

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

Est. 1509



Teacher of Classics, Starting Autumn, 2016

General

St Paul's is a selective independent boys' school with about 940 pupils in the age range 13 to 18, of whom up to 30 are boarders. The school (which includes a Preparatory School, Colet Court for boys of age 7 to 13) occupies a 45 acre site on the south bank of the Thames, west of Hammersmith Bridge. St Paul's excels academically at both A level and GCSE, 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 Classics Department

The Classics Department consists of eight teachers, together with the Head of Classics at Colet Court. Latin, Greek and Ancient History are taught at GCSE and A level. Three groups of state school pupils from Hammersmith are taught Latin in an off-timetable GCSE Club as part of a partnership project with the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. While each member of the department is expected to teach Latin (and ideally Greek and Ancient History), all are encouraged to exploit their particular skills and to develop new ones. A typical teaching load for established members of staff is 29 classical periods a week plus a fortnightly departmental meeting.

All departmental classrooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards and data projectors. All teachers are provided with a computer in their classroom, linked to the school network. The Department has its own intranet site which is constantly being updated and improved. Boys and staff make full use of the school's subscription to the JSTOR archive of online academic journals as well as the well-stocked school and departmental libraries.

There is a vibrant classical tradition at St Paul's. Latin is compulsory for the first year, after which approximately 60% of the year group opt to proceed to GCSE. Greek is taught to half the year group in the first year, with typically 20 boys proceeding to GCSE. There are usually twenty to thirty pupils opting for Ancient History GCSE. At A level there are typically two Latin sets and one each for Greek and Ancient History. Prose composition, in both Latin and Greek, is taught at GCSE and A level. Senior and Junior Classical Society meetings are well attended and we are fortunate in being able to attract external speakers of a high calibre. Several members of the Dept. are themselves 'research active', writing books, reviews, articles and translations and giving talks at classical societies etc.

Results are outstanding, with the vast majority of pupils gaining A* at GCSE and A* or A at A level. The Department has enjoyed consistent Oxbridge success in recent years, too.

The department runs regular trips to Greece, Italy, and Romano-British sites. There is an active schedule of theatre visits, and Senior and Junior Classical Societies involving talks from boys, staff and outside speakers.

The Post Available

The vacancy is for September 2016. The successful applicant will be expected to possess the ability to teach Latin and Classical Greek to A level as well as offering some Ancient History.

The position would suit a new graduate (with or without a PGCE) or an experienced teacher looking for a fresh challenge. 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 extracurricular

activities, such as sport and societies, which St Paul's offers. Selection will be made on an equal opportunities basis.

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.

Further Details

Further details and an application form can be obtained from the School's website www.stpaulsschool.org.uk via the 'Careers' tab in the footer. Applications should be sent via email, to hmsec@stpaulsschool.org.uk and the closing deadline for all applications is 25th November 2015. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 9th December. Please feel free to contact the Head of Classics, Simon May sam@stpaulsschool.org.uk, if you would like to discuss any aspect of the post, or the School in general.

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