

Job Title: Teacher of Politics
Responsible to: Head of Politics
Faculty: Humanities, Art and IT

We are a dedicated and enthusiastic department, passionate for the subject and committed to the teaching and learning of Politics. The department has witnessed a significant expansion in student numbers since 2017 and our 2023 – 24 cohort consists of 300 Politics students and 14 Politics classes. Since September 2017, we have offered the Pearson Edexcel A-level Politics specification including Global Politics on the optional Paper 3.

All students have the opportunity to visit Parliament and the Supreme Court to reinforce their first year studies and we also attend first- and second-year student revision conferences in London. Many of our students participate in the popular PPE group, which offers weekly opportunities for students to extend their learning, including lectures by university academics and other outside speakers. A level results have been consistently above the UK average and every year, many students progress to read Politics or Politics-related subjects at university, including Oxbridge.

We are a team of 3 full-time and one part-time members of staff. Teamwork is a characteristic of the department. All teaching resources are shared, work schemes and classroom strategies are discussed and individual student progress is monitored by their teachers.

The use of IT is fundamental to teaching Politics here and our classrooms are equipped with a smart board, data projectors and laptops for student use. The College has excellent IT and intranet facilities, and a well equipped Learning Resource Centre.

We are looking for a teacher to join the team. You should:

- have a good honours Politics or related degree
- have successful experience of teaching the subject at A-level or be able to demonstrate this potential
- have a PGCE or equivalent qualification or commitment to obtain QTS
- be equally able to teach UK or Global Politics, managing successfully a wide range of approaches in the classroom
- have the enthusiasm to develop interactive course materials for the Pearson Edexcel Politics specification, both for classroom and intranet use
- be skilled in the use of IT in the classroom
- have a rapport with the 16-19 age group (staff also have a tutor group of about 24 students).

This high performing College offers good opportunities for career development. The College organises and supports internal INSET opportunities, and encourages staff to attend relevant events organised externally. There are opportunities via the Activities programme to contribute to other areas such as sport and everyone is involved with the delivery of the Symonds Lecture programme.

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