



KING
EDWARD'S
SCHOOL
BATH



Applications are invited for the post of

TEACHER OF CLASSICS

Permanent

from September 2023

THE POST

Applications are invited from energetic and well-qualified university graduates seeking to teach Classics in this dynamic, very popular and successful Classics Department. We are looking for an inspirational, enthusiastic and well-organised Classics teacher who will contribute fully to the impressive academic record of the Department. The successful candidate will possess excellent subject knowledge, be an effective teacher who uses a variety of teaching methods and be able to work well as part of a team. It is expected that the successful candidate will be able to teach across the whole range of age and ability for Latin, including A-level. The Department teaches Classical Greek at GCSE and A level and the ability and willingness to teach this would be a distinct advantage. Classical Civilisation is also taught at A level and the ability and willingness to teach this would be expected of a good Classics graduate. Also expected is a willingness to be involved in the extra-curricular and pastoral life of this busy and vibrant School.

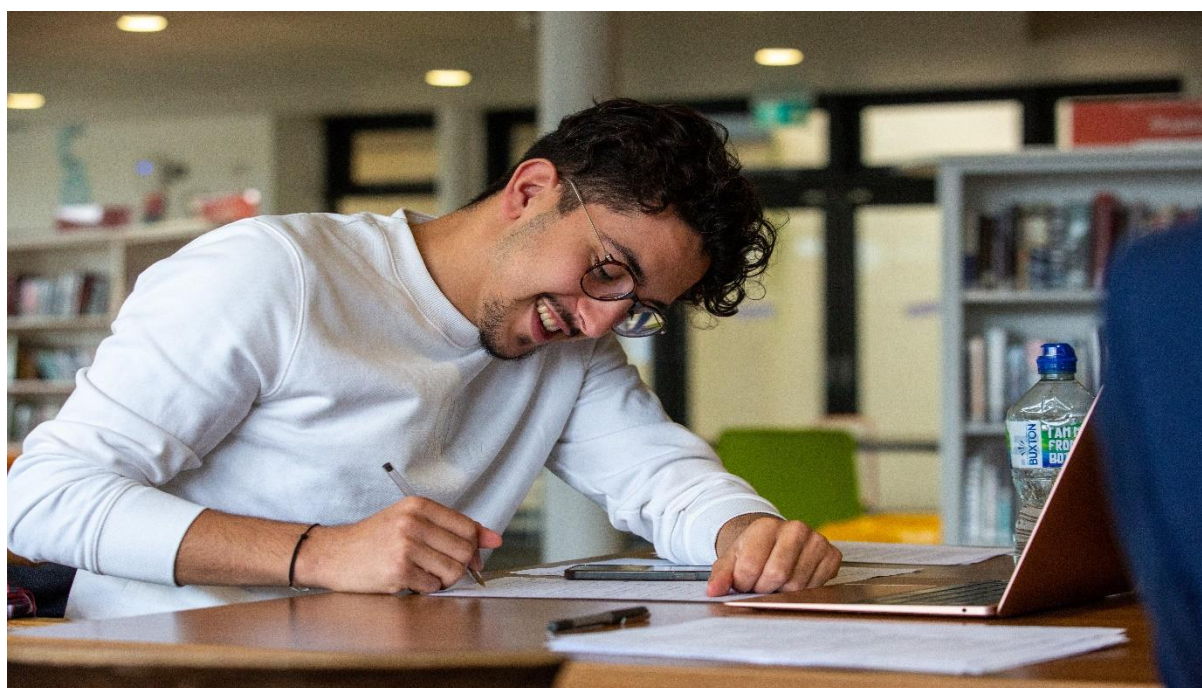
We have some flexibility in our Classics staffing and therefore applications are invited equally from those interested in a full-time post and those who would prefer a part-time role of about 0.8 of a full-time allocation.

CLASSICS AT KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL

There are currently three full-time and one part-time members of the Department, all of whom are experienced and enthusiastic teachers. As a department we seek to encourage all pupils to enjoy the study of the ancient world and we serve the entire ability range at King Edward's. We employ a variety of teaching methods based on a communicative approach which nonetheless

prepares pupils for the academic rigour of advanced courses. We are a thriving and dedicated Department, with numbers of students in Classics classes consistently outstripping the national average. Latin, Classical Greek and Classical Civilisation are all part of the curriculum and are popular with our pupils. For many years the Department has achieved excellent results, with many pupils going on to study classical subjects at top universities.

Latin is taught from Year 7 up to A Level. In Years 7 and 8 all pupils study Latin. In Year 9 the subject falls into the choices scheme and pupils can choose between Latin or the more intensive Latin & Greek course. The latter is aimed at the most linguistically able and concentrates on the ancient languages with less emphasis on history and culture. In Years 7 to 9 there are three lessons per fortnight (all lessons are one hour in length) and roughly 50% of the year group will opt to continue studying one or both of the classical languages. At the end of Year 9, pupils opt again to continue with Latin or Latin & Greek. There is normally one GCSE set of each and there are five lessons per fortnight for Latin and seven for the Latin plus Greek set (including two lunchtime lessons). At A level, Latin, Classical Civilisation and Classical Greek are offered. There has usually been one set of each (typically 4-8 will study Latin and Classical Civilisation, with 1-4 studying Greek). Year 12 students have nine lessons per fortnight and Year 13 students ten lessons, shared between the members of the department.



The results of the Classics Department in public exams have been consistently outstanding for many years and 2022 was no exception, with a 100% A* rate for Latin A2, 100% A* rate for Greek A2 and a 100% A*-C pass rate for Classical Civilisation (33% at A*). At GCSE students achieved 100% 9-6 grades for Latin (including 51% 9 grades) and 100% 9-7 grades for Greek last year (including 60% 9 grades). Each year several students choose to continue with classical subjects at university, with offers from Oxbridge colleges in seven consecutive years. The successful applicant will help to maintain and develop this tradition. The Department follows the OCR specification for GCSE and A Level in Latin and Greek, as well as the OCR specification for Classical Civilisation A Level.

The Department has two large teaching rooms and shares a smaller teaching room for Years 12 and 13 in Nethersole House. The two large rooms have a permanent sound system, DVD players, interactive whiteboards and data projectors. The Classics office is also situated in Nethersole and has work space for all members of the department.

The Classics department is extremely well resourced. Latin is taught from *Latin Practice Exercises* (R C Bass) in Years 8-10, with the Department about to embark on the Suburani course in Year 7 next year. We use a combination of our own resources as well as *Latin Stories* in Year 11. In the Sixth Form, language is taught using Taylor's *Latin Beyond GCSE*, Ashley Carter's *A Level Unseens* and Mathew Owen's *Ovid/Prose Unseens*. The Greek sets use the department's own resources and *Greek to GCSE* by John Taylor. In the Sixth Form, language is taught using the department's own resources, Taylor's *Greek Beyond GCSE* and *Greek Unseen Translations*. We currently teach the World of the Hero, Greek Art and Love and Relationships modules for Classical Civilisation A Level. A key target in recent years has been to centralise resources electronically and there is now much additional material on the departmental VLE pages, including a wide range of documentaries recorded on 'KES TV'.

The Department is fully committed to creating opportunities for learning beyond the curriculum and each member of the department has their own area of responsibility. We run a Sixth Form Reading Group, a Sixth Form Lecture Group, a Junior Latin Club and a Classics Clinic. We take a biennial trip to the Bay of Naples for junior years in Activities Week and a biennial trip for senior years in the October half term (Greece in 2023). The department also takes Year 7 to the Roman Baths and Sixth Formers to the theatre, lecture days and external competitions when possible. Members of the department are involved in Classics beyond the classroom, including NQT/ECT mentoring, external examining and editing *Omnibus*.

SALARY

Salaries at the School are based on our own KES Salary Scale and will take into account the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate. The KES Salary Scale is enhanced above the National State Qualified Teachers' Scale.

All staff are in a position of trust and have a duty to keep children and young people safe and to protect them from neglect and physical and emotional harm. This duty is in part exercised through the development of respectful caring and professional relationships between staff, children, and young people. Staff are expected to be familiar with the local child protection arrangements and understand their responsibilities in order to safeguard and protect children and young people.

King Edward's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and applicants must be willing to undergo safeguarding screening including checks with past employers and a DBS disclosure in accordance with the DBS Code of Conduct. All appointments are made subject to satisfactory DBS clearance. The suitability of all prospective employees or volunteers will be assessed during the recruitment process in line with this commitment.

Further details and an application form can be obtained from our website or from the School's HR Department at HR@kesbath.com.

Applications should be made in writing, using the supplied application form **and** with a letter outlining the applicant's suitability for the post, including their relevant experience.

These should be received as soon as possible and no later than **9am on Monday 13 March 2023** and should be sent to:

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Please note that we are unable to give feedback to applicants not invited for interview.