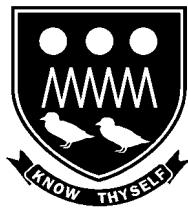


Harlington Upper School



Teacher of History Full or Part Time

Harlington Upper School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Posts working with either children and/or vulnerable adults will be subject to the disclosure of criminal records

Teacher of History

A well qualified and enthusiastic full or part time teacher of History is required for April 2019 (or earlier) to join a successful and dedicated department. The History department is committed to providing high quality teaching and learning for all students. This is therefore an ideal opportunity for an NQT or an experienced teacher wishing to develop further in a friendly and positive environment.

The School

Harlington has a unique location in Mid Bedfordshire with a pleasant location and good transport links. We are placed in the heart of a rural environment but have strong urban links. Harlington is one mile from junction 12 of the M1 and has a train station with commuter routes to London and the Midlands.

There are currently approximately 1200 students in the school, including approx. 270 in the sixth-form. Students join the school in year 9 after attending one of three main feeder middle schools. Students of all abilities make good progress and gain excellent results. Attainment is well above local authority and national averages. For example, in 2018 over 84% of students gained GCSE grades 9-4 in English and mathematics. More broadly, 78% of students gained five or more grades 9-4 / A* - C including English and Maths. We are proud that usually all students progress to appropriate employment, education or training aged 16.

A Level results at Harlington are routinely above average and many students gain the highest grades possible. In 2018 45% of all A levels were graded as A*, A and B. It is therefore not surprising that almost all students were successful in securing admission to their first-choice university.

Although Harlington is a very successful school we are not complacent and recognise that we can achieve even more. We therefore focus on supporting each individual student to make the best possible progress. We are very aware that school is more than just a place to gain good exam results and we work continually to maintain the positive, supportive and respectful culture that characterises Harlington. We have a very effective pastoral system, led by Heads of Year and supported by a team of Student Support Assistants. Students are guided by the school motto "Know Thyself" and attitudes to all aspects of school life are good

The Department

History is a popular successful subject at Harlington. GCSE results are of a high standard and numbers at A level are growing.

History students perform well above the national average at both GCSE and A level.

Courses

All students in year 9 receive three one-hour History lessons over our two-week timetable cycle. Currently the KS3 course is based on two main periods: The Nineteenth Century and The Twentieth Century World. These topics are delivered using a variety of teaching and learning strategies. There is also scope for teachers to pursue particular areas of interest within this broad framework.

History is a popular option at GCSE, with students choosing to study the subject now in excess of 120. With the advent of the English Baccalaureate we hope that history will continue to be a very popular subject. There are currently six year 11 groups and six year 10 groups. We follow the Edexcel specification:

- Anglo- Saxon and Norman England 1060-1086
- Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1939
- The Cold War 1941-91
- Medicine through Time c1250 to present

The A level course is based on the Edexcel specification:

- Britain Transformed 1918-1997 including an interpretations study of the impact of Margaret Thatcher – Paper 1
- Boom, Bust and Recovery USA 1920-1955 Paper 2
- Rebellion and Disorder under the Tudors, 1485-1603 Paper 3
- Coursework – Focused in the Holocaust and whether Hitler had a long term plan.

Extra-Curricular Activities

As a forward thinking department we are hoping to build on previous successful visits in the coming years. Example of trips in the past are as follows:

- Year 10 visit to Germany and Poland
- Year 12 visit to Hampton Court Place

Summary

History is a popular subject at Harlington and it is taught by a strong and supportive team of history teachers.

The attached person specification outlines the attributes and skills we will be looking for when making this appointment.

Teacher of History: Person Specification

Essential

Desirable

<i>Qualifications</i>	
Education to degree or equivalent level in a relevant subject plus teaching qualification	
<i>Skills and Experience</i>	
Evidence of successful teaching experience or teaching practice	Ability to teach another Humanities Subject
Potential expertise in the teaching of History at all levels	Evidence of reflective practice leading to improved skills
Good knowledge and understanding of the National Curriculum for History	
Very good oral and written communication skills	Good ICT skills
Strong commitment to the values and ethos of the school	Willingness and ability to participate in extra-curricular activity
<i>Personal Attributes</i>	
Commitment and enthusiasm	Understanding of own strengths and areas for development
Ability to establish good relationships with pupils, parents & staff	Ability to promote the subject to wider audiences
Dependability and sound organisational skills	Good time management
Flexibility	Perseverance