



KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL
BIRMINGHAM

German Language Assistant

King Edward's School is seeking to appoint a native German language assistant on a part time and fixed term basis between October 2024 – June 2025. It is an opportunity to join a strong, enthusiastic, very supportive and friendly Languages Faculty in an exceptional school. We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and no experience of working in the independent sector is required. The school teaches IGCSE and the International Baccalaureate.

We are looking for an enthusiastic German Language Assistant to work both on a one-to-one basis and with larger groups of pupils to prepare them for oral exams and to provide general support in their studies. The candidate appointed will be a native speaker and will have a desire to be part of a team of committed professionals within the Languages Faculty and German Department. The successful candidate will assist teachers in the classroom by producing innovative resources, leading challenging and interesting discussion with pupils to build their confidence and will take a keen interest in the German language and culture.

You will be required to work for a minimum of 12 hours per week term time only, and will be paid the British Council rate of £1,013.05 per month for the duration of the contract. Additional employee benefits include use of gym and swimming pool facilities, free parking and free lunches in term-time.

The successful candidate will visibly maintain the highest professional standards, have excellent interpersonal communication, presentational and ICT skills and have the ability to work flexibly within the school structure.

The Languages Faculty

The study of foreign languages is central to the life of any IB school. Every boy studies at least one language; many study two to GCSE and beyond. The faculty is therefore large and varied with 17 teachers including Head of Faculty and three Heads of Department. French, Spanish, German, Latin and Ancient Greek are offered in various combinations to GCSE in the first five years and at IB. In Years 12 and 13, Standard and Higher Level courses in all three languages provide the opportunity to build on existing knowledge. There is also the option to start a new language from scratch by choosing an ab initio course.

At IB we offer a total of nine options in each of Years 12 and 13. In most years, beginners' or ab initio courses are on offer in all three languages together with Standard and Higher Level courses. In a typical year, the majority of our pupils can expect to achieve a 6 or 7 on the IB's seven-point scale and we have a strong track record of providing talented, thoroughly grounded undergraduates to some of the best universities including Oxford and Cambridge. Just as important, every King Edward's student, whatever their chosen degree course, leaves the school able to communicate confidently in at least one foreign language.

How to apply

To apply for this role, forward a completed application form (available for download at: <https://kes.org.uk/about-us/work-with-us/>) and a covering letter addressed to Dan Chalkley, Head of Languages Faculty, outlining why you feel that your skills and experience would equip you to take on this role, by email to: kesrecruitment@keschools.org.uk.

The deadline for applications is **9am on Monday 30th September 2024**. However, applications will be reviewed on receipt and so early applications are encouraged. We reserve the right to bring forward the closing date and interview date if sufficient applications have been received.

Interviews will provisionally take place during the week commencing 30th September, unless the position has already been filled.

If you have any queries about the role or would like to discuss it in more detail, please contact the Head of Languages Faculty, Dan Chalkley by email: d.chalkley@keschools.org.uk

King Edward's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants invited to interview will be required to provide proof of identity, preferably a birth certificate, although where this is not available we will accept other forms of ID. Online searches will also be carried out for all shortlisted candidates, as required by Keeping Children Safe in Education. Successful candidates will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check and other pre-employment checks. A copy of the School's Recruitment, Selection and Disclosure Policy is available on the website www.kes.org.uk.