



Netherhall School – History Department

This is an exciting time to join Netherhall School, rated “Good” in all categories in the Ofsted inspection of February 2018.

‘Staff and pupils say, without question, the Headteacher has been an inspiration, giving them belief that all can achieve. Throughout his tenure, the Headteacher has demonstrated passion, integrity and highly skilled leadership. This school has been transformed in a remarkably short period of time.’ Ofsted, February 2018.

‘Pupils are enthusiastic about learning and teachers are enthusiastic about teaching. Pupils love coming to school.’ ‘Pupils have considerable respect for their teachers because they believe their teachers are doing a great job.’ Ofsted, February 2018.

‘Relationships throughout the school are excellent. There is great mutual respect between adults and pupils.’ Ofsted, February 2018.

The History Department at Netherhall School is a highly popular and successful department, employing three specialist staff. The department is well resourced – each classroom is equipped with a desktop computer and data projector, while the department also makes use of the school’s IT rooms. The department has an extensive library of single copy resource books, as well as class set textbooks, to support a wide range of worksheets and DVDs used to support students’ learning. In recent years, the department has invested heavily in new GCSE and A level textbooks to ensure students are able to fully realise their potential under the new examination frameworks.

The department has a tradition of and a strong focus on differentiation, with different schemes of work and resources for each level of ability. The newly-revamped Key Stage 3 curriculum plan focuses on developing both knowledge and subject skills, with a strong focus on the development of extended writing and literacy in general.

History has always been a very popular GCSE option at Netherhall School and students have the opportunity to visit the battlefields of WW1 in France and Belgium during year 10, although this unfortunately could not take place this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The department follows the AQA History specification at GCSE level. The key areas covered are:

Paper 1: Understanding the Modern World

Section A

- Germany 1890-1945: Democracy and Dictatorship.

Section B

- Conflict and Tension: The First World War, 1894-1918.

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Paper 2: Shaping the Nation

Section A

- Britain: Health and the People c.1000 to the present day.

Section B

- Elizabethan England c.1568-1603.

The department consistently performs well in GCSE examinations, with excellent results being obtained by both boys and girls. In summer 2020, 72% of students achieved a grade 9-4, with 26% reaching grades 9-7. Many GCSE students continue their studies to A level, where the department has reached a consistently high standard over the years, most notably receiving the "Good School's Guide Gold Award" for the highest performing English Comprehensive School for girls taking History at AS level in 2015. In summer 2020, the department's results were rated at ALPS grade 2: "Outstanding", which helped to contribute to the school's overall "Outstanding" ALPS report; this placed Netherhall School in the top 4% of academic results from all sixth form providers in England.

Students follow the OCR specification at A level:

Year 12

- Britain 1930 – 1997.
- Germany 1919 – 1963.

Year 13

- Rebellion and Disorder under the Tudors, 1485-1603.
- Personal Study.

This role would suit an experienced teacher.

If you would like to lead a successful and growing department, then please apply.

The school is located on the fringe of the Lake District National Park; a great place to live and work.

Netherhall School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to pre-employment checks, including an enhanced DBS (CRB) check.

The application pack for this post is available in the 'Vacancies' section of the school website: www.netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk. Alternatively, please contact Cris Kellet on 01900 813434 (Ext 205).

Closing date for applications: Monday 1st March, 12 noon.

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