

TEACHER OF HISTORY

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TO START: NOVEMBER 2018

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Required for November 2018

Attractive remuneration package

Woodbridge School is one of the top academic schools in Suffolk, located in a beautiful part of the county, yet only one hour 20 minutes from London. We are seeking an enthusiastic, talented and motivated Historian from November 2018, to teach all ages through to A Level, to cover a period of maternity leave for up to one year. We are looking for a candidate with a good degree in History, who is going to be able to contribute to the academic life of the department to ensure our pupils reach their full potential. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute fully to the pastoral and co-curricular life at the School.

Applications are invited from all those who meet the necessary criteria, whether newly qualified or more experienced. We have excellent facilities and you would be joining a warm, friendly working environment.

For more information about our school and this superb opportunity please go to www.woodbridgeschool.org.uk/vacancies

Closing date for applications: 9am on Monday 24 September 2018

Interview date: Thursday 27 September 2018

Woodbridge School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and all applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the position, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADMASTER



So what makes Woodbridge School such a special place? Well, above all else, it is an exceptionally happy school. When you visit I am sure you will be struck by the warmth and sense of community. It is, however, much more than a kind and nurturing place – there is also a real sense of purpose.

I am very aware that all our pupils will need the skills and attributes to thrive in an ever more competitive world. This means excellent academic achievement; it is a given that they will receive that at Woodbridge, but academic results alone are not enough.

It also means developing creativity, empathy, the ability to think independently and work with others, and above all, the self-confidence to overcome any challenge. The emphasis of the School is very much on what pupils can do well and ensuring they emerge as happy, confident, well-balanced young men and women.

The School is part of the Seckford Foundation which runs The Seckford Almshouses, three free schools, and also sponsors initiatives such as apprenticeships, a mentoring scheme and a grants programme. Being part of such a broad ranging charity is an exciting aspect of the job and brings governors with a tremendous range of experience.

I am looking to appoint a talented Teacher of History to continue to promote the excellent reputation of the School. I would like the successful candidate to encourage the enjoyment of the subject and continue the popularity of History choices through to A Level. This is an exciting opportunity for the right candidate to work in a wonderful school.

Dr Richard Robson
Headmaster

THE ROLE

An inspiring Teacher of History is required to join this successful team from November 2018, to cover a period of maternity leave for up to one year. You will teach all ages through to A Level.

Applicants will be academically able, enthusiastic teachers with an understanding of how to inspire pupils with an enjoyment of this subject. This post would suit an excellent teacher looking to broaden their experience, or a recently qualified teacher.

The Department and what to expect

The History Department currently comprises of three full-time teachers. Around 45% of pupils in Year 10 choose to take History at GCSE.

You will be expected to teach up to A Level, and must have the ability to teach both the most academic and the less able pupils with confidence.

You will set and mark homework with clear feedback to pupils on how they can improve and participate in the exchange of good practice, and engage in informal lesson observation.

You will assess and record pupils' progress in accordance with the School policies and develop teaching and learning resources.

Those pupils taking GCSE History currently study:

- Germany 1890 to 1945
- Conflict and Tension 1918 to 1939
- Norman England 1066 to 1100
- Power and the People 1170 to present (AQA exam board)

Those pupils taking A Level History currently study:

- Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855 to 1964
 - Religious Conflict and the Church of England 1529 to 1570 (AQA exam board)
- It would be an advantage to be familiar with the AQA exam board, but not essential.*

The taught curriculum

The curriculum at Woodbridge combines breadth with a strong focus on the major academic disciplines. It aims to provide each pupil with the essential intellectual skills needed for later study, including the ability to think critically and logically.

The diversity of the curriculum is continued right through the school to the sixth form, where 28 subjects are available for study at A Level.

Extra-Curricular (history)

The History Society: meets to discuss topical and historically relevant issues. There is also the opportunity to research, debate and write articles for an annual magazine, together with creating thriving lectures and debates on a wide variety of issues;

History Support: gives pupils additional help through any challenges and provides revision sessions and help with Oxbridge entry. One to one support is also offered.

THE PERSON

The successful applicant is likely to have the following qualifications, knowledge and experience:

Qualifications/Experience

- Educated to degree level;
- PGCE or equivalent;
- Appropriate specialist qualification in History;
- Experience of teaching History at GCSE and A Level – with knowledge of AQA and OCR Exam Board requirements is a benefit but not essential;
- The ability to teach Geography would also be an advantage.

Skills/Abilities

- Excellent subject knowledge and an impressive track record of GCSE and A Level results;
- Able to demonstrate outstanding classroom practice, capable of inspiring pupils with an imaginative approach to teaching and learning;
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills;
- Good administrative and organisational abilities;
- Ability to create and maintain strong, supportive relationships with staff, parents, carers, pupils and the community;
- Knowledge of effective pastoral care and safeguarding and child protection issues.

Personal/Professional Qualities

- Inspirational – has a genuine passion for the subject with the ability to enthuse pupils;
- Aspirational and empathetic; has a genuine belief in the potential of every pupil;
- Persuasive and influential;
- Collaborative and a team player;
- Flexible and resourceful;
- Innovative and creatively seeks out new ideas;
- Willingness to be fully involved in school life.

Salary

The salary will be competitive and commensurate with the responsibilities of the role.

Benefits include:

- Membership of the Teacher's Pension Scheme;
- Childcare vouchers;
- Lunch is provided to all staff during term time;
- School fees remission;
- Personal Accident cover.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

In order to apply please complete the application form (no longer than two sides of A4 and should be typed) (you can use the section in the application form if you prefer).

Application forms can be downloaded from the School's website:

www.woodbridgeschool.org.uk/vacancies

Alternatively, you can apply online via TES.

Please return your application, preferably in a **Cover** in the title line to: hr@seckford-fo



If you are unable to apply by email, please post your application (marking it 'Strictly Private and Confidential') to: Human Resources, Woodbridge School, Marryott House, Burkitt Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4JJ.

Applications must be received no later than 9am on Monday 24 September 2018.

Interviews will take place on Thursday 27 September 2018.

All information will be treated as strictly confidential. Referees will be approached prior to shortlisting unless you expressly request otherwise.

If you have any questions or enquiries regarding the application process, please ring the HR department on 01394 615167.

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