



**Thomas's**  
CLAPHAM

# KS2 Teacher (September 2024 start)

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# Application Details

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To apply for this post please complete the school's application form [Click Here](#) and forward it together with a brief letter of application and your CV to

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Competitive salary and conditions are offered

**Start Date:**

September 2024

**Closing Date for applications:**

9.00am on Monday 22nd April

**Interviews will take place on:**

Friday 26th April

**Pension scheme and associated benefits for teaching staff (joining from 1.8.24)**

Thomas's London Day Schools Group Personal Pension Plan, administered by Aviva is the Defined Contribution pension scheme for teaching staff joining on or after 1 August 2024.

The employer contribution has been set at 22% of salary with the default employee contribution set at 10% of salary. However, teachers joining the scheme have the option to contribute more, if desired, or less, subject to a minimum employee contribution of 3%.

**Alternative Death Benefits**

Members of the DC scheme will be insured under a Group Life Assurance policy for a lump sum payment on death in service of 5 times their salary. This level of benefit is higher than the death in service benefit provided by Teachers' Pensions.

**Alternative Ill-Health Benefits**

A Group Income Protection (GIP) policy allows the School to offer a replacement income to eligible employees in the event that they are unable to work due to illness or injury.

Members of the DC scheme will be insured under a Group Income Protection policy offering the following terms:

- 50% of salary, plus 22% employer pension contributions based on full salary, payable for up to 5 years, following an initial waiting period of 6 months.

Further details of the scheme and benefits will be provided on request and on appointment.

**Safeguarding**

*Thomas's London Day Schools are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment and work in accordance with our child protection policies and procedures. All posts are subject to safeguarding checks, including an enhanced DBS check.*

*This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975, 2013 and 2020.*

*The safeguarding responsibilities of the post as per the job description and personal specification.*

*For details of the checks which will be undertaken as part of our recruitment process, please see our Recruitment Policy which can be found here [www.thomas-s.co.uk/policies/](https://www.thomas-s.co.uk/policies/) under the 'Thomas's Policy' tab.*

# Welcome to Thomas's Clapham

Thank you for your interest in Thomas's Clapham School. I am delighted that you are considering applying for the position of **KS2 Teacher** and hope that this brochure will provide you with the information you require about the role and our school.

The Prep School comprises four classes in Year 3 to 6 and three classes in Years 7 and 8 and our teachers are passionate about doing their best for the children. For their part the children achieve highly and love coming to school.

I am looking to recruit qualified, enthusiastic, talented and dynamic KS2 teachers in Years 3 to 5.

The successful candidate will be responsible for teaching a class and will be working collegiately and collaboratively as part of the Middle School Team or Upper School Team. You will be strongly supported to plan and provide an inclusive, innovative and inspiring learning environment in ways which are consistently challenging and enriching, and seizing every opportunity to celebrate every child's effort and achievement.

This is a great opportunity for a passionate and creative teacher to join our community. We are looking for a person who can quickly generate vision, confidence and respect and who is capable of fostering highly positive working relationships with children, parents and colleagues.

**Nathan Boller, Head**

*This role involves regular contact with children and falls within the category of regulated activity; therefore, the school will conduct safeguarding checks, including an enhanced DBS check and a barred list check. Should you receive any cautions or convictions whilst in our employment these must be reported immediately to your line manager. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and work in accordance with our child protection*

*policies and procedures. The post holder will have responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom he/she is responsible, or with whom he/she comes into contact and will be required to adhere to the school's policies at all times. If in the course of carrying out the duties of the post, 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 Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or to the Head (if different).*



## Background and context

Thomas's London Day Schools educates over 2000 children at five schools – Thomas's Battersea, Thomas's Clapham, Thomas's Fulham, Thomas's Kensington, Thomas's Putney Vale, and in one kindergarten in Battersea. Thomas's Academy, formerly New King's Primary School, joined the Thomas's family of schools in September 2015.

Thomas's was founded as a kindergarten in a Pimlico church hall in 1971 by actress and mother Joanna Thomas. Six years later Joanna and her husband David founded a school for older children in response to the success of the kindergarten and a growth in demand for quality day school places in London. In 1977 the first Thomas's, initially known as Kensington Court Lower School, opened in Cadogan Gardens.

By offering a coeducational education with high academic aims, along with a broad curriculum taught by energetic teachers, the school went from strength to strength. It eventually expanded and multiplied becoming a group of schools which is internationally recognised as a beacon of excellence in prep school education.

**Thomas's Clapham** opened in 1993 on the site of the former Clapham County Girls' School on Broomwood Road between Wandsworth and Clapham Commons. By then, Thomas's Kensington had opened in 1981 and the original Thomas's had moved to larger premises and became Thomas's Battersea in 1989. Thomas's Kindergarten had opened nearby in 1992. Thomas's Fulham opened in 2004. Joanna and David Thomas retired from the active management of the group in 1999. Thomas's is now run by their sons Ben and Toby.

In September 2021, Thomas's opened its first senior school, Thomas's Putney Vale, taking pupils up to the age of 16. In the Michaelmas Term 2023 Thomas's were delighted to announce the completion of the acquisition of an exceptional site in Richmond to provide outstanding new premises for our co-educational secondary school. The new school, Thomas's College, will open in September 2025 and will offer a world-class secondary education to students aged 11 to 18.

There are currently 655 children aged from 4 to 13 on the roll at Thomas's Clapham. Demand for places at the school is considerable with most children arriving in Reception. 13+ is the main exit point for our pupils where they head to a combination of London Day and Boarding schools.

The school was recognised by Ofsted as Outstanding in each category in February 2018 and is now part of ISI. A regulatory compliance inspection was completed at Thomas's Clapham in January 2023.

## Ethos

Thomas's Clapham has long been committed to living our values, being kind, and being creative. From the school's origins in 1993, we have been renowned for our intellectual rigour and high academic standards, whilst never losing the ability to embrace the joy of childhood in all that we do.

We are committed to developing a culture of thinking whereby pupils are safe, kind, calm, and ready to engage with their world. It is grounded in our belief that learning is a consequence of thinking, and that the best schools draw upon evidence-based innovation, the latest cognitive and wellbeing research, and global trends in education to build a 21st century ecology.

## Campus and strategic development

Thomas's Clapham is housed in a Grade II listed building which was built between 1904 and 1908 as a girls' grammar school. Since opening in 1993, the campus has been greatly improved and updated. The facilities include a Drama studio and fully equipped theatre space. New classrooms and an Art, Pottery and Design Centre have been added as have outdoor learning areas including a garden dedicated to the teaching of Mindfulness.

Under the leadership of Head, Nathan Boller, Thomas's Clapham has undergone a process of reflection and review, the results of which generated a new 5 year strategic vision. Within this, modifications to the existing campus plans will be integrated to ensure the learning, community, and organisational structure create a 21st century ecology.



## Wellbeing at Thomas's Clapham

Thomas's Clapham has a strong and supportive wellbeing structure. Class teachers and form tutors take a close interest in their pupils' wellbeing, and at the heart of this are the positive relationships which we tirelessly foster at every level. Pupils are supported by Year Leaders who have broad responsibilities for the wellbeing of pupils in each year group.

Wellbeing is actively taught and our assembly programme is central to pupils being happy at Thomas's Clapham. We are a listening school and through teaching about choices and personal responsibility, pupils build balanced social relationships and control their behaviour by avoiding thoughts and actions that get in the way of them achieving their goals and reaching their potential.

Pupil agency and voice is a crucial part of how we reflect on and improve our school. Pupils of all ages form our many representative committees and volunteer groups. It is their action and energy that propels our school forward.

Thomas's Clapham believes that all members of the community should Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Calm, and Be Ready. A shared understanding of these four rules, and a focus on school values, underpin our positive behaviour management approach.

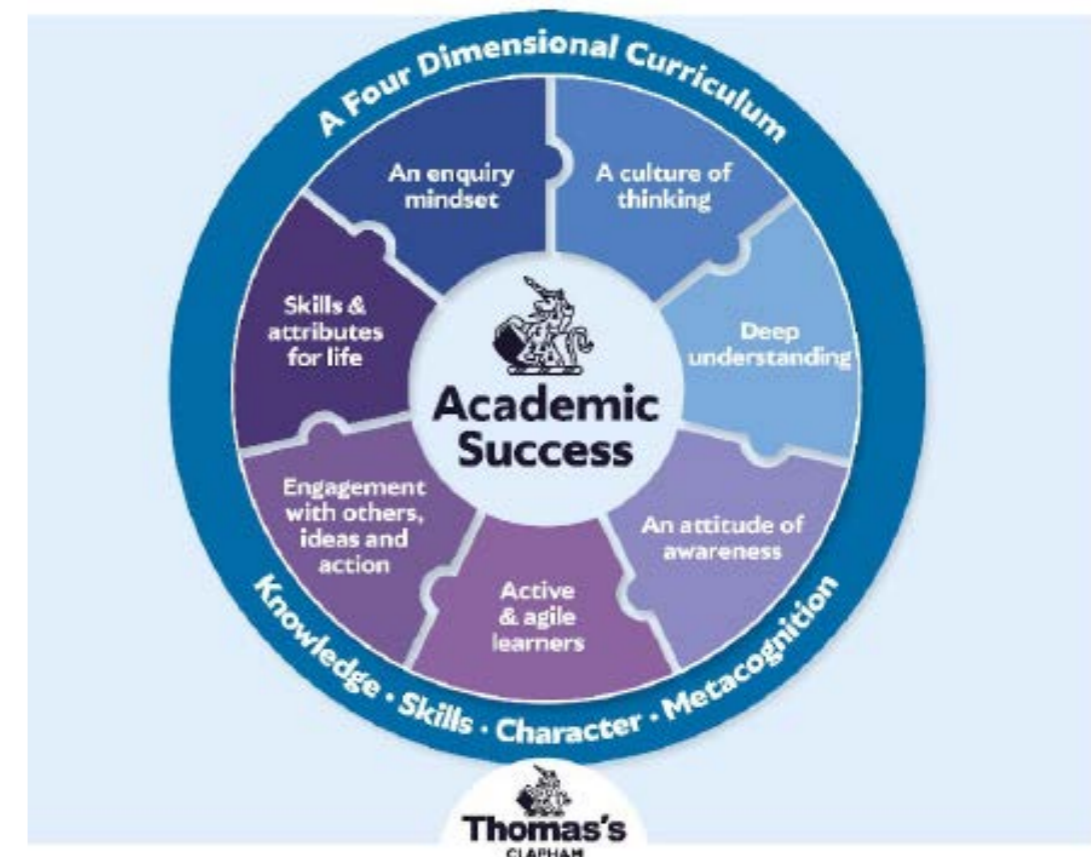
Thomas's London Day Schools fully recognise their responsibilities for Safeguarding and Child Protection.

## Learning at Thomas's Clapham

Thomas's Clapham is committed to developing a culture of thinking within every learning environment. This is grounded in the belief that learning is a consequence of thinking, and that learning is everywhere. We aim to have a community full of pupils who assume an active role in their learning, and who are adaptable thinkers; thinkers who engage with others, with ideas, and importantly, with action. Much of this comes from our school embedding an instructional framework that allows for critical, creative and reflective thinking.

Thomas's Clapham respects the importance of teaching for understanding, especially through an enquiry mindset where knowledge and information is connected to the lives of our children. Thinking and learning at Thomas's Clapham is about encouraging children to learn about the world to command and control it, not simply to fit in it. Our ambition is that every learning opportunity allows pupils to refine their thinking through exploration, investigation and discussion.

The National Curriculum is the starting point, but in each subject work is planned to stimulate and challenge. Change is eagerly embraced by colleagues and pupils who share a passion for learning and finding new and better ways of doing things. Creativity, thinking skills and instilling a thirst for independent learning are at the heart of approach. Continuous professional development is a strongly established culture within the school.



## Culture of Thinking

Thinking Frames and Thinking Routines are also used as tools to support and develop metacognition. These tools, which become part of everyday classroom life right from Reception to Year 8, help pupils' thinking and learning to become visible.

The Thinking Frames are used to:

- Support learning through strengthening neural connections
- Make specific cognitive processes explicit
- Provide a common language focused around thinking

The Thinking Routines are a short series of steps that guide pupils' thought processes and encourage the consolidation and internalisation of information in a meaningful and coherent way. Additionally, the routines lead to a growth in confidence, improvement in critical thinking and to open discussions.



## Prep School - structure and organisation

Thomas's Clapham is divided into three Areas: the Lower School (Reception to Year 2), the Middle School (Years 3 and 4), and the Upper School (Years 5 to 8). Within a large and vibrant school this allows the Head of each area of the school, and their staff, to tailor the curriculum specifically to the academic and wellbeing needs of the children at each stage of their development.

The Middle School is led by Charlotte McConnell (Assistant Head - Head of Middle School). There are a maximum of four classes within each year group and each class has no more than 21 pupils. The Form Teacher is responsible for teaching English, Mathematics, RE&P, Science, Understanding The World and PSHE, as well as overseeing the wellbeing of the form and supporting the Outdoor Education programme. The children are taught by specialist teachers in all co-curricular areas. The Middle School is supported by three part-time Learning Assistants.

The Upper School is led by Fenella Spendlove (Assistant Head - Head of Upper School). There are four forms in Year 5. English and Mathematics is taught in sets in Year 5. The Form Teacher is responsible for teaching an English and Mathematics set plus Understanding the World and PSHE to their form. They also oversee the wellbeing of their form and support the Outdoor Education programme including a residential trip to Thomas's Daheim in Austria during the Lent term. The children are taught by specialist teachers in all co-curricular areas.

## The Role

**Accountable:** To the Head of Middle School (Form Teachers in Years 3 and 4)  
To the Head of Upper School (Form Teachers in Years 5 to 8)

**Responsible for:** all aspects of teaching, learning and wellbeing of a class

### Key areas of responsibility

- To fulfil all the usual duties and responsibilities of a form teacher.
- To promote high quality learning of the Thomas's curriculum, providing clear structures for lessons which maintain pace, motivation and challenge.
- To teach the core subjects mentioned above, and support the teaching of specialist teaching taught by specialist teachers.
- To set high expectations for pupil behaviour, establishing and maintaining a good standard of discipline within a positive and optimistic environment where well-focused teaching and positive, productive relationships are the norm.
- To ensure that the classroom is an invigorating environment for effective learning, embracing pupil's work on paper, display and in the general atmosphere created in the classroom.
- To plan effectively to ensure that pupils have the opportunity to meet their potential, taking account of the needs of every child.
- To write academic reviews and reports, and monitor and evaluate pupils' learning, liaising closely with the Year Coordinator (Years 3 and 4) or Pastoral Year Leader (Years 5 to 8), and the Head of Area.
- To develop open, easy and professional relationships with colleagues.
- To be accessible and amenable to regular parental contact, and develop open, easy and professional relationships with parents.
- To maintain and manage the physical resources in the learning area.
- To undertake supervisory duties, including school lunch, attend assemblies, and to cover for absent colleagues.
- To run an after school weekly club.
- To help with the annual year group drama production.
- To attend staff meetings, School INSET, and attend professional courses to enhance teaching effectiveness and qualifications.
- To support and contribute strongly to the corporate life of the school (e.g. contributing material to newsletters, the school magazine, the web site, attending events etc).

- To fully implement school policies and practices.
- To comply with all Health and Safety requirements.
- To establish a safe environment that supports learning and where pupils feel secure and confident.
- To contribute to the rich and varied extra-curricular programme.
- To play a full part in the life of the School, including attendance at events as required by the Head (eg parent teacher meetings, the Carol Service etc).

## Qualifications and experience required

We want to appoint a qualified KS2 teacher. A sense of humour, adaptability, a commitment to teamwork and a strong desire to make a difference are vital to our philosophy.

We welcome applications from ECTs as well as experienced teachers.

In addition to the candidate's ability to perform the duties of the post, the interview will also explore the issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children including;

- Motivation to work with children and young people
- The ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people

## Terms and conditions

A competitive salary and conditions are offered.

Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and the Prohibited from Teaching or Management lists.

The successful applicant will be required to complete a self-disclosure Medical Questionnaire.

The appointment is subject to satisfactory references and security checks, clearance from the DBS, proof of identity and qualifications and a medical report.

# Our Values



**Kindness**

## **Kindness**

We expect pupils at Thomas's to be kind; to be good friends to those around them, always on the lookout for and ready to support those in need of a word of encouragement or a listening ear.

## **Courtesy**

We expect our pupils to be unfailingly courteous and polite; to have regard for the needs of others; to be responsible for the impact of their behaviour on those around them; to stand back, holding the door open, to allow adults through; to be particularly aware of the very young and the very old; not to 'hog the pavement' on school trips; to say "please" and "thank you" without prompting.

## **Honesty**

We expect our pupils to be honest, to act with integrity at all times and to understand and uphold the rule of law.

## **Respect**

We encourage all members of the community to respect themselves, each other, their learning environment and the wider community. We expect our pupils not just to tolerate but to celebrate difference, to respect the right of others to hold differing beliefs



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or views and to develop an awareness of individual liberty. As our pupils become old enough to understand the characteristics protected by law, we look to them to challenge discrimination in all its forms and to foster healthy, positive relationships grounded in mutual respect.

## **Perseverance**

We would like our pupils to appreciate the importance of, and to show, perseverance; to acquire a 'growth mindset' by understanding that intelligence can be developed; to embrace challenges; to persist in the face of setbacks; to see effort as the path to mastery; to learn from criticism; to find lessons and inspiration in the success of others and, as a result, to reach ever-higher levels of achievement and a greater sense of free will.

## **Independence**

We would like our pupils to become independent learners; to work hard; to be responsible, organised and to manage their belongings effectively. In the classroom, we would like them not only to make valid contributions, but also to be good listeners, who respect and encourage the efforts of their peers.



**Independence**

We hope that, as a result of their lessons at school, our pupils will begin to take responsibility for their personal learning, reading around subjects that interest them, carrying out their own research and making full use of the many excellent resources available to them.

As a result, we would like our pupils to gain a growing sense of enquiry and wonder about the world around them; about the vast body of knowledge and skills that has brought mankind to where we are today – and about how much there is still to learn.

## **Confidence**

We expect our pupils to acquire self-knowledge by encountering both success and failure in an environment of support and encouragement, both at school and at home. Consequently, they should be 'comfortable in their own skin', full of self-confidence, yet always free of arrogance, and able to make sound judgements. We would like our pupils to become their best selves, not a second-hand version of someone else.

## **Leadership**

We aim to equip our pupils to lead by example and to recognise service as a powerful form of leadership; to be prepared to stand out from the crowd;



**Confidence**



**Leadership**

to be the first to respond to someone in need; to stand up for what they believe to be right; to challenge what they know to be wrong; to risk making an unpopular decision, if they believe it to be for the greater good; to earn the trust and respect of others. We hope that our pupils will experience at an early age the opportunities and challenges of leadership.

## **Humility**

Notwithstanding their confidence, our pupils are expected to retain a sense of humility; to be without arrogance; to be conscious of the advantages they enjoy and to show gratitude for them by putting them to best use by helping others. We hope that all our pupils will acquire a sense of the eternal and that this will inform their perspective of their place in the world.

## **Givers, not Takers**

Above all, we would like our pupils to be givers, not takers; to show generosity of spirit; to use their skills and talents first for the benefit of others. We hope that our students will leave their school with a strong sense of social responsibility, set on a path to become net contributors to society and to flourish as successful, conscientious and caring citizens of the world.



**Humility**



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# Be Kind Be Thomas's

