

TEACHER OF PHILOSOPHY

Part-time, 1 term, for April 2018

Alleyn's is one of the country's leading co-educational independent day schools, committed to developing excellence within an ethos of strong pastoral care and a vibrant co-curriculum. Our holistic approach aims to nurture every pupil, enabling them to develop their potential while making friendships and enjoying life to the full.

Tracing our roots back to Edward Alleyn's College of God's Gift, founded in 1619, we moved to our own 30-acre site on Townley Road in 1887 and, in 1976, were one of the first such schools to go fully co-educational.

We believe that learning together in a supportive environment provides the best framework for boys and girls to excel at school, to discover new ideas, skills and enthusiasms and to prepare for university and the multi-gendered world of work and life in general. Links with local and overseas schools, universities and charities provide further opportunities to enrich that learning in different contexts and to make new and lasting friends.

Our community is warm, caring and inclusive. We are able to offer a range of bursaries and scholarships to support boys and girls most able to benefit from an Alleyn's education, irrespective of financial means.

We are proud of our pupils, who leave us with excellent examination results, places at some of the world's top universities and specialist centres of higher education, and also with a sense of confidence, mutual respect and social responsibility.

We also greatly value our committed and hard-working staff, whose dedication makes possible the achievements of our pupils.

Dr Gary Savage, Headmaster



Our Co-educational Community

Boys and girls at Alleyn's genuinely enjoy and appreciate each other's achievements and contributions and it is satisfying to see them grow in confidence as our co-ed community offers them a fabulous variety of ways to develop skills and cement lifelong friendships.

The Junior School is a member of IAPS, with pupils aged from 4 to 11. The Senior School is an HMC school with pupils aged from 11 to 18. This year there are just over 1,000 pupils in the Senior School, of whom 302 are in the Upper School (Sixth Form). Our main intake to the Senior School is at 11+ and there are further new places at 13+ and at 16+. We currently have six year 7 classes of 23 children, with smaller classes common at GCSE. Upper School teaching sets are never larger than 14 and are usually sized 8-12.

Exam Results

At Alleyn's we have a proud record of outstanding examination results and in 2017 our pupils continued that tradition. At A level, 92% of grades were A*, A or B, and 77% were A* or A grades. 41% were A*. Nearly 60% of our students achieved at least 3 A* or A grades and there was a 100% pass rate. At GCSE, 67% of grades were A*, 92% were A* or A, and 99% were A*, A and B. 34 students gained 10 or more A*s and 65% achieved all A*s or As.





Facilities

The School has approximately 30 acres of grounds with extensive playing fields. There is a recently resurfaced all-weather Astroturf sports area, a Sports Hall, and cinder running track. In 2009 a £13.5 million extension was completed providing additional facilities for teaching, pastoral care and the performing arts. More recently the swimming pool has undergone a £1.2 million redevelopment (completed in September 2014) and in 2016 a £3.5 million project to add a new wing to the Science building was completed. A major capital programme over the next decade includes a new Lower School (which is almost complete), and plans for additional facilities in the Junior School, Library, Archive and Sixth Form centre as well as a new Dining Hall.

The library is very well stocked and well used and individual Departments are all extremely well resourced. Networked computers are available throughout the school, with broadband internet access and WiFi across the site.

Curriculum

There is a common curriculum in Year 7. Subjects taught include Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Design Technology, Food and Nutrition, Dance, Drama, English, Geography, History, Latin, Maths, Music, PE, Physics, Religious Studies, Spanish and our Alwyn's Learners' Programme. These subjects continue in Year 8 where there is some setting in Maths and a second language choice is introduced. There is a wide choice of subject options in Years 10 and 11. The current GCSE curriculum includes English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, a Modern Foreign Language and the three Sciences (the vast majority do the Triple Award) alongside a wide choice of options available to all students. The Sixth Form options system offers immense choice and flexibility. All pupils currently take 4 subjects in Year 12 and 3 or 4 subjects in Year 13 in addition to PSCE and Enrichment

Pastoral system

Pupils have the same Tutor for their time in the Lower School (Years 7 and 8) under the care of the Head of the Lower School. In Year 9, they move to the Middle School where they join one of eight houses. The eight Heads of House are responsible for pastoral welfare from Years 9 to 13 in conjunction with the two Assistant Heads responsible for these years. Team games, music, debating and other inter-house competitions are organised through the House System.

The School has its own Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain and there are also two qualified counsellors available to pupils.

All members of the teaching staff are expected to play a full part in both the enrichment activities within their own department and the school co-curriculum more broadly.



Academic Enrichment

We are committed to academic enrichment, both inside and outside the classroom, providing opportunities for pupils to learn new things, extend their horizons and develop a lifelong love of learning and a keen appreciation of the life of the mind. To this end, we have introduced an integrated course in meta-cognition at Key Stage 3, increased the number and quality of visiting speakers coming into school and created new opportunities for pupils to develop their ideas in extended project work. We shall continue to extend this work over the coming years, providing intellectual stretch, challenge and enrichment for the entire Alleyn's community without compromising the co-educational warmth and co-curricular balance which makes us the successful and happy school that we are and wish to remain.

Co-curricular

Alleyn's Sport offers opportunities at all levels. The PE/Games curriculum throughout the School is varied, encompassing a wide variety of team games and individual sports. School teams run in a large number of major and minor sports. We encourage pupils to represent the School at one or more sports at any age group, so that during the course of a year well over three-quarters of the pupils in the School will have taken part in competitive sport.

In Music there are over thirty performing groups including orchestras, choirs, wind bands, a jazz band and numerous chamber groups. In Drama there are usually three or four main productions each year, with additional pupil-led Bearpit productions. Drama clubs are offered.

The vast majority of pupils join the CCF, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme or the Volunteering programme in Year 10. In addition there is a very wide range of clubs, societies and other activities.

THE PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

Introduction

This dynamic department has experienced a period of strong growth and modernisation in the past few years. This is evident from the high quality of the results, with 100% A*/A at A Level in 2017, and an increase in student numbers.

The entry requirements for students in Philosophy at Key Stage 5 is an A grade in English Language, although we do try to encourage enthusiastic students who may not reach this standard.

There are four members of staff who teach the A Level.

Curriculum Offered

The department uses the AQA syllabus for Philosophy at A Level. The Year 13 students are following the outgoing modular specification (2175) and the Year 12 students are taking the new linear version (7172). Typically between 8 and 18 students opt for Philosophy in Year 12, with the majority continuing with the subject into Year 13. Some then go on to read Philosophy or related courses at top universities.

Current class sizes are a maximum of 8, and the fortnightly time allocation is twelve 45 minute periods in Year 12 and fourteen in Year 13.

Co-curriculum

A range of co-curricular activities complements classroom learning. A Middle School Philosophy Club runs in the Advent Term and a Lower School Philosophy Club runs in the Lent. There is also a student-led Philosophy Society which puts on ad hoc sessions, including inviting visiting speakers from outside school.

Facilities and Resources

The departmental teaching room is equipped with a computer and Clevertouch screen, as well as resources and books. There are substantial resources for the subject on the Hub, the school's intranet site, and the School Library stocks an extensive range of books to support student research.



POST OUTLINE

We are seeking to make a temporary part-time appointment (0.4 over 3 days), for one term, to cover sabbatical leave, from Monday 16 April 2018 until Thursday 5 July 2018.

We are looking for a committed teacher who will:

- contribute to the high quality teaching and learning of Philosophy at A level;
- closely support the Year 13 students in their final lessons before public examinations;
- promote and protect children's welfare in all aspects of their contribution to school life and follow Health and Safety guidelines.

Alleyn's has its own competitive salary scale and accommodation may be available. If you have any questions for the Head of Department, please contact the personnel administrator (personnel@alleyns.org.uk).

Candidates selected for interview will be asked to plan and teach a lesson and will be contacted with further details.

Safeguarding

Alleyn's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Equal Opportunities

Alleyn's School is an Equal Opportunities employer and welcomes applications for all posts from appropriately qualified persons regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, religion or belief.

Arrangements for the Appointment

Applications

Candidates should complete all sections of the application form which should be submitted together with a completed Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form, full CV and covering letter (addressed to the Headmaster, Dr Gary Savage). When completed, all documents should be emailed to personnel@alleyns.org.uk.

Alternatively they can be posted to Dr Gary Savage, Headmaster, Alleyn's School, Townley Road, London SE22 8SU

Interviews

Interviews will be conducted at the School and will consist of an interview with relevant colleagues including the Headmaster. There will also be an opportunity to meet other members of the department. Please note that references may be taken up before the interviews. If you would prefer to be contacted first please state this.

**The deadline for applications is midday on Thursday 8 February 2018
with interviews taking place during the week commencing Monday 19 February 2018**

