



IPSWICH SCHOOL

TEACHER of MATHS

Fixed-term, Maternity Cover, part-time 0.45 FTE

Likely to be required from September 2026 to May 2027

THE ROLE

We are looking for a talented, experienced and creative individual to assume a part-time teaching position within the department, ideally teaching from KS3 to KS5, but we welcome applications from those without KS5 experience. This is a Maternity Cover and is likely to end in the summer half term, at the end May 2027.

We have a seven-strong team of specialist mathematicians, who have in common their professionalism and enthusiasm for their subject. Maths is the largest subject in the school and there are currently 52 mathematicians in the Lower Sixth and 45 in the Upper Sixth. 22 of our Sixth Form mathematicians are studying Further Maths.

We are looking to appoint an effective classroom practitioner who has scholarly flair and an infectious enthusiasm for the subject. As the November 2025 report by ISI Inspectors confirmed, *“pupils gain high levels of numeracy and literacy. Teachers use their secure subject knowledge to explain complex ideas clearly.”*

Pupils come to us from a range of schools, including our feeder Prep School. Setting starts mid-way through Year 7 and classes contain between 18 and 24 students. We make classes in the lower sets smaller than this whenever possible. Pupils in Year 9 start the EDEXCEL GCSE course, which all sets complete during Year 11. The top set in Year 9 will also aim to complete the freestanding Additional Mathematics qualification in Year 11.

At A Level, the department uses the Linear OCR specification. Students who are also taking Further Maths broadly complete the A level Maths syllabus in the Lower Sixth and their Further Maths in the Upper Sixth.

We offer all of our pupils an appropriate level of challenge: we enter pupils for a range of mathematical competitions and regional team challenges. STEP maths classes are also available for our most able sixth form mathematicians.

The Department's dedicated Maths rooms are equipped with interactive television screens and extensive use is made of *Autograph*, *MyMaths*, and *Integral Maths* software.

If you are invited for interview and talk to our staff, they will be very positive about the attractions of working here and, in particular, will mention:

- the co-operative, positive nature of our relationships with pupils
- the well-resourced facilities and high levels of investment in buildings and equipment
- the academic calibre of our pupils and the intellectual stimulus of working with them

- the possibility of enjoying and sharing our interests with pupils by offering sport, music, drama and a whole range of activities
- the friendliness of staff, both teaching and non-teaching, and the feeling of working together for the common good
- the pleasure that comes from knowing that you have really 'made a difference' through your work as a pastoral tutor or in helping the pupils' personal development.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The School operates a five-day week, with representative sports on Saturdays. Games, CCF, Community Service and a variety of other activities take place on Thursday afternoons. All who teach at the School make some contribution to school life outside their own specialisation, as well as to our programme of pastoral support.

The School is fully co-educational and, with its own Preparatory School and Day Nursery caters for pupils from 3 months -18 years.

The School has a salary scale which mirrors but is more generous than that of the maintained sector. Currently there is generous remission of fees for children (aged 5 and above) of teaching staff providing there are vacancies and the children fulfil the usual entry requirements.

The School takes seriously its responsibility to provide opportunities for continued professional development. The Government-accredited Induction Scheme for Early Career Teachers is available in independent schools and at Ipswich School we have a very well structured programme of support and guidance. All new teachers receive induction and guidance from the Senior Deputy Head and other senior colleagues, in particular Heads of Department and the Director of Learning and Development. In addition to internally organised staff training, teachers at Ipswich School are encouraged to attend courses and conferences which will further their expertise and career.

Free lunch is provided during term time when the School kitchen is in operation. We have free on-site parking for staff and we are located within easy walking distance of Ipswich town centre.

Ipswich is the county town of Suffolk, with about 150,000 inhabitants. The town has a lively theatre, a renowned football club, a multiplex cinema and a film theatre, a strong musical life, and clubs and societies catering for many sporting and cultural interests. In the summer the Aldeburgh Festival enriches the musical life of the area. Road and rail links to London, Cambridge, the Midlands and the North are excellent, with Liverpool Street being just over an hour away. Also within easy reach are many attractive and historic small towns and villages. The coastline is a special feature, offering large unspoilt areas of beach and estuary for recreation.

Please advise us of any special requirements you may have if you are called for an interview. If your special requirements mean that you need to submit this application in a different format please contact us.

Application forms can be found on our website, at <https://www.ipswich.school/vacancies>

Please email your completed application form, with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees, to hr@ipswich.school **by noon on Thursday 7 May 2026**. Interviews will take place in the week commencing **Monday 11 May 2026**.

PLEASE NOTE

1. Ipswich School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service. Having a criminal record will not necessarily be a bar to obtaining the position. The Ipswich School Policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders and the Code of Practice relating to the Disclosure and Barring Service are available on request.
2. Ipswich School's employees are responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people they are responsible for, or come into contact with. The post holder must adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's Safeguarding Children Policy at all times. If, in the course of carrying out his/her duties, the post holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School he/she must report any concerns to the School's Senior Designated Person for Safeguarding (the Deputy Head [Pastoral] for Senior School pupils, the Prep Head for Preparatory School pupils and the Nursery Manager for The Lodge Day Nursery).
3. Applicants are asked to state if they have a D1 entitlement to drive a minibus, or be willing to take a D1 minibus test if required.
4. Applicants are advised that in the interests of the health and safety of all its pupils and employees, Ipswich School operates a No Smoking Policy which prohibits smoking in any area of the School site.

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