

**Head of Classics**

**Eagle House School**

*(for September 2020)*

**The Position**

This is a full-time position which becomes vacant in September 2020.

**The School**

Eagle House is one of the oldest preparatory schools in the country, founded in 1820. At that time the school was sited in Hammersmith, from there it moved in 1860 to Wimbledon and finally to its present location in Sandhurst in 1886. This year, we celebrate our 200th birthday!

In 1993 the Pre-Prep was opened for boys aged from 4 to 7, and two years later the first girls were welcomed. The following year, 1996, the school became fully co-educational. In 1997 the school opened its Nursery and it now educates children from 3-13, offering day, flexi and weekly boarding.

In total the school employs about 60 people on the teaching staff. In addition, there are many visiting music teachers and visiting coaches. The school has an excellent all-round reputation and each year many Year 8 pupils are awarded scholarships by the senior schools of their choice, the majority moving onto Wellington College. The aim of the school is to provide all pupils with a broad based, all-round education.

The school is located in some 30 acres of its own land, which are adjacent to the 400+ acres owned by Wellington College. The main building houses the Pre-Prep, dining, administration and boarding. There is a purpose built classroom block housing 14 classrooms (each with a separate office for the form teacher) and another building housing three wonderful science labs and two prep rooms, an art room, food tech room and a recently refurbished library. There is a separate Nursery, The Nest, a music school and a beautiful chapel. The school has an all-weather pitch, covered swimming pool, outdoor learning zone and an amazing new Sports Hall and Performing Arts Centre. The grounds consist of 3 playing fields, 1 large enough for a full-size 400 metre athletics track. The school also has access to the sporting and academic facilities at Wellington College and some lovely woodland. This year, we start work on a new Pre-Prep building and Music School.

**Details of the Post**

The school is currently seeking a suitably qualified teacher to lead the Classics Department and to teach the subject in years 5-8. They need to be someone with drive and ambition, who engages pupils, colleagues and parents in their love of Classics. In years 1-4, the school follows the International Primary Curriculum and Latin is introduced in Year 5. After an introduction in Year 5, the children embark upon their study of Latin properly in Year 6, with great emphasis on understanding and learning the grammar and syntax. The vast majority of pupils go onto study the subject for four years and our lessons are one hour long. In the final two years (7 and 8) we accelerate a group of children who will work towards an academic scholarship, the rest of the year group follow an exciting and innovative programme devised by us, Curriculum 200. The children no longer sit Common Entrance at 13+. Being able to also offer classical civilisation and/or Greek would be beneficial. Eagle House has an excellent reputation for enthusing the children and encouraging them to achieve their best in the Classics rooms both at Eagle House and at that their senior schools. This is a full-time position and there will, therefore, also be an opportunity to get involved in the wider life of the school. It will certainly be an advantage to offer a further academic subject and/or games coaching and all staff offer an activity session. All teaching staff also play a pastoral role within the school.

**Personal Specification**

The candidate needs to:-

• have the relevant qualifications and teaching experience to be able to deliver the syllabus.

• be reliable, loyal, trustworthy and have high levels of discretion and diplomacy.

• be self-motivated and well organised.

• have varied interests and a willingness to contribute to the extra-curricular life of the school.

• understand the needs of a prep school and have an appreciation of the wider picture.

• be computer literate.

• have a good sense of humour.

**General Professional Duties -** See attached document**.**

**Terms and Conditions**

Full involvement in the life of this busy and high achieving day/boarding school is expected of all staff.

The salary will be commensurate with the experience of the candidate and according to the Eagle House Scale.

**Application Process**

Candidates should provide a letter of application and a completed application form with supporting documents. You may also include a curriculum vitae. Completed applications should be received by 1.00 pm on Monday 3rd February. It is anticipated that interviews will take place at the school in the week commencing Monday 10th February.

Applications should be sent to: Lisa Rutland

Headmaster’s Secretary

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