

APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES TEACHER

Contextual

This is a rare opportunity to join a growing department in a lovely, successful school. The department is frequently held up as a shining example of best practice within the School, under the leadership of an experienced and committed Subject Leader.

We are looking for an excellent teacher of Social Sciences. We have the flexibility in a large team to adjust the role to suit the best candidate. We are particularly keen on applicants who can teach Citizenship to KS4, and/or Sociology to KS4 and/or KS5, and/or SPHERE (Y8 – Y11). However, we would also invite applications from candidates who can teach Criminology or Psychology at KS5. An ability to teach Humanities to Year 7 would also be helpful.

The successful candidate will find a supportive and nurturing group of colleagues, keen to support you. We can also provide the opportunities and freedoms for you to gain the experience required to support your progression.

Though the team, its resources and systems are well-established and successful, we are looking forward to the new ideas and perspectives you will bring. We are constantly seeking to develop and improve our curriculum, resources, and teaching practice. We expect the successful applicant will play a leading role in this continuous improvement, with the opportunity to gain the experience required to support a future application to leadership roles.

We look forward to welcoming an enthusiastic, well-qualified colleague, who will work with us to build on our established strengths and make a significant contribution to the continuing success of the Department, Faculty and School.

The Humanities Faculty

Within Humanities, we currently teach GCSE Citizenship, Geography, History, French, Sociology and Spanish. SPHERE is also taught to all students in Years 7 – 11 and comprises a blend of RE, PSHE and Citizenship. There are opportunities to broaden your experience by delivering SPHERE. At A Level, we currently offer Geography, History and Sociology. We are interested in potentially offering A Level Politics and/or A Level Philosophy, Religion and Ethics soon.

Further information about specific courses, and exam boards, for each of the subjects we offer is available on the School web site or on request.

We currently number 21 staff across 4 main subject teams. Each subject team is headed by a Subject Leader. There is a Humanities Curriculum Leader responsible for the Faculty as a whole, and the Faculty benefits from a number of experienced colleagues with whole-school leadership roles who will take a keen interest in supporting you.

The Facilities

There are currently 13 dedicated Humanities classrooms. All classrooms have a projector and audio facilities. In addition, it is possible to book computer rooms as needed. We occupy 2 'resource bases' where staff have access to quiet working areas, and other resources. The School is in the process of expanding the building, and Humanities will acquire a number of new classrooms as part of that expansion.

Curriculum

All lessons are 1 hour long and there are 5 in a day.

Humanities is delivered as a combined subject for 8 periods per fortnight in Year 7, incorporating Geography, History and SPHERE. The topics are planned and resourced by the relevant subject specialists, and it is seen as an area of strength in the school as a whole. Students also study 5 lessons per fortnight of MFL. In Year 8, students have 3 Geography, 3 History, 2 SPHERE, and 5 MFL lesson each fortnight. We run a 2-year KS3 model with students selecting options prior to the start of Year 9.

GCSE Options subjects (History, Citizenship, Geography, Sociology, French and Spanish) are allocated 3 lessons per fortnight in Year 9 and 4 lessons per fortnight in Years 10 and 11 after a further Options process at the end of Year 9.

At A Level, students take 3 subjects from the start of Year 12. In Humanities, we offer Geography, History, and Sociology.

Extra-Curricular

The school offers a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities and any new member of staff would be most welcome to take part in the existing extra-curricular provision or offer other opportunities for students. There are a number of visits and residential trips offered by the Humanities Faculty, and the successful candidate would be expected to contribute to the running of some of these.

The role within the Humanities team is one which we hope will also give the successful candidate the chance to progress their own career and development, and we look forward to appointing someone who will play a leading role in the Department, Faculty and School.

Thank you for your interest in this role. We look forward to receiving your application.

Mr Luke Bolton
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