

Beaumont School

Teacher of History with Politics

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dynamic candidate to join our school to work across both History and Politics departments. The person appointed will be expected to teach half of the A Level course in Politics (6 lessons per week) and the remainder in History. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate sound subject knowledge, high academic standards and an ability to enthuse students of all ages. Activities designed to challenge student thinking and develop independent study skills are central to teaching at Beaumont and a willingness to contribute to resources in this area is essential,

The History Department

The History Department at Beaumont is a lively and outstanding department and is highly regarded by students and parents. It currently comprises five teachers (full and part-time), including the Head of Department, with one of its members also co-teaching A level Politics. The emphasis is to encourage an appreciation of the past, promoting the enjoyment of its rediscovery and to develop the critical skill our students' need to interpret historical sources and foster an appreciation of their cultural heritage. We have a strong focus on academic research and developing independence of thought.

The Curriculum

KS3:

History is taught to all students in two 45-minute periods per week during KS3. The department prides itself on having relevant and exciting schemes of work. The students are taught topics from the Roman Empire to the 7/7 disaster across Years 7 to 9, revisiting themes such as empire and warfare to enable the students to form strong links and hypotheses across time. Home learning tasks encourage students to work independently and with creativity across the six weeks duration of the task. Each year group has a focus day within the school's Curriculum Enrichment programme.

KS4:

History and Geography are compulsory subjects at GCSE for the majority of students. Our specification is Edexcel 2016, which includes: **The USA 1954-75: conflict at home and abroad** (Examining the development of the Civil Rights Movement and US involvement in Vietnam); **Warfare and British Society, c1250–present, and London the Second World War: 1939-45** (Studying the nature, process and experience of change through four eras); **Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060-88** (Exploring the Norman Conquest, William I in power and Norman England); **Spain and the 'New World', c1490- c1555** (Investigating the Spanish explorations of Columbus, Cortes and Pizarro and, the Spanish settlement and impact on the inhabitants of the Caribbean, Mexico and Peru).

Post 16:

There are currently two teaching groups in both years. The specification is Edexcel **Route E: Communist States in the 20th Century** which comprises: **Russia 1917-91 From Lenin to Yeltsin** (Breadth Study): **Mao's China 1949-76** (Depth Study): **Lancastrians, Yorkists, Henry VII 1399-1509**:
Coursework: **The American Civil War**

Trips

The department is renowned for its vast array of trips, including day trips to castles and museums as well as visiting re-enactors. There are opportunities for students to visit Krakow in Poland and currently an extremely popular biennial trip to Washington and New York. Sixth form students also have the opportunity to attend course-related lectures in London.

The Politics Department

The new A level course (Exam Board Edexcel) currently has 16 students in Year 12 with 10 students completing the old A2 level, so numbers are healthy and interest is high. About half of our A level students go on to study the subject in some form at university. Our Year 12 cohort from September 2018 is expected to have similar number of students as this year's. The full A level ability range is represented, and the intake is typical of Beaumont's student overall profile.

The first year of the current course involves the teaching of UK Politics, we then incorporate the new Ideologies section before moving on to US Politics option. Assessment is entirely by external exam with three two hour papers taken at the end of the second year.

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