

Job Title: Head of Subject - History

Faculty: 3

Department information:

The History department consists of eight well-qualified, conscientious and enthusiastic 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.

It is a large department with over 600 students at present following the Edexcel syllabus for the linear A level. There is currently a choice for students between three routes: a modern course where the exam topics are USSR, Mao's China, or an Early Modern Course considering Stuart Britain, the French Revolution and Germany 1971-1990 or an Medieval course in which the exam topics are the Crusades, Henry II and the Wars of the Roses Assessment includes both coursework and examination focussing on the subject skills of essay writing, source analysis, historiography and research. The department has been graded as OUTSTANDING, in the last two Ofsted inspections and a recent External Quality Review described the department as "exceptional".

Examination results:

Results in the department have been very good over the past years, with very high pass rates for all routes.

Points of interest:

Accommodation comprises 5 specialist History rooms in the Freeman building, all equipped with interactive whiteboards. We have an ample department book stock but also encourage students to use the college's well stocked library. The department offers a wide range of packages for students in addition to its own Intranet site. The college has very good IT facilities which are fully networked with IT rooms and laptops available for class use. Various trips are organised for the students including sixth form conferences in London and The Tower of London in addition to overseas trips to Berlin.

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