

St Paul’s School

JOB DESCRIPTION

**Teacher of History (or Teacher of History and Politics)**

Starting Autumn Term 2018

**Department**  History

**Line Manager** Head of History

**General**

St Paul's is a selective independent boys’ school with about 950 pupils in the age range 13 to 18, of whom up to 35 are boarders. The School (which includes a Junior School for boys of age 7 to 13) occupies a superb 45-acre site on the south bank of the Thames, west of Hammersmith Bridge. St Paul’s excels academically at both A-level/Pre U and GCSE / iGCSE, with some of the highest national scores, but it is the work beyond the curriculum that excites both students and teachers alike. Teaching takes place within an eight period day, five days a week.

**The job**

We are seeking to appoint a well-qualified, able and inspiring teacher of History (or teacher of History and Politics). It is expected that all candidates will have a strong academic background and be willing to contribute to the wider life of the school. The appointment will be on a fixed-term, one-year basis, which would be reviewed given future changes in requirements.

**The History Department**

The History Department, which currently has eight members with a wide range of research interests and backgrounds, is situated in a suite of state-of-the-art classrooms overlooking the River Thames. The Department exists to provide for its students the best possible historical education, characterised by the highest standards of scholarship, openness to new ideas, and personalised learning.

History is compulsory in Year 9. Pupils in this year group study a variety of topics, significantly determined by teacher enthusiasm. Topics currently studied include Civil Rights in the United States of America, the governance of Africa in the twentieth century, the local history of London, the development of warfare from c. 1250, and the story of the emergence of rights for women. Pupils study Cambridge IGCSE History in Years 10 and 11. They are prepared for three examination papers on twentieth-century international history and Germany, 1918-1945. IGCSE History is a popular choice with around 140 pupils in each year group choosing it. In Years 12 and 13 around 100 pupils study CIE Pre U History. Two outline papers focus on 18th and 19th century British material and either 18th and 19th century European or 19th and 20th century American material. A Special Subject (currently Charles I, 1625 – 1649) and a Personal Investigation, which affords pupils the opportunity for independent research, accompany these.

Public exam outcomes are excellent: ordinarily, 90% A\*-A (or equivalent) at A-level / Pre-U and 95-100% A\*-A at GCSE. The Department has enjoyed a long run of significant success in preparing boys for Oxbridge, the Ivy League, and other leading universities. Each year several Year 12 boys undertake a History EPQ; many more compete in essay prize competitions run by Oxbridge Colleges. The Department runs several trips, including a visit to the battlefields of the First World War, a reading party based at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and study tour of Central Europe. There are two extremely vibrant Historical Societies and a wide range of enrichment classes and seminars.

The Department is very well resourced and benefits from an outstanding History section in the School’s Kayton Library as well as its own Departmental Library. Professional development is taken seriously, and members are expected to participate fully in the Department’s in-house programme of events, giving papers on historical and teaching interests to meetings of colleagues, as well as lectures to the wider community of historians at St Paul’s.

**The Politics Department**

The Politics Department currently has a team of four (three offering subjects in addition to Politics) and next year will be teaching the AQA A level to both Years 12 and 13. This new A Level covers politics in the UK and the USA, as well as political ideologies. We have around 30 students in each year. Results have been consistently strong, with *c*. 80% achieving A\* in 2017.

The Department is also involved in providing mentoring for the EPQ in Year 12 for students interested in pursuing relevant lines of inquiry. Members of the Department are all involved in providing an extensive programme of extra-curricular and extension activities, including well-attended societies in both the upper and lower schools, mock elections and referendums when appropriate, and extensive preparation for degree courses including PPE and HSPS. The department has access to a wide selection of Politics texts in the School’s Kayton Library as well as its own Departmental Library.

**Additional Information**

Members of staff, once established, are normally expected to become tutors, having responsibility for the pastoral care of up to 15 boys across the age range, and to contribute to the many extra-curricular activities, such as sport and societies, which St Paul's offers.

**Personal Profile**

* Very strong academic background and excellent subject knowledge
* Ability to stretch our best and brightest students
* Passionate advocate for the subject and for teaching
* Excellent classroom practitioner (or potential to be)
* Commitment to professional development
* Good communication skills, oral and written
* Ability to work collaboratively, and to build trust and openness
* Discretion, courtesy, honesty and integrity
* Commitment to safeguarding and the welfare of students
* Willingness to be involved in the wider life of the school

**Further Details and application**

The post would suit an outstanding graduate or post graduate looking to make the move into teaching, or equally an experienced teacher. The successful applicant will be expected to teach History and potentially some Politics throughout the 13 to 18 age range (IGCSE and Pre-U / A-Level) with a focus on stretching our brightest students.

We offer a salary significantly above the National Scale, help with accommodation if required, and a highly discounted education for staff children, subject to competitive entry. Selection will be made on an equal opportunities basis.

All staff have a responsibility and duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils. Staff must be aware of the systems within the School which support safeguarding and must act in accordance with the School’s Safeguarding & Child Protection policy and Code of Conduct.  Staff will receive appropriate child protection training which is regularly updated.

Further details and an application form can be obtained from the School’s website [www.stpaulsschool.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsschool.org.uk) via the ‘Vacancies’ link in the footer. Please feel free to contact the Head of History, Aaron Watts, [aaw@stpaulsschool.org.uk](mailto:aaw@stpaulsschool.org.uk), and/or the Head of Politics, Rohan Edwards, [rae@stpaulsschool.org.uk](mailto:rae@stpaulsschool.org.uk) if you would like to discuss any aspect of the post, or the School in general.

Applications should be sent via email, to [recruitment@stpaulsschool.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@stpaulsschool.org.uk) and the closing deadline for all applications is midday on 22 March 2018. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 28 March 2018.

**Sponsorship for Non EU/EEA citizens**

St Paul’s School is licensed as a sponsor for the purposes of Tier 2 of the Points Based System.

However, please note that this role does not appear on the UK Shortage Occupation list, and the advertisement for this role does not fulfil the requirements of the Resident Labour Market Test. Therefore it will not be possible for the School to issue a certificate of sponsorship for a Tier 2 worker. In light of this, applicants without the right to work in the UK will not be considered.