

Job Title: Teacher of History

Department information:

The History department consists of a large well-qualified, conscientious and enthusiastic staff team. Teamwork is a key characteristic of the department. All teaching resources are shared, work schemes and classroom strategies are discussed and individual student progress is closely monitored by their teachers.

It is a large department with around 600 students following the Edexcel A Level syllabus. Within this, we offer students a choice of three distinct routes to follow in their study. Route A considers the Crusades, Henry II and the Wars of the Roses. Route B studies Stuart Britain, the French Revolution and Germany, 1871-1990. Route C is the most popular option at the moment and in that students study the USSR, 1917-1990, Mao's China and the Wars of the Roses. Students also complete a piece of coursework worth 20% of their A level on either the Cold War or the Abolition of the Slave Trade.

We try to take previous experience into account when timetabling classes in the first instance but ultimately all staff should be prepared to teach any of the routes. 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.

Examination results:

Results in the department have been consistently good for many years, with many of our students achieving high grades in their A level exams. Over 20% of our students go on to study History or a related course at University.

Points of interest:

Accommodation comprises five specialist History rooms, all equipped with interactive whiteboards. The department also has access to both fixed PCs and laptops. We have an ample department book stock but also encourage students to use the College's well stocked library and e-library. Various trips are organised for the students including recent overseas trips to Paris, Berlin and Istanbul. Involvement in these trips would be welcomed.

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