

TEACHER OF CLASSICS

THE SCHOOL

Leicester Grammar School is a selective, co-educational independent day school of 850 pupils founded in 1981 to fill a gap in the provision of education in Leicester left by the closure of the city's flourishing state grammar schools. The School has built up a national reputation for academic excellence, regularly featuring amongst the top one hundred independent schools in the annual A-level league tables and consistently succeeding in helping its pupils to secure places at the very best universities in the United Kingdom and abroad.

Leicester Grammar School's public examination results are frequently amongst the very best in the East Midlands and often place them amongst the best schools in the country. Last summer, 42% of the pupils sitting their GCSE exams recorded A* grades and 92% of the grades were at A* - B. In 2016, the pupils taking their A levels achieved over 85% at A*- B, placing the School 63rd in the Daily Telegraph league table. LGS was also nominated for two TES awards in 2015, winning one. Underpinning these academic successes is a caring community based upon a Christian ethos that offers an extensive extra-curricular portfolio, including strong provision in music, sport and drama.

The School entered a new and very exciting stage in its development in September 2008 when it relocated to a 75-acre green-field site in the village of Great Glen, which is about seven miles south east of Leicester and a similar distance from the thriving market town of Market Harborough. The School is a state of the art facility for the 21st century, featuring extensive playing fields, a large main sports hall and an indoor 25 metre swimming pool amongst other sporting facilities. Its main hall can seat 1,000 people, and the main building boasts other large performance spaces, an impressive library at its centre and modern teaching rooms. Each department has its own suite of classrooms linked to a departmental office and the Science wing comprises 15 laboratories and a 108-seat lecture theatre. In September 2015, the School completed a £4 million building extension to provide a new Science Lecture Theatre, Sixth Form Common Room, senior management office suite and meeting rooms; other developments are planned.

The School has excellent local transport links, with both London and Birmingham under an hour away by train. Market Harborough, situated 10 miles south of Great Glen, was recently voted as one of the 'Best Places to Live' by The Sunday Times.

Leicester Grammar School Trust is an educational trust overseeing three schools: Leicester Grammar School, Leicester Grammar Junior School and Stoneygate School. The Head and Chief Executive of the Trust, Christopher King, is the current Chairman of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses Conference (HMC), the organisation that encompasses all of the leading independent schools in the country. He previously held that post in 2015/16, making him the first ever two-tenure Chair of HMC.

THE POST

From September 2018, we have an exciting opportunity for a well-qualified, enthusiastic Teacher of Classics to become part our established team and to contribute to the wider life of the School. Our ideal candidate would be passionate in their teaching of Classics, able to demonstrate broad subject knowledge, enthusiasm and the ability to inspire others. This role with us could suit either an established teacher or someone new to the profession.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Classics Department is represented by four full-time and one part-time members of staff. Three subjects are taught – Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation – and the successful applicant would be expected to teach at least Latin and Classical Civilisation, with the possibility of Greek, to A2 level and for university entrance (following OCR syllabuses). In the earlier years, we use the Cambridge Latin Course for Latin, and Taylor for Greek, supplemented by our own publically available Greek course https://lgsgreekproject.wordpress.com/.

Each school day is divided into nine periods of 35 minutes and our Classics provision is structured as follows, giving the usual number of teaching groups by year:

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2 periods per week (ppw) Classical Studies
Year 6 (x 1)
Year 7 (x 5)
                                    4 ppw Latin (CLC)
Year 8 (x 5)
                                    3 ppw Latin (CLC)
Year 9 (x 5)
                                    3 ppw Latin (CLC) / Classical Civilisation
Year 9 (x 1)
                                    4 ppw Greek (Taylor)
Years 10-11 (x2, each year)
                                    4 ppw Latin
Years 10-11 (x2, each year)
                                    4 ppw Classical Civilisation
Years 10-11 (x1, each year)
                                    4 ppw Greek
Years 12-13 (x1, each year)
                                    8 ppw Latin
Years 12-13 (x1, each year)
                                    8 ppw Classical Civilisation
Years 12-13 (x1, each year)
                                    8 ppw Greek
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The Department is well supplied with books and DVDs, and there is a large Classics section in the School Library. Each of our teaching rooms is equipped with a data projector, two with interactive whiteboards, and pupils are encouraged to make productive use of ICT. In addition to routine teaching, the Department regularly organises visits to sites of interest in Britain and Europe, takes students to performances of Greek drama, organises visiting speakers and attends lectures.

Further details regarding the Department can be found by selecting the 'Curriculum' tab from the 'Menu' and then the 'Departments' section of the School's website (www.leicestergrammar.org.uk).

EXAM RESULTS 2017

A-Level	Classical Civilisation	Greek	Latin
A* - B	100%	100%	100%
GCSE Level	Classical Civilisation	Greek	Latin
A* - B	80%	100%	86%

All members of staff are expected to share in pastoral duties and to make some contribution to extracurricular activities.

CHILD WELFARE

Leicester Grammar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening including checks with previous employers and DBS.

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