



PGCE Teacher of Computer Science, 1 year contract

Inspire the next generation of Computer Scientists at one of the UK's leading independent schools.

This is an exciting opportunity for a graduate or unqualified teacher to undertake a PGCE from September 2026 to July 2027.

We are seeking a passionate and ambitious graduate to join our thriving Computer Science Department and train to teach in a highly supportive and dynamic environment. This full-time role offers full PGCE sponsorship through the University of Buckingham, an attractive salary, and structured training towards QTS.

Brentwood School is a vibrant and inclusive community, where staff and students are ambitious, supportive, and united by a shared love of learning. The successful candidate will teach Computer Science at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4, with the possibility of some teaching in Sixth Form.

Students are taught Computer Science through computational thinking, problem-solving and practical coding exercises in many languages, particularly C#, Java and JavaScript. We offer the OCR GCSE, IB Diploma HL/SL, and AQA A Level specifications. Members of the department collaborate and contribute jointly to the development of programmes of study, with the ambition to be at the forefront of innovative approaches to teaching and learning. The department is also involved in the development and delivery of our digital literacy curriculum, which supports the School's digital strategy, including the use of Artificial Intelligence.

Job Purpose

The School has an excellent reputation in delivering initial teacher training: the School will pay for the successful candidate's PGCE tuition fee with the University of Buckingham, in addition to their teacher salary, and trainee teachers have a reduced lesson allocation, supportive observations and mentor meetings, and a programme of seminars which build towards attaining QTS. The successful candidate will begin their PGCE training in September 2026, with an induction period before the academic year begins. This opportunity is ideal for recent graduates or career-changers who are looking to enter the teaching profession via a school-based training route.

The successful candidate will also be expected to assist in the support offered to pupils outside the classroom. Furthermore, all teaching staff are expected to participate fully in the wider life of the School through co-curricular involvement.

The Senior Leadership Team is strongly supportive of Computer Science: a progressive, innovative curriculum in Computer Science which forms an important part of the School's long-term strategy intended to prepare students with the skills they need to flourish in the modern world.

Hours

Full Time; 1-year contract

Report to

Head of Computer Science

Key Responsibilities & Accountabilities

- An effective classroom teacher who maintains a positive and purposeful classroom atmosphere and shares good practice through regular discussion and the promotion of forward-thinking ideas.
- Encourage student engagement and achievement through innovative and personalised teaching methods, supporting all learners to reach their potential.
- Promote a safe, inclusive, positive and supportive environment that nurtures the creativity and wellbeing of every student.
- Assess, record and report on the development, progress and attainment of students, and give pertinent constructive feedback.
- Work collaboratively and contribute positively to the departmental team.
- Contribute to departmental schemes of work.
- Engage actively in departmental planning, whole-school responsibilities, and professional development opportunities.
- Contribute to other aspects of education outside the classroom, e.g. residential field trips, Games, clubs and activities.

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Other

- To safeguard the general health and safety of students.
- To promote the general progress and well-being of individual students and of any assigned group of students.
- Most teachers are form tutors, and this is a core part of their responsibilities
- All teachers are members of a House and attend House Assemblies and Sectionals
- To communicate and consult with parents.
- To participate in all relevant meetings.
- To undertake supervision and cover duties as required.
- To contribute to other aspects of education outside of the classroom, e.g. sports, co-curricular clubs and visits.
- To respond positively to reasonable requests from the line manager and to embrace opportunities and challenges.

Person Specification

- Degree in Computer Science or a closely-related discipline.
- Confidence in coding in C#, Java and JavaScript.
- The successful candidate will show a commitment to the success of every student studying Computer Science in the School and should possess a willingness to help students outside the normal teaching day.
- They will be a perceptive and reflective practitioner in the classroom, committed to promoting academic excellence and embracing innovative teaching techniques.
- A dynamic communicator who has a demonstrable enthusiasm for their subject and a proven ability to inspire and motivate pupils at all stages.
- Able to demonstrate a good understanding of current educational thinking and of likely future developments in the subject area, and to be aware of the wider relevance of Computer Science across the curriculum.
- Have an approach to work and collaborating with others that is flexible and enthusiastic.
- The successful candidate will be someone who understands the value of a good-humoured and ethical approach to working with others, knowing that the culture we embody is the one we create.

Safeguarding responsibilities

- Adhere to the School's Safeguarding policy, which includes the staff safeguarding code of conduct, and KCSIE (Part 1);
- Communicate any safeguarding concerns as soon as possible to the DSL or a Deputy DSL. For any serious concerns, speak to a member of the safeguarding team and then record your notes on the online safeguarding reporting system, CPOMS. If you cannot contact a DSL, DDSL, or member of SLT, contact the reception and admin team, who will be able to locate them.
- Report any concern about the safeguarding conduct of a member of staff (or adult supervising children on the school site as part of an external let) to the Headmaster (or to the Chairman of Governors if the concern is about the Headmaster) and to self-refer as needed, following the Safeguarding Policy and Low Level Concerns Protocol;
- Ensure that you always wear your lanyard and challenge anyone who is not wearing a school lanyard or who is wearing a red lanyard while unaccompanied.
- Ensure that registers are completed for each registration period using iSAMS (as a tutor, this will be the am registration). Teachers or cover teachers complete the pm registration at the start of period 6.
- Be aware of the medical and SEND needs of the students in your care and contact the school nurses or Learning Support Department.

Why join us?

- PGCE tuition fully funded
- Competitive independent school salary from day one
- Reduced timetable and full mentoring support during training
- Strong track record of successful teacher training and ongoing professional development
- Popular subject with strong uptake at A Level and IB
- Rich co-curricular life, including fieldwork and trips
- Beautiful campus and state-of-the-art resources
- Generous employee benefits, including generous pension schemes, free sports centre membership, and optional subsidised private healthcare

To find out more about this role, please contact the HR Department at recruitment@brentwood.essex.sch.uk, who will be able to put you in touch with the Head of Department, Graham Kiff.

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