



SHENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHER OF COMPUTER SCIENCE
SEPTEMBER 2025

Information for candidates

Teacher of Computer Science

TLR available for the right candidate

Required September 2025

The role

This is a fantastic opportunity for a passionate and talented practitioner to join our Computer Science Department delivering KS3, KS4 and KS5.

The successful candidate will be an outstanding practitioner or if new to the profession, will have the potential to be so, by being passionate and driven to support the students on their journey through the curriculum.

He/she will make a genuine commitment and input positive contributions within the computer science department, pushing to achieve great results and increase engagement from the pupils. He/she will create stimulating and enriching lesson plans throughout all key stages inspiring the students in their study and their mastery of computer science.

TLR information

We are looking for a colleague with the ability to maintain and develop our high standards and to provide support, stretch and challenge for our learners. Having introduced KS5 in more recent years, we are looking for a subject specialist, who will be able to contribute to the department which prides itself on preparing all students for the technological world, as well as fostering a passion for computing, leading many into careers in the industry.

The department has a fully resourced scheme of work and designated facilities. We are a research-informed school always open to new, innovative ideas to best deliver high quality learning for all of our students. The department is also very proud to be a fun, supportive and welcoming team that provides a wonderful environment in which to work and progress.

Bonus feature, we would be proud to introduce clubs, relevant trips and/or anything else that will bring our computer science department from good to outstanding and really encourage student involvement. Therefore, outside of the box thinking would be ideal for this role.

Our School

Shenfield High School is a standalone 11-18 Academy with a comprehensive ethos and commitment to high academic standards supported by a significant investment in pastoral care and wellbeing.

The school is conveniently located close to Shenfield mainline station on the line into London Liverpool Street and home to the eastern terminus of the new cross rail Elizabeth Line. The school's location attracts outer fringe London allowance.

We can offer you:

- Outer Fringe allowance
- A 'Golden Hello' if you are a direct applicant to the school
- Competitive teaching allocation (all teaching allocations were reduced across the board in 2023-24)
- Employee Assistance programme
- Continuous CPD programme including NPQs and National College qualifications
- A 'Year 3' ECT programme providing continued support if recently qualified
- Sponsorship for overseas teachers

We can also offer you:

- A chance to work alongside an enthusiastic and dedicated computer science department
- Supportive onboarding
- An all-inclusive and diverse organisation
- A chance of further or future development towards higher TLRs or SLT
- A chance to be part of the school's drive to increase and support student engagement
- The benefit of a multi-disciplinary team including a strong and experienced SEN team, teaching assistants, a student support officer, student support wellbeing lead and more...

If you would like an informal discussion about this position and/or a pre-application visit please contact the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Watson: c.watson@shenfield.essex.sch.uk

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share in this commitment. This appointment is subject to an enhanced disclosure check and positive references.

Job details

Start date: September 2025

Salary: MPS – UPS *plus TLR 2a for the right candidate*

Contract type: Full or part-time availability will be considered

CLOSING DATE: 28th March 2025 (midday)

Interviews: W/c 17th March 2025

Please apply using the application form and a cover letter that outlines how your experience and skills fulfils the job description and person specification; CVs are also welcome in the first instance.

Application forms found on the school website - www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk.

Please Note - Applications will be assessed upon receipt and we reserve the right to interview and appoint prior to the closing date. Early applications are therefore strongly advised. References will be requested prior to interview.

JOB DESCRIPTION: CLASSROOM TEACHER

Reporting to: Course Leader, Line Manager and SLT

Overall Purpose of Post

All teachers are accountable to the Headteacher through their Line Manager. The post holder will be expected to perform the following duties and meet the teaching responsibilities as set out in the School Teachers' Pay & Conditions Document (STPCD) and to the quality as laid out in The Teaching Standards/ ECT Framework.

Main purpose

- To implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant curriculum to students and to support the curriculum area as appropriate.
- To monitor and support the overall progress and development of students as a teacher and or form tutor.
- To facilitate and encourage a learning experience, which provides students with the opportunity to achieve their individual potential.
- To contribute to raising standards of student attainment and achievement.
- To share and support the school's responsibility to provide and monitor opportunities for the personal and academic development of children and young people.

Teaching and Learning

Teachers are expected to:

- Plan and prepare schemes of work, courses and lessons, which provide students with the opportunity to achieve their individual potential.
- Teach, according to their educational needs, the students assigned to him/her. This involves setting and marking work for the students to complete in school and elsewhere.
- Assess, record and report on the development, progress and attainment of students.
- Organise and participate in extra-curricular activities, where appropriate.
- Ensure the effective deployment of classroom support.
- Monitor and support the overall progress and development of students.
- Contribute to raising standards of student attainment/achievement.
- Apply the Behaviour for Learning Policy so that effective learning for all can take place.
- Maintain an environment which is conducive to learning.

Assessing and Reporting

Teachers are expected to:

- Provide or contribute to oral and written assessment, reports and references relating to individual students and groups of students.
- Maintain accurate and up to date student records.
- Track student progress and use the data to inform teaching.

Standards and Quality Assurance

Teachers are expected to:

- Support the aims, ethos and values of the school
- Be aware of national developments relevant to subject and current best practice.
- Undertake lesson observations as part of the department observation schedule and professional development arrangements.
- Promote and model good relationships with pupils, colleagues and parents.
- Set a good example in terms of dress, punctuality and attendance.
- Uphold the school's behaviour code and uniform regulations.
- Participate in staff training and take a lead in own professional development.

Other Requirements

- Participate in arrangements made for their performance management.
- Review, from time to time, their methods of teaching and programmes of work.
- Participate in arrangements for their further training and professional development as a teacher.
- Contribute to the department's SEF and development plan and its implementation.
- Assist the head of department in identifying resource needs, and to work with the team to ensure that resources are used effectively and shared for the benefit of all students.
- Supervise students outside lesson time in morning and afternoon sessions, for example during lesson changeovers.
- Attend meetings regularly, including parents' evenings, which are part of directed time.
- Maintain good order and discipline among students and attend to their health and safety, both when they are authorised to be on the school premises, and when they are engaged in authorised school activities elsewhere, as well as having regard to safeguarding.

Please note that this list of duties is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the role. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the careers leader will carry out. The postholder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role.

Person specification

CRITERIA	QUALITIES
Qualifications and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualified Teacher Status• Degree Level Qualification + Secondary PGCE or QTS Qualification for the Secondary Phase• Willingness and desire to undertake further professional development and training
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience of planning and teaching Secondary Curriculum• Experience of teaching to a high standard• The ability to promote good progress and outcomes by pupils• The ability to manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment• An ability to make accurate and productive use of assessment
Skills and knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ability to demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge ICT competent• Highly effective communication skills with both children and adults, including parents/carers• An ability to identify, focus on and work towards achieving key objectives• Highly effective time management skills and an ability to meet deadlines and work under sustained pressure• Unswerving commitment to implementing whole school/staff policies relating to the safeguarding of children.
Personal qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positive values and attitudes and adopt high standards of behaviour in a professional role.• Genuine commitment to high quality teaching• A commitment to equal opportunities and inclusion

ABOUT US

"Our vision is to prepare our students to embrace all opportunities and fulfil all ambitions. We strive to ensure our students are known and known well and prepared for a future of lifelong learning"

Shenfield High School is a standalone 11-18 Academy with a comprehensive ethos and a commitment to high academic standards supported by a significant investment in pastoral care and wellbeing.

We have over 1500 students on roll including more than 300 students in our sixth form; this year we have received over one thousand applications for 240 places in year 7 in September 2023.

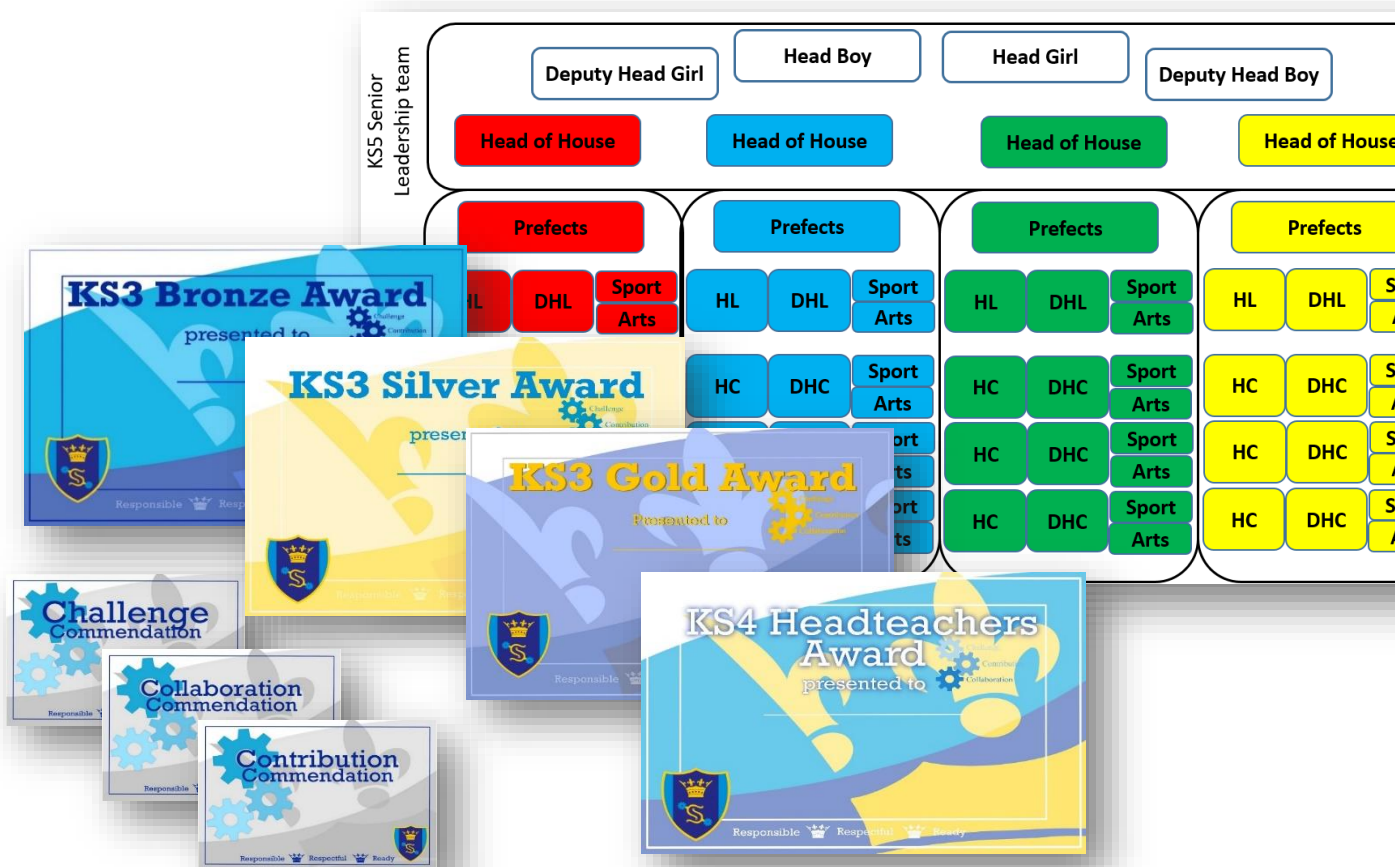
We offer a broad and rich curriculum from years 7 to 13 with a full commitment to the traditional academic, creative and the physical. Our reputation for sport, both elite and recreational and for our creative arts is second to none for a state comprehensive school. Through the efforts of our highly engaged staff the curriculum runs strongly through into the extracurricular with clubs and activities offered in all areas.



The whole school community has devoted significant time in the past two years revisiting the school values and the House System.



Our school values form the basis of our behaviour and rewards policies and underpin our school culture whilst our House System forms the scaffold for our student leadership structure.



Student Leadership is no more evident than in our Combined Cadet Force (CCF). Our contingent is affiliated with the Royal Anglian Regiment and is the largest school contingent in the country outside of fee-paying schools.



SUPPORT

Our greatest asset is our staff, 'Team Shenners'. Our teaching staff are very experienced and committed to Shenfield High School and they are complimented by a group of newer entrants to the profession who bring fresh ideas and energy to the school. The teaching team works hand in hand with the highly qualified and experienced support staff who are integral to the daily functioning of the school.

At Shenfield High School we recognise that starting at a new school whether a new entrant to the profession or more experienced can feel daunting and comes with added pressure. The evaluation extract below highlights some of the key actions taken this year in support of staff wellbeing:

- Three Year School Strategic Plan put in place to limit lurches based on annual outcomes
- 'People' a key part of strategic framework for all decision making
- Weekly briefing to limit whole staff emails and to ensure the week ahead is planned for
- Meeting time for 2023-24 stripped back
- Team Leader briefings reduced in frequency and duration
- Teacher contact time reduced across the board in 2023-24
- Wall planner showing key dates for the year ahead
- No requirement for data drops in school monitoring cycles
- Only one parental report each year with no requirement of written input from teachers
- All staff have access to external support service <https://www.educationsupport.org.uk/>
- HR Manager and Head teacher are MHFA trained
- Senior designated mental health lead in post ([Georgia Edwards](#))
- New mental health strategy in place
- GOVOX introduced to support individuals with tips to support mental wellbeing and to also provide school leaders with information on wider staff concerns

Shenfield High School is a strong community of staff, students, and their parents. Parents are very supportive of the school and recognise the uniqueness of some of the opportunities their children are afforded by attending the school.

As a standalone academy it is our governing body that works in partnership with the Headteacher and senior team in setting the strategic direction of the school. Our governors come from a variety of backgrounds and professions and are very supportive of the school. On the following page you can find an overview of our strategic framework that highlights our key focus areas for the years ahead.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The best way to find out about our school is to visit our website and come for a guided tour of the site.

If you are interested in a tour, contact the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Watson c.watson@shenfield.essex.sch.uk

- **The deadline for applications will be 28th March 2025 (midday)**
- Please visit our website for an application form [Job Vacancies - Shenfield High](#) or email our HR Manager Mrs Kirk e.kirk@shenfield.essex.sch.uk.
- In the personal statement please give your reasons for applying for this post and say why you believe you are suitable for the position. Please take note of the person specification and keep your statement to no more than two sides of A4.
- CVs are welcome in the first instance

Interviews are a two-way process, please ask as many questions as you have and make sure you feel this is the school for you.

If your interest in our school has been piqued by anything you have read here then we would love to hear from you.

We wish you well in your search.

Clare Costello

Headteacher

