

Dear Applicant

March 2017

Thank you for your interest in the post of **Teacher of Latin and Classical Civilisation (one year in the first instance)**

JCoSS is an academic, aspirational learning community with an innovative and pluralist Jewish ethos. Opened in 2010 in a new £48m building, we have reached full capacity this year as our first cohort reaches Year 13. The school enjoys an excellent reputation across North London and is heavily oversubscribed. Our early cohorts have achieved outstanding GCSE results, with 40% of grades at A\* and A, and just under a quarter of students achieving 9A or better. We have consistently achieved ALPS Grade 2 at both GCSE and A level, putting us in the top 10% for added value, and were amongst the top 100 non-selective schools nationally in 2015. Our 2015 Ofsted inspection graded us Good with a number of Outstanding features, including the 6th form and our provision for students with SEN.

Our staff are enthusiastic professionals who combine commitment and flexibility, and the culture of the school is one of purposeful good humour and humanity. Our families are motivated, eloquent and supportive, with high expectations, and our students are enormous fun to teach. We are determined to offer them the very best academic and vocational education, and to support and challenge all in attaining the highest results and developing open hearts and minds.

Since its introduction to the timetable in September 2015, Latin has been taught within the Languages faculty as a second language option to students from Year 9 onwards. From September 2017, Latin will be offered from Year 8. At GCSE, we are preparing our first cohort of Latin students for the Eduqas (WJEC) GCSE in 2018. Latin is taught in small classes of highly committed students. Responding to significant demand, we plan to introduce Classical Civilisation A level in September.

We run an annual Classics Week in the autumn term, immersing the entire school community in the Greco-Roman world through Classics-themed PSHE sessions, competitions and themed drama workshops led by various London theatres. We organise a number of trips and in-school events, including visits to the Museum of London, Bath and the Kallos Gallery in Mayfair. We have close ties with Classics for All, excellent relationships with other Classics Departments in London and are members of the Prince's Teaching Institute.

This post could be part time (up to 3 days by negotiation) or full time for a candidate able to offer another subject. Additional responsibility allowances may be available for suitably qualified and experienced candidates, and we offer NQTs employment in the last few weeks of the summer term. We welcome applications from teachers of any faith or none.

Please complete the application form as fully as possible, and attach a separate letter of application. As a guide, this should be no more than two sides of A4, addressing the criteria identified in the Person Specification, explaining how your experience has prepared you for this role and school, and outlining a vision for your contribution to JCoSS. The closing date for applications is 9 a.m. on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the interview will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Successful shortlisted candidates will be contacted by email or telephone. The successful applicant will take up post in September, 2017.

JCoSS is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to satisfactory enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) clearance.

Should you have further questions or wish to have a confidential conversation, please contact Hannah Trup, Head of Latin, at the school. We look forward very much to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely



Patrick Moriarty, Headteacher