



Teacher of ESOL
(English for Speakers of Other Languages)
Sessional – Evenings
Application Pack





Letter from the Principal

Thank you for your interest in Woking College.

Woking College is an oversubscribed and highly successful college of over 1800 students drawing students from more than 60 different schools. Our very successful focus will always be to create the very best environment for high quality of teaching and learning. We have a very broad range of enrichment activities, in order to greatly enhance the cultural capital and future prospects of our students. We place a very strong emphasis on maintaining our wonderful community, we have a more diverse College population than might be thought of as typical for Surrey and we are determined to maintain our inclusive ethos, which also includes a thriving adult community programme. We are fully committed to innovation whilst maintaining a humane and caring approach for all members of the College community which has resulted in the doubling of the student population in recent years. These approaches were key to securing Grade 1 'Outstanding' in all seven categories in our October 2022 Ofsted inspection.

Woking College is enjoying record results, very positive value-added and an abundance of applications and quite rightly has a teaching and learning culture which is the envy of other institutions, indeed in recent staff surveys over 95% of College staff said they were proud to work at Woking College!

We believe that our physical environment should also inspire our staff and students. All have benefitted hugely from an impressive transformation of the College's estate over recent years, with the completion of a new Sports Centre (2014), a new Art building (2015) and a modern and larger Science Building (2016). A full size 3G pitch was completed in 2020. A £3m teaching block opened in early 2023, and a further £3m project working collaboratively with the adjacent community centre opened in September 2023 enhancing our Performing Arts facilities even further.

We recognise the advantages of collaboration and have worked hard over the years to build and maintain close working relationships with other education providers and the Local Authority. The College has been a long-standing member of S7, the Surrey and Sussex group of Sixth Form Colleges, arguably the leading college consortium nationally, and we look forward to continued positive engagement with schools, colleges and the local community for the benefit of all.

With strong leadership from our passionate and committed senior leadership team, and with the support of excellent teaching and support staff across all areas, we look forward to the continued evolution of the College; we also look forward to meeting committed, engaging and passionate people who want to join us to further enhance the life-chances and choices of our students – which is of course our main mission as educators.

We very much look forward to receiving your application.

Brett Freeman
Principal



The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and successful applicants will be subject to Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. The College is committed to equal opportunities.

The Role

We are seeking an inspiring and enthusiastic Teacher of ESOL (Sessional) to join our adult evening provision. If you bring energy, passion, and experience in teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages, we would love to hear from you. You will be joining a friendly, supportive team within a College that prides itself on exceptional facilities and a strong sense of community.

Candidates must be available to deliver the evening classes, which typically run from 7pm to 9.15pm - the number of evenings can be discussed at interview.

The College has a strong sense of community, the new academic year will see the current Deputy Principal progressing to the role of Principal, enabling the College the opportunity to build on its strong foundations of leadership while looking ahead to the new phase of our development. Joining us now means contributing to a department and College community that is genuinely committed to making a difference.

Applications from Teachers in Schools, Sixth Form College and Adult Education sectors are welcome. A full mentoring programme is provided to introduce all new staff to sixth form college systems and procedures and to support and encourage professional development. We are looking for an exceptional candidate to join the team and inspire our students. We expect high performance from all our staff and candidates should demonstrate their ability and suitability to both the role and the culture of the College. After reviewing the job description, we strongly encourage candidates to explore our website to gain a deeper understanding of the College's culture, values, and aspirations.

The ESOL team consists of a Head of Department, 3 teaching staff and 5 sessional teachers, delivering daytime and evening classes to 16-19 year olds and adult learners. We offer provision from Entry Level to Level 2 and serve a diverse community, including Syrian and Ukrainian refugees.

The College's most recent Ofsted rated the Adult Learning programmes as Outstanding, commenting:

"Leaders, managers and staff are rightly proud of the high-quality ESOL courses which successfully improve the life chances of adults in the community. Together they identified the increased number of refugees in the community and skilfully designed a foundation course to help these students develop their skills and confidence. As a result, most quickly progress on the ESOL programme."

We are proud of the transformative impact our ESOL provision has on learners - helping them build confidence, develop more accurate grammar and a wider vocabulary, achieve personal goals, and expand their future opportunities.

College dates: the 2026/2027 academic year starts on Tuesday 25 August 2026 for staff and 16-18 year old student enrolment.

ESOL enrolment: will take place in the first week of September 2026, with classes starting shortly afterwards.

Evening times: Typically, evening classes run from 7pm to 9.15pm

Hourly rate: £34.73 hourly teaching rate (£20.55 hourly meeting rate)



Why work with us?

Woking College has a strong sense of community in which everyone is valued; we look forward to welcoming new members of staff to join our team.

We have an inclusive ethos, and are proud of our diverse students and staff community. The College is committed to safeguarding, alongside our core values of inclusiveness, adhering to the highest personal, professional and academic standards, supporting individual wellbeing, supportive management and positive relationship and a sustainable future for all. We expect all staff, volunteers and others involved in the College community to share this commitment.

Following our grading as Outstanding at our Ofsted inspection in October 2022, Ofsted stated that:

“Staff feel proud to work at the College. They are exceptionally positive about the culture leaders have created. They describe leaders as visible, approachable and highly focussed on staff wellbeing. Leaders celebrate achievement frequently in staff forums which helps staff to feel recognised, highly valued and a member of the Woking College family.”

Staff survey results state that:

- ✓ 95% of staff are proud to work at Woking College.
 - ✓ 99% agreed that leaders are considerate of staff wellbeing.
- A positive approach to staff development; including regular cross-College sharing best practice sessions
 - Regular whole-College communication including weekly staff briefings
 - Regular departmental meetings to ensure support and share departmental best practice
 - Excellent student behaviour and productive working relationships with the Student Union
 - Excellent links with local schools, businesses and universities
 - Welcoming, friendly and approachable community, a harmonious working atmosphere
 - Laptop for all teaching staff

S7 Consortium:

- Opportunities for staff training within the S7 consortium of Colleges & liaison with peers within the consortium: [S7 Professional Development Video](#)

Benefits include:

- Free on-site parking
- Staff room with free hot drinks available to all staff, Friday cakes
- Onsite canteen with a range of healthy options to purchase, and a Costa coffee shop
- Regular staff social events: bowling, staff quiz, summer BBQ, weekend walks/cycling, Christmas lunch, Christmas party
- College gym available for staff use, yoga classes, staff football (new 3G pitch), run club
- Staff clubs/support groups: book club, menopause group, group for parents/carers of children with mental health concerns
- Access to prayer/multi faith room
- Free eye test vouchers
- Flu jab
- Cycle to work scheme
- Pension: eligible employees will be automatically enrolled in the Teacher’s Pension Scheme, or the Local Government Pension Scheme (support staff), unless you decide to opt-out
- Employee support: staff have access to a confidential employee support helpline
- Location: Excellent train links from London Waterloo and the South Coast, walking distance of Woking station. Close to A3, M25 & M3 junctions



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Application & Selection

Application forms are available to download from our website: [Staff Vacancies](#) Please note that CVs will not be accepted on their own. Applicants must be able to provide evidence of their **Right to Work in the UK** - the College is unable to sponsor work visas.

We would like to see your passion for the role in your **supporting statement**, please use this opportunity to include:

- personal skills and previous experience that are relevant to this role;
- what you will bring to the College community;
- Courses you have taught, and results in these areas;
- Training you have undertaken to enable you to be successful in your role;
- Please ensure **education** and **employment history** is completed fully, gaps in employment must be accounted for under the section entitled "Periods when not working".

To return a completed application, or for any queries regarding the role or your application, please contact Kirsty Crook via: recruitment@woking.ac.uk

- **Closing date:** 9am, Thursday 14 May 2026
- **Interviews:** to be held on Wednesday 20 May 2026

Shortlisted candidates will be notified and invited to interview, full details of the interview process will be provided, and references will be requested.

All applicants will receive acknowledgement of their application, however, please note that it is not possible to inform candidates who have been unsuccessful at short-listing, due to time constraints.

Safeguarding

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The College encourages all candidates to be familiar with the following documents, which are available to view on the College's [Staff Vacancies](#) page:

- Section 1 of the DfE paper on "Keeping Children Safe in Education" September 2025
- Woking College's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.
- In line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) the College asks candidates to consider the Privacy Notice for Job Applicants



Job Description

Post Title: Teacher (Sessional)

Responsible: Head of Department

Job Purpose: Teaching and developing within Curriculum Area(s) in the College

Job Responsibilities

1. To work with those teaching within the Department to create an environment in which the aims of the Department, Curriculum and College can be achieved.
2. To attend regularly meetings of the Department and, when requested, the Curriculum Area, to enable issues relating to the Department, Curriculum Area and College to be discussed.
3. To assist in the provision of appropriate courses and the promotion of activities to provide for and support the learning needs of students within the Department.
4. To fulfil one's own responsibilities as a teaching member of the Department, in accordance with the quality standards of the Department.
5. To promote:
 - i) the Department's contribution to the cross-curricular work in the College
 - ii) the opportunities offered by the Department to students not taking an examination course.
 - iii) the use of ICT in the classroom teaching and learning.
6. To work to improve one's professional performance by taking advantage of the department's opportunities to develop skills and broaden experience and participating in the College's appraisal arrangements.
7. To assist in managing effectively and efficiently the physical resources of the Department. In particular, to:
 - i) consider the use of accommodation and to make recommendations to the Head of Department for its continued and improved use
 - ii) suggest suitable items for departmental expenditure
 - iii) observe the College's health and safety policies and encourage safe working practices.
8. To assist in the arrangements within the Department for the induction of students and monitoring progress, offering guidance to students where necessary and liaising with parents where appropriate.
9. If required, to be a personal tutor, and subject to timetabling, to meet the responsibilities defined by the College for personal tutors and be answerable in that context to the Principal.
10. To assist in the arrangements made for students to receive advice on courses in Higher Education and Career opportunities related to, or progressing from those in the Department, ensuring that references are produced when requested.
11. To assist in the setting up and organisation of College examinations in the subjects covered by the Department and assisting, where necessary, the Examinations Officer in the supervision of public examinations.

12. To ensure that departmental records are kept up to date. To share in the recording and analysis of internal examinations, Alps and external examination results and, with the Head of Department, take whatever action is necessary to sustain and improve performance by students.
13. When necessary and appropriate, to represent the Department at meetings and to publicise the work of the Department at the various events in the College and its partner schools.
14. To act at all times in accordance with the College's Equality & Diversity policies.
15. To act at all times in accordance with the College's Safeguarding policy. Ensuring the safeguarding of students at the College, recognising one's own role in liaison with the designated safeguarding team.
16. To contribute to the safety policies of the College as directed by the Principal and to ensure that Health & Safety Regulations are observed within the Curriculum Areas and within the College in general.
17. To take part in the training programmes provided by the College and agree to the process of professional reviews.
18. To undertake any other particular duties which may be reasonably assigned to you by the Principal from time to time.

Person Specification

The person appointed will be expected to have:

- An understanding and support for the ethos of the College.
- The ability to teach ESOL classes (English for Speakers of Other Languages) from Entry Level 1 to Level 2.
- A commitment to the principle of continuous improvement and empathy with the College's aim of providing quality education in a supportive environment.
- Suitable qualifications – educated to degree level in appropriate subject.
- Experience of working with or the ability to work flexibly within a department or teaching team.
- Positive interpersonal, organisational and IT skills.
- An awareness of the need for personal development, both as a member of a team and as an individual.
- Qualified Teacher Status.
- A knowledge of the Adult ESOL curriculum, and an awareness of the varying needs of refugees, older learners and those newly arrived in the UK.
- Ability to mark and assess written work with examination board criteria.

