

The Post

We are looking for a dynamic, enthusiastic individual to join our very successful history department. The subject is well established and is currently the most popular option subject at GCSE with around 70% of the cohort choosing it. In 2024 70% of students achieved grades 9-4.

Numbers are also high at 'A' level, and we currently have four groups who are studying OCR History 'A'. The subject's popularity and success reflect the commitment to high academic standards and the use of varied teaching methods which we have developed as a department.

We would expect the candidate to take an active role in the on-going development of the department and the wider school.

The Department

The department is well-resourced with four specialist teaching rooms. The department has a wide range of history resources, both on the network and in the form of artefacts and textbooks.

There is an emphasis on active participation and intellectual rigour in the classroom combined with a commitment to developing teaching and learning activities that challenge students' thinking.

The Curriculum

As you will see from our curriculum map, our Year 9 students undertake a department designed history course covering the British Empire and International History in the Twentieth Century. We have developed this in partnership with our two feeder middle schools from whom the vast majority of our students join us.

Our GCSE groups are taught the Edexcel/Pearson course focusing on Early Elizabeth 1558-1588 and the History of Medicine in Year 10 and Germany from 1919 to 1939 and the American West in Year 11.

At A level we teach the OCR course including options on the Early Tudors 1485-1558, International Relations 1890-1941 and Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964. Students also complete a Topic based essay on the causes of the Second World War.

We are also committed to field work with several day trips. We have had guest speakers from the University of Cambridge and elsewhere who run workshops for our A level students.

This is a wonderful opportunity for either an ECT or an experienced teacher of History to join a successful department.

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