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HAMPTON SCHOOL

JOB DESCRIPTION

TEACHER OF CLASSICS

Full Time or Part time

Initially 1 year fixed-term appointment

JOB TITLE: Teacher of Classics – Full time or Part time required from September 2017

REPORTING LINE: Head of Classics

GENERAL

An enthusiastic, well-qualified graduate is required to teach Classics in a lively, forward-thinking and successful department from September 2017 for initially a 1 year fixed-term appointment. Latin, Greek and Ancient History are taught up to A2 level and Oxbridge.

HAMPTON SCHOOL

Hampton is one of the country's foremost independent schools for boys and for nearly 460 years has been helping boys to fulfil their potential and realise their aspirations. We are delighted that our examination results and university entrance record consistently rank among the very best achieved anywhere.

Hampton is a lively, friendly and caring community, where innovative teaching is underpinned by strong shared values and complemented by truly outstanding pastoral care. We aspire to enable our boys not only to make sense of the world but also to want to go out and improve it.

The remarkable range of co-curricular activities on offer here provides each boy with the opportunity to shine and the means to explore new interests. Nearly all leavers go on to undergraduate courses at elite UK universities or medical schools. Around 30 Hampton boys gain places at Oxford and Cambridge each year; an increasing number go on to study at American Ivy League universities, often on academic and sporting scholarships.

Situated on a greenfield site in a leafy suburb of South West London we are fortunate to have over 27 acres of playing fields within our spacious grounds and a continual investment programme ensures that our pupils enjoy the use of excellent facilities. These include a state-of-the-art all-weather 3G sports ground, a large sports hall and The Hammond Theatre, our exceptional library and specialist facilities for Art, Science, Technology, ICT and Languages and we are looking forward to the opening of our new Sixth Form Centre in 2018. The Millennium Boat House, shared with neighbouring Lady Eleanor Holles, enjoys a prime location on the nearby River Thames and provides the focal point for our internationally renowned and highly successful Boat Club.

If you share our vision for an inspiring, modern and exciting education, we invite you to apply to teach at Hampton. A warm, sincere and personal welcome awaits you from prospective colleagues and boys alike.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Classics Department currently has five full time and two part time members of staff. The department is a lively and forward thinking one, keen to embrace new ideas and cutting edge technology.

Latin

Latin is taught, using the *Cambridge Latin Course* as well as an in-house iPad course, to all boys in the First and Second Year. Thereafter it becomes an option which most choose to continue. At this stage they are joined by healthy numbers of Common Entrance pupils. About half the boys who start Latin in the First Year continue on to GCSE and sit the OCR exams. Results are very good. AS and A2 Level Latin numbers fluctuate: we tend to get 10 boys taking AS Latin and 5 for A2 (again OCR). All of them are expected to do well. Many of our pupils have gone on to read Classics or related subjects at university.

Greek with Latin

Greek with Latin was an option in the Third Year for the first time this year. The teaching of both subjects is accelerated, using John Taylor's books. A Level Greek is offered when numbers allow. Currently two boys are studying AS and one boy A2.

Ancient History

Ancient History is offered at GCSE, AS and A2 (OCR). The current Fifth Year class will be the third GCSE class to go through. We also offer AS and A2 Ancient History. This is still an exciting new area, which we are looking to develop further.

Resources

All members of the department have a school laptop, and the option of a school iPad. There are plenty of computer rooms and bookable boxes of iPads, as well as a fit to bursting department library. The School Library is likewise well stocked with Classical texts and secondary literature, and subscribes to Omnibus.

Classics Society

The Classics Society organises regular theatre trips and lecture days, as well as outings to museums and archaeological sites. Last year the department put on Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* in connection with the Drama department and alongside our neighbouring girls' school LEH. There have also been several trips abroad, the most recent of which was a visit to Sicily this past Easter. Although the society has been addressed every year by some prominent academics speaking in particular to Sixth Formers, care is taken to cater for boys of all ages. The weekly lunch-time club mostly attracts younger boys. Last year lower school boys built a cardboard Roman fort and a model of the Parthenon among other things.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

This is an excellent opportunity to join a busy and successful department in an outstanding School. The successful candidate will be expected to teach 30 (40 minute) lessons per week, which would potentially include a games afternoon and a form tutor period. The role involves planning appropriate lessons and dealing with marking and reporting. In this academically selective school, the challenges include stretching the most able up to Oxbridge level. Some contribution to the wider life of the School is also expected from staff at Hampton.

PERSONAL SPECIFICATION / SKILLS, QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Essential Criteria:

- A good honours graduate from a good university ideally in Classics.
- An enthusiasm for Classics and the ability to convey this to pupils
- The ability to demonstrate characteristics of outstanding teaching practice
- An awareness of the demands of teaching bright students and a commitment to fostering high academic achievement
- The ability to work independently and as part of a team and a willingness to contribute to departmental resources
- A professional approach which inspires confidence in pupils and parents
- Excellent communication and ICT skills
- Calmness and efficiency, with the ability to work under pressure at times
- Commitment to continuing professional development through attendance at INSET
- Commitment to the all-round ethos of the School, including its co-curricular activities and pastoral approach

Desirable Criteria

- A higher degree or experience of educational or subject-specific research
- A teaching qualification and/or some previous teaching experience
- The ability to develop and maintain effective relationships with all members of the School community and outside agencies
- An ability to offer skills in some part of the co-curricular programme of the School

Please note that there may be some changes and additions to the above, which will be discussed before implementation and changes may occur as the post develops. This document is designed to provide applicants with a "flavour" of the position and responsibilities.

SAFEGUARDING

The post holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom s/he is responsible, or with whom s/he comes into contact will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's Safeguarding Policy and Procedures 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 s/he must report any concerns to the School's Safeguarding Designated Persons or to the Headmaster.

Hampton School is an equal opportunities employer.

Hampton School Classics Department, February 2017