



MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL FOR BOYS 7 - 18 AND SIXTH FORM GIRLS



Information Pack

Part-time Teacher of Classics

Closing date: Midday, Friday 16th February
Interviews: Week commencing 26th February

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Introduction from the Master, Helen Pike

Magdalen College School is a remarkable place. We are now well into our sixth century, and our former pupils include scholars, war heroes, musicians, Olympians, two Nobel Prize laureates, a Hollywood film director, and a saint. Our success in public examinations, in securing places at top universities, and in an astonishing array of extra-curricular pursuits ensures that we continue this proud tradition. We do so by nurturing the individual potential of each of our pupils, and above all we believe that learning is as fun as it is fulfilling.



Magdalen College School was founded in 1480 by William of Waynflete: schoolmaster, bishop of Winchester and Lord Chancellor of England. Being of humble origins, Waynflete was determined that others of ability should be given the opportunity to learn, to serve and to prosper as he did. And so MCS offers a transformative education in our global university city, the community to which we contribute.

We attract and retain the best staff and MCS is a stimulating, welcoming and thriving environment in which both to learn and to work.

A lot happens at MCS. The various sections of our website (www.mcsoxford.org) including the recent [News](#) will give you an impression of our school.

Thank you for your interest.

H. C. Pike

PART-TIME TEACHER OF CLASSICS

General Information

The School

Magdalen College School, founded in 1480 by William of Waynflete, is one of the country's leading independent day schools. It is situated in an enviable location at the heart of Oxford beside the River Cherwell. It educates boys from 7 – 18, and girls in the Sixth Form.

The Role

Magdalen College School is seeking to appoint a part-time (0.6-0.7) teacher of Classics from September 2018 to join our successful Classics department. Latin and Greek have a long tradition at MCS and have a very strong presence in the school. Further information on the post is included below.



Application Process

Candidates should submit the Application Form for Teaching Staff which can be found on the Job Vacancy link of the website (www.mcsoxford.org). To access [click here](#). This should be emailed together with a cv and covering letter of application to the Recruitment Officer, Mrs Sarah Hunter, (shunter@mcsoxford.org). All documentation should be sent no later than **midday Friday 16th February 2018**. The school's preferred method of communication is by email and it will not be necessary to send a hard copy of the documents by post.

We anticipate holding interviews the week beginning 26th February and will be in contact with shortlisted candidates by telephone. We reserve the right to change the interview date if necessary.



Safeguarding Policy

Magdalen College School is committed to the safeguarding of pupils, and any offer of employment will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure, the receipt of satisfactory references and the school's pre-employment medical questionnaire. We also require sight of relevant original ID documentation and degree certificate(s).

The Department

Magdalen College School is seeking to appoint a Part-time Teacher of Classics from September 2018.



The Classics Department presently consists of seven teachers and a Waynflete Intern. Both Latin and Classical Greek are strongly established in the school, and all pupils study Latin in Years 7 and 8, with an option of continuing into Year 9 and beyond; Classical Greek can also be chosen from Year 9 onwards. Examination results in

both Latin and Greek are excellent, with 100% of candidates in both classical subjects achieving A*s at GCSE, and 90% (Latin) and 100% (Greek) achieving A* or A grades at A Level in 2017. About 20 Sixth Formers choose Latin and between 5 and 10 usually opt for Classical Greek at A Level. A good proportion of students choose a classically-related subject for their Waynflete Studies (the school's unique extended project taught in conjunction with members of the University). Furthermore, a number of candidates per year are successful in gaining places to read a classical degree at Oxbridge and other leading universities.

The Department has three dedicated classrooms and a departmental office that contains a large library. All classrooms are equipped with a computer, data projector and an interactive whiteboard. The main language textbooks used to GCSE are the *Oxford Latin Course*, Taylor's *Latin to GCSE*, Taylor's *Essential GCSE Latin*, and Taylor's *Greek to GCSE*. The main language course books used for AS and A2 are Taylor's *Latin/Greek Beyond GCSE* with an array of additional materials available. The department makes use of supplementary reading resources and DVDs; the use of ICT is always being developed, and there are a few in-house extension booklets (and one in-house course) employed.



Additionally, there is an Ancient History club that runs for Year 8 and a Latin Prose (and even Verse) Composition Club set up for Year 9 upwards. Pupils taking a classical subject also have the opportunity to participate in a study trip to the Mediterranean during the first week of the Easter Vacation; other enrichment opportunities, including talks by visiting speakers and visits to lectures/plays beyond the school, are arranged within the Department. An enthusiastic approach to assisting with and fostering such (and other) enrichment activities will be advantageous.

The Candidate

The successful candidate will be required to teach from Year 7 to Oxbridge entrance level, and will teach a part-time (0.6-0.7) timetable.

The aim of the Classics Department is to infuse pupils with an enthusiasm for all classical languages, history, and culture while insisting on academic rigour. Each Classics teacher at MCS has an individual expertise and unique teaching style, yet the Department also places great importance on teamwork and collective input to produce the best results. The successful candidate will be expected to bring his or her personality and individual energy to the Department while also being able to thrive in an atmosphere of co-operation and collaboration.

Above all he/she will be enthusiastic about the subject as a whole and have a desire to sustain the high profile currently enjoyed by Classics at MCS. Members of the Classics Department report to the Head of Classics, and ultimately to the Master via the Deputy Head (Education Development).

Candidates short-listed for interview will be asked to teach an observed lesson when they come to the school. They will also be required to bring with them the necessary ID documentation and degree certificate(s), all of which must be originals. Further information on the observed lesson and documentation required will be provided with the invitation to interview.

In a lively day school, a willingness to contribute to other areas of school life, whether in the pastoral system, in games, music, drama, CCF or other activities, is always advantageous.

Additional Information

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Recruitment officer: 01865 253401.



Benefits

MCS currently has its own salary scale, and salaries are more generous than those in the maintained sector; there is also a relocation allowance on a sliding scale, by agreement with the Master and Bursary, and dependent on current location. The school offers private medical cover and subscribes to the Teachers' Pension Scheme, in which all teaching staff are auto-enrolled – there is, of course, an opt out, should this be preferred. School fee remission for full time staff sons (from Junior through to Sixth Form) and staff daughters (Sixth Form) who pass entrance tests for the school is currently 50%. In addition, Headington Girls School currently allows full-time staff daughters who pass entrance tests for the school a 20% remission. (Headington fee remission is only available to staff with an FTE of 50% or over). All benefits are *pro rata* for part time staff, with the exception of private medical cover which is a 100% benefit. In recent years the school has introduced its own Waynflete Teaching Certificate scheme and successful candidates without a formal PGCE or equivalent, who meet the necessary criteria, may be invited to join this scheme. Please note that MCS is an inner-city school, with limited parking. Candidates who have been offered a post will be invited to make representations in the preceding Trinity Term to the Usher (Senior Deputy Head) for a parking space.

Hilary 2018

