General Information about the Programme

For many years, the IEAS has had a successful cooperation with several boarding schools in various parts of England. The Teaching Assistant Programme enables a selected number of students from Frankfurt to gain teaching experience while spending a year abroad. Arriving in August and staying until June, the TAs can be part of the school community for a whole Academic Year.

There are coeducational, all-boys or all-girls schools and for some of them boarding activities and duties can have a special importance. In general, active participation in the wider school life (music, sports, drama, art) is appreciated and fostered.

List of Schools for 2023-24

- Badminton School, Bristol
- Christ’s Hospital, Horsham
- Giggleswick School, North Yorkshire
- St. Paul’s School, London

Job Description – What do I have to do as a Teaching Assistant?

The main purpose of the programme is preparing the English pupils for their German exams with a special emphasis on fostering their speaking skills. Therefore, you will have either individual or group sessions with the pupils. In addition to this, you might be asked to assist the German teacher during the lessons.

However, you are not only an expert of the German language, but also an ambassador for the German culture and therefore you can initiate activities connected to Germany and motivate the students by presenting authentic material and providing interesting insights.

Expectations – Which characteristics and qualities are the schools looking for?

Since all of the schools have high standards and an outstanding reputation, the Teaching Assistant should be able to meet certain professional as well as personal expectations:

- Knowledge and competencies with regard to the German language and culture
- Reliability and a good sense of responsibility
- Motivation, interest and curiosity
- Willingness to be part of the school and to work hard

Application Process – How do I apply and what will follow?

Applications can be handed in once a year until the 14th November 2022.

Your application has to be in English and (since it will be sent to the schools) must not contain German expressions:

- CV including voluntary work, personal interests etc.
- Letter of Motivation
- Transcript of attended courses
- English Teacher (E-)Portfolio
- Two academic references (at least one by a university lecturer)

Your application will be checked and evaluated as quickly as possible and successful applicants will be invited to an interview after the application. These interviews will be held at university – either with representatives from the IEAS or from the respective schools (who are going to come to Frankfurt for this occasion). Please note also that due to Brexit, a visa needs to be applied for, for most schools your application will also need to be submitted to the PAD because of this and an additional interview will be held.

Eventually, the successful candidates will be assigned to a school. You will receive a confirmation.
Benefits – Why should I apply?

The Teaching Assistant Programme is a unique opportunity to develop personally as well as professionally.

Personal benefits:

- Independence and self-reliance
- Open-mindedness
- Intercultural competence
- Contacts and friendships

Professional benefits:

- English language skills
- Teaching experience
- Insights into the British school system and the everyday life in a boarding school
- Cultural knowledge

Furthermore, you will already profit during your stay, as the schools provide accommodation and usually three meals a day. And, in addition to this, you will receive a monthly salary.

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