



King's Hall School

TAUNTON

Head of History Job Description

About King's Hall School

King's Hall School is co-educational, offering day and boarding places to boys and girls from the ages of two to thirteen. There are about 320 children in the school, 100 of whom are in the Pre-Prep.

The school is built around Pyrland Hall, an impressive Georgian country house on the edge of the Quantock Hills. The 50 acre estate (including 15 acres of playing fields) is entirely surrounded by National Trust farmland but is also within a mile of Taunton, the county town of Somerset. Bristol and Exeter are within easy reach while London is a 1 hour 40 min train journey or three hours via the motorway.

The Pre-Prep's Early Years Foundation Stage consists of a Nursery, which takes children after they have reached their second birthday, and two Reception classes. There are then normally two classes in each of Years 1 and 2.

The Prep department, Years 3-8, has two or three classes in each year group. There is continuity of educational provision between Years 1 and 8.

The school is a member of the Woodard Corporation, a group of fifty schools educating boys and girls in the Christian tradition in most parts of the country. It has very close links with King's College, Taunton which is on a separate site about three miles away and most pupils transfer there at the age of 13+.

There is an excellent record of academic, musical, artistic, dramatic and sporting achievements throughout the school. There is a programme of continual development: in the last twelve years this has included a new sports hall, a performing arts centre used for concerts and drama productions, new changing areas, computer centres for both the Pre-Prep and Prep, refurbishing the pool and surrounds and a new full size Astroturf pitch. The Pre-Prep has also recently undergone an extensive refurbishment and our new Science Faculty was completed in September 2017 as part of our 2020 Vision.

The Role

Due to the promotion of the current postholder, we are looking for a Head of History who is an outstanding Historian and who is prepared to lead by example and manage best practice by all members of the department. As Head of History, s/he will be responsible for leading, managing and developing the History curriculum. The successful candidate would benefit from a proven track record of teaching History up to Common Entrance and Scholarship level and from Year 4 through to Year 8. However, secondary or senior school History teachers are also encouraged to apply. We are looking for someone who will inspire children to love History and to continue the success of the History department at King's Hall School

Responsible to:

The Headmaster

Responsibilities:

- The teaching of History in the Prep department.
- Writing schemes of work / syllabuses and maintaining documentation.
- Implementing the curriculum.
- Monitoring of planning, teaching and standards within the department.
- Management of staff within the department.
- Liaising with the Pre-Prep History coordinator and the Head of History at King's College.
- Management and development of department resources.
- To organise/oversee relevant visits/trips/projects for History.
- Ordering and management of History department budget.
- Fulfilling the safety obligations of the History department.
- Writing reports.
- Keeping records/pupil profiles.
- The pastoral care of a tutor group.

All members of staff are required to attend Assembly, Departmental meetings, Parents' evenings, School functions and Staff meetings,

All Prep staff help with the games and hobbies programmes according to their ability and interests and are also included on a weekly duty rota either during the day or in the boarding house.

The person appointed must be able to work closely with other members of the department and establish good relationships with parents.

All members of staff are expected to maintain a high standard of timekeeping and personal presentation.

Person Specification

Qualifications

- A degree (preferably History) and/or teaching certificate from a recognised college/university.
- Qualified Teacher status or proven relevant experience.

Experience and Knowledge

- Minimum 3 years' teaching experience.
- Outstanding subject knowledge.
- Ability to teach a second subject (particularly KS3 English) will be an advantage.

Personal Qualities

- Ability to lead and inspire enthusiasm for History.
- Ability to communicate effectively and build professional relationships with parents and colleagues.
- Uncompromising but compassionate approach to professional standards.
- Rigorous can-do attitude, positive team player with a sense of humour.

Remuneration

- King's Hall has its own salary scale.
- Pensionable under the Teachers' Pension Scheme.
- Reduced fees at King's Hall and King's College are available for children of staff.

How to Apply

To apply, please complete all sections of the application form, including the supporting statement. In this statement, please ensure you set out your interest in this position and how you meet the requirements of the role.

Please return your completed application form, together with letter of application addressed to the Headmaster, to:
Mrs Emma Guppy
Headmaster's PA
King's Hall School
Kingston Road
Taunton
Somerset TA2 8AA

or email to:
EGuppy@kingshalltaunton.co.uk.

The closing date for applications is midday on Thursday 30th January.

Interviews will be held on Monday 10th February.

Safeguarding

King's Hall School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to respect this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory reference checks.

These notes are for guidance only and have no contractual implications unless/until confirmed.