

CRANLEIGH SCHOOL



TEACHER OF CLASSICS (LATIN & GREEK)

Cranleigh School seeks to appoint for September 2018 a good honours graduate to join our growing Classics Department. This post would suit equally someone who is looking to start a career in the subject, or someone who already has some experience in the profession by taking a post in this thriving Surrey school. The successful candidate will teach Latin, Classical Civilisation and ideally Greek to GCSE and A level. The successful candidate will also show a willingness to contribute in other ways to the activities of a busy boarding school.

Cranleigh School is a leading fully co-educational independent boarding and day Senior School consisting of around 630 girls and boys of 13 – 18 years of age. There is also a Preparatory in close proximity which has around 330 girls and boys.

THE DEPARTMENT

We offer Latin and Classical Civilisation from Year 9 to Year 13 and Greek from Year 10 to Year 13. All pupils coming into the school in Year 9 take either Latin or Classical Civilisation. Both are popular options at GCSE and in the Sixth Form, and about a dozen pupils take Gratin (Greek and Latin) to GCSE. A Level Greek is offered on-timetable alongside Latin and Classical Civilisation. The Department is a lively and successful one: almost three-quarters of Cranleigh pupils take a Classical subject to GCSE, and there are about 25 Classicists of all stripes in the Sixth Form. In recent years our pupils have won places to read Classics at Oxford, Cambridge, Exeter, Durham, St Andrews and other universities of similar calibre: seven Cranleighans are applying for Classical courses at university this year.

The Department consists of five full-time teachers. The Department runs an extensive programme of co-curricular activities and events. We run visits and trips to lectures, museums, productions of classical drama and invite speakers to Cranleigh. We have a very active student led Sixth Form Classics Society which organises a variety of academic and social events. In the past we have taken trips to Italy and Greece and these trips are a regular feature of the Department.

The Department works very much as a team and so the successful applicant will need to feel comfortable with this way of working at the same time as looking for opportunities to extend or modify our working practices to maximise the potential of the pupils, encourage passion for the subject and ensure a high profile for the Department.

The Curriculum

For GCSE and A Level, in Latin and Greek we use the OCR syllabus. In GCSE Classical Civilisation we use the AQA syllabus and teach topics on Greek Tragedy, Homer's Odyssey, the Persian Wars and the Emperor Nero. We will switch to OCR when the AQA course is discontinued. We also teach AQA A Level Classical Civilisation - Homer's Iliad and Greek Sculpture and Architecture in the Lower Sixth, along with Augustus and Roman Epic in the Upper Sixth. Again, we will switch to OCR when the AQA specification is discontinued.

The Department has a strong track record in examination results. Over the past four years at A2 Latin we have achieved 40% A* and 90% A*/A. Results in GCSE Latin last year were 52% A* and 74% A*/A. GCSE Greek results were 86% A* and GCSE Classical Civilisation Value Added results are consistently among the strongest in the school

The introduction of iPads for pupils, from January 2018, provides many new opportunities and the successful candidate must be prepared to fully engage with this new initiative. All teachers are supplied with their own iPad. Our intention is for technology to be used to supplement and enhance learning.

Further information is available on our web site at www.cranleigh.org and applicants may wish to consult the course descriptions for Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of the post informally, please get in touch with Dan Hogg, the Head of Classics, by email in the first instance: dawh@cranleigh.org.

Please read 'Why teach at Cranleigh?' to be found on our website which gives an impression of the ethos to which it is expected that the successful candidate will contribute.

THE POST

The responsibilities of the Teacher of Classics will include:

- teaching to the highest standard across all year groups; the teaching sets will be decided by the Head of Department;
- preparing suitable teaching material for each lesson and following the departmental programmes of study;
- contributing to the making and sharing of Department resources;
- setting an appropriate level and quantity of prep in line with Departmental and Whole School Marking policies;
- providing written reports, report grades and summative assessment marks by the deadlines set by both the Head of Department and the Director of Studies;
- running one of several weekly drop-in clinics where students can get extra help;
- attending weekly Department meetings;
- contributing to the preparation of students for tertiary education (including Oxbridge).

THE PERSON

We are looking for an energetic character who can effectively communicate his or her enthusiasm for the subject. The successful candidate will set an outstanding example through his or her teaching.

We seek a dynamic, enthusiastic and inspirational teacher of Classics who is able to communicate a passion for the subject to assist their students to reach the highest of standards. The successful candidate will have an excellent knowledge of, and a real enthusiasm for the subject, and is likely to hold a good honours degree in Classics (or a closely related subject). He/she will be self-motivated and will relish the challenge presented by being part of a forward-moving and successful department. A commitment to pupils, the Department and the wider life of the School, plus a firm grasp of curricular developments are important as are empathy, organisation, a sense of humour and the ability to enhance the Department's delivery and development of Classics.

The ideal candidate will be flexible, adaptable, innovative and a good team player.

In addition he/she would be expected to get involved in all aspects of this busy boarding school including acting as a tutor to a group of students within a House including some of the delivery of the school's PSHEE programme. This would normally include one evening duty per week. All teachers are expected to contribute to the School's co-curricular programme and co-curricular activities alongside their academic responsibilities.

THE APPOINTMENT

The appointment is from September 2018.

Candidates should state fully what their particular interests are and where they think they can make contributions to the wider life of the school.

Cranleigh School has its own salary scales and the successful applicant will be offered a salary commensurate with their qualifications and experience. Accommodation is available if required and salaries are adjusted accordingly.

To apply, please submit a brief letter of application together with a completed Application Form, available on the School's website, supported by a full Curriculum Vitae and to include the names and contact details of two referees. Applications will be considered as they are received.

Applications should be sent to:

The Headmaster, Cranleigh School, Horseshoe Lane, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8QQ or via email to mrp@cranleigh.org

If you think you'd fit the bill we'd be delighted to hear from you.

We are committed to the safeguarding of children and enhanced disclosure screening will apply to this post.