in the activities programme as an integral and very important part of the students' experience • Energetic, motivated and personable • Excellent Communicator • Strong awareness of cross-cultural considerations • A professional approach to problem solving • Flexibility • Diplomacy and tact • Enjoys working with children and young adults • Has a professional attitude to working with children and young people 	
Attainments/ Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability/knowledge to successfully teach all levels up to a minimum of upper intermediate level, providing accurate pronunciation modelling and meeting the CHSC definition of a 'Good' lesson, as set out in the CHSC Teachers Manual • Able to organise their own work/time and that of others • Basic administration skills • Ability to deliver coherent and stimulating schemes of work and lessons • Able to motivate and support other teachers in their teaching 	
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree or above education or equivalent (preferred) • An English (EFL) teaching qualification which matches the British Council TEFLI standard or higher e.g CELTA, CertTESOL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of one/more modules of a TEFLQ qualification e.g. DELTA, Dip TESOL
Previous Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous residential summer school teaching experience • Previous experience working with overseas students • Experience teaching juniors and young learners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous experience of providing support to other teachers
Physical Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to lead groups for long periods of time (during excursions/walking tours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate level of physical fitness enabling individuals to take part in sporting activities.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO AMEND OR ADD TO THIS JOB DESCRIPTION IN RESPONSE TO COMPANY NEEDS

Safer Recruitment Statement

Churchill House is committed to providing a safe, secure environment for its students and expects all employees to have a positive attitude towards the care of students and play a full role in implementing all our Safeguarding policies. As part of our Safeguarding policy we operate a Safer Recruitment policy which aims to ensure that employees are suitable people to work with children and young adults before employing them in our organisation.

As part of our safer recruitment policy all applicants will be required to:

- Submit a full chronological CV. You will be required to explain any gaps in your employment history.
- All employees will be required to sign a Children Act declaration to state that they are not barred from working with minors. Providing false information on this form is a criminal offence under UK law.
- All employees will be expected to provide proof of identity and all relevant qualifications (originals only) – photocopies will be taken for our records.
- Overseas residents will be required to provide a recent certificate of good conduct (COGC) from the relevant local authority in their country of residence.
- Provide suitable references (see below)
- Undergo DBS checks (see below)

All offers of employment are subject to the successful completion of this process. Any failure of the employee to provide accurate and timely information could result in their contract being cancelled with immediate effect.

Reference checks

All applicants will be asked to provide the contact details of suitable professional referees who have knowledge of your work and personal conduct. These referees should be your most recent employers, wherever possible, but we may also approach your other former employers. Personal references are not usually acceptable. All references will be taken up before employment and they will be asked specifically about your suitability to work with under 18 year olds.

New applicants to Churchill House will be asked to provide two referees. Returning staff, who worked for the company in summer 2018 or 2019 will be asked to provide one referee who must be able to give an up to date reference

Background checks for overseas residents

All non-UK residents and non-UK nationals will be required to provide a recent Certificate of Good Conduct (COGC) from the relevant local authority in their country of residence/origin.

DBS checks

All employees are required to have a valid Enhanced DBS certificate, regardless of whether you are a UK resident or not.

Employees who have subscribed to the DBS update service and can also provide us with the original DBS certificate for checking are not normally asked to undergo a new DBS check, provided that the certificate covers the contracted role. All other employees must undergo an Enhanced DBS check for which they will be asked to contribute 50% of the cost (£24.40), deducted from the first payroll.

Failure of the employee to complete the DBS application in good time could result in the immediate cancellation of the contract, though employees who have completed the application and are at the final stage of processing (awaiting final certificate issue) may be employed in a more restricted role with additional supervision until the certificate is issued. Continued employment under such arrangements is at the discretion of the Summer Centres Director and will be reviewed weekly.

DBS checks returned with adverse information (i.e. a criminal record) will be assessed according to our Safeguarding policy and a decision made by the Summer Centres Director as to whether the person can be employed. Should the person already be working for Churchill House they will be suspended without pay and asked to leave campus until the issue is investigated to the company's satisfaction.

Data Protection Statement

All personal information gathered by Churchill House about applicants and employees will be handled in the strictest confidence and protected according to this policy.

All applicants will be asked to provide information that will allow us to make decisions about your employment. If, for whatever reason, you are not subsequently employed, all information relating to your application (including emails, forms and submitted documents) will be deleted completely by the end of the calendar year.

Churchill House will review and reduce employee data in HR systems at the end of each calendar year. If you are not subsequently re-employed your data (including emails, forms and submitted documents) will be reduced to that required to provide a suitable reference for a maximum of 5 years, though information relating to payroll and Safeguarding will be kept in line with UK legal requirements.