

CRANLEIGH SCHOOL



TEACHER of HISTORY and POLITICS

Cranleigh School seeks to appoint for September 2018 an outstanding practitioner to teach in the History and Politics Department. The successful applicant will teach History in Years 9 to 13 and Politics in Years 12 and 13. Experience in teaching Politics would be an advantage but is not essential. He or she will also show a willingness to contribute in other ways to the activities of a busy boarding school.

Cranleigh School is a leading fully co-educational independent boarding and day Senior School consisting of around 630 girls and boys of 13 – 18 years of age. There is also a Preparatory in close proximity which has around 330 girls and boys.

THE DEPARTMENT

The History and Politics Department is one of the most successful departments at Cranleigh; for several years our headline and value-added results have been among the best in the school. In Year 9, teachers are able to choose their own topic to teach their classes for the majority of the year; popular choices with current staff are the Scramble for Africa, the Napoleonic Wars and the American West. Towards the end of this year, we embark on the IGCSE course, with typically 80 out of 130 students in the year-group choosing History in each of Years 10 and 11. At A-level, we normally run three History sets of around ten students in each of Years 12 and 13. Most History teachers also teach Government and Politics in the Upper School, where we usually have two sets running in each year-group.

The Department currently consists of seven full-time teachers. From September 2018, we will be based in a new classroom block (currently under construction), which we will share with other humanities departments. This new building will provide a variety of teaching and meeting spaces, as well as continuing to guarantee each full-time colleague their own classroom. For our GCSE pupils, we regularly lead trips to the First World War Battlefields and also to Berlin; at A-level, we visit New York and Washington, and Russia (Moscow and St Petersburg). Closer to home, we also embrace the opportunity to take students to academic events in London,

where possible. Each week, we run a well-attended lunchtime meeting – the Knoller Society – where we introduce students to new historical topics that we think will be of interest.

The Department works closely as a team. We think it's important to share our good practice, and do so regularly in formal and informal contexts. The successful applicant will need to feel comfortable with this way of working at the same time as looking for opportunities to extend or modify our working practices to maximise the potential of the pupils, and encourage passion for the subject.

The Curriculum

At IGCSE, we follow the Edexcel 9-1 specification (4HI1). Students take options on the Origins and Course of the First World War; Germany 1918-45; Superpower Relations, 1945-1962; and China, 1900-1989. At A-level we follow OCR History A (H505). We do not offer the AS-level (in line with school policy). The options we teach are From Pitt to Peel, 1783-1853; The Cold War in Asia, 1945-1993; Russia and its Rulers, 1855-1964; and coursework, usually a depth study on the Vietnam War (which is also covered in the Cold War in Asia unit).

For Government and Politics, we follow the Edexcel specification. Component 1 covers British politics through the topics of democracy and participation, elections, the media, and political parties, and also includes the study of the core political ideologies of liberalism, socialism, and conservatism. Component 2 covers British government through the topics of the executive, parliament, the UK constitution, and the relationships between the branches of government, as well as an additional political ideology. For Component 3, pupils will be studying Global Politics.

In History, the Department has a strong track record in examination results. At IGCSE, MIDYIS shows us as adding significant value against our independent-school peers on a regular basis, over several years. History results are also routinely better than the school average. In 2017 at IGCSE, 47% of our candidates achieved A*s, and 92% of them achieved a grade between A* and B. At A-level, our A*/A rate is typically around 50%; around 90% of students usually achieve A*, A, or B grades.

The introduction of iPads for pupils, from January 2018, provides many new opportunities and the successful candidate must be prepared to fully engage with this new initiative. All teachers are supplied with their own iPad. Our intention is for technology to be used to supplement and enhance learning.

Further information is available on our website at www.cranleigh.org and applicants may wish to consult the course descriptions for History and Government and Politics.

The accompanying information, 'Why teach at Cranleigh?' gives an impression of the ethos to which it is expected that the successful candidate will contribute.

THE POST

The responsibilities of the Teacher of History will include:

- Teaching to the highest standard across all year groups
- Preparing suitable teaching material for each lesson and following the departmental programmes of study
- Contributing to the making and sharing of Department resources
- Setting an appropriate level and quantity of prep in line with Departmental and Whole School Marking policies
- Providing written reports, report grades and summative assessment marks by the deadlines set by both the Head of Department and the Deputy Head (Academic)
- Running one of several weekly drop-in clinics where students can get extra help
- Attending weekly Department meetings
- Contributing to the preparation of students for tertiary education.

THE PERSON

We seek a dynamic, enthusiastic and inspirational teacher of History, the ability to teach Government and Politics would be an advantage, who is able to communicate a passion for the subject to assist their students to reach the highest standards. The successful candidate will have an excellent knowledge of, and a real enthusiasm for the subject(s), and is likely to hold a good honours degree in History, Politics (or a closely related subject). He/she will be self-motivated and will relish the challenge presented by being part of a forward-moving and successful department. A commitment to pupils, the Department and the wider life of the School, plus a firm grasp of curricular developments are important as are empathy, organisation, a sense of humour and the ability to enhance the Department's delivery and development of History.

The ideal candidate will be flexible, adaptable, innovative and a good team player.

In addition he/she would be expected to get involved in all aspects of this busy boarding school including acting as a tutor to a group of students within a House, including some of the delivery of the school's PSHEE programme. This would normally include one evening duty per week. All teachers are expected to contribute to the School's co-curricular programme and co-curricular activities alongside their academic responsibilities.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of the post informally, please get in touch with Adam Rothwell, the Head of History, by email in the first instance: asjr@cranleigh.org.

THE APPOINTMENT

The appointment is from September 2018.

Candidates should state fully what their particular interests are and where they think they can make contributions to the wider life of the school.

Cranleigh School has its own salary scales significantly above the maintained sector and the successful applicant will be offered a salary commensurate with their qualifications and experience. Accommodation is available if required and salaries will be adjusted accordingly. Significant fee concessions are available at both Cranleigh Preparatory school and Cranleigh School.

To apply, please submit a brief letter of application together with a completed Application Form, available on the School's website, supported by a full Curriculum Vitae and to include the names and contact details of two referees. Closing date for applications is **5.00 pm on Tuesday 30th January**.

Applications will be considered as they are received.

Applications should be sent to:

The Headmaster, Cranleigh School, Horseshoe Lane, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8QQ or via email to mrp@cranleigh.org

If you think you'd fit the bill we'd be delighted to hear from you.

We are committed to the safeguarding of children and enhanced disclosure screening will apply to this post.