

HEAD OF ENGLISH (FIRST LANGUAGE)

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and inspiring Head of English to lead a small but growing department (it should be noted that EAL is a separate department) up to and including the IB from September 2022.

Founded in 2015, Le Régent is a rapidly developing Swiss boarding and day school with an international academic programme. Just over 200 students from Switzerland and around the world are educated in a modern campus in the heart of the Valais Alps in the attractive and lively ski resort of Crans-Montana. Le Régent has been under the guidance of Institut Le Rosey (www.rosey.ch) since August 2019.

Le Régent follows a rigorous academic programme in English in preparation for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme and for its own diploma, the Régent Graduation Diploma, while nurturing the individual talents of each student with its diverse extracurricular offering, including sports, arts, music and mountain activities.

English is self-evidently a key department at Le Régent and its current Head has ensured that English is seen as more than a communication tool. We would like to appoint a successor able to maintain and develop the quality and range of writing and speaking in English both across the curriculum and in English language and literature classes.

Junior and Secondary school students follow an adapted version of the UK curriculum with the "Pre-IB" leading in some cases to IGCSEs and then the IB Diploma, where the school offers the Language and Literature course at both standard and Higher Level. The future introduction of the A Literature course is also a possibility. Teaching allocations are shared across the department and we would hope to appoint a candidate able to teach at all secondary levels.

Academic standards are high, although many students have English as a second if impressive language; class sizes are small and the international student and teaching body ensures an interesting and stimulating classroom and school atmosphere. The school's exceptional location and outdoor education programme and the chance to ski during the winter season are important attractions for both students and staff.

About half of the school population is made up of day students, boarding life is vibrant and many local children take the opportunity to experience boarding on a flexi model. The successful candidate will have the positive outlook required to be part of a boarding community and provide a positive presence in the school. In particular, the candidate will have the drive to foster a love of learning allied with high academic standards.



UK APPLICANTS

UK nationals should be aware that regulations to obtain a work permit are both lengthy and considerably tighter for third-state (such as UK) nationals than they are for most Europeans. Although it is possible that we will appoint a UK national, preference will be given to candidates possessing a Swiss residence permit or an EU/EFTA passport.

RECRUITMENT PROCEDURES

We reserve the right to appoint the right candidate ahead of the closing date. Appointment to take effect from September 2022.

Applications should be through the <u>TES website</u>. Closing date for applications: 8th December 2021.

Le Régent is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants will therefore need to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post.