



**MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL**  
INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL FOR BOYS 7 - 18 AND SIXTH FORM GIRLS



## **Information Pack**

## **Head of Economics**

Closing date: Midday, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Interviews: Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> July or earlier

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## Introduction from the Master, Miss H.L. Pike

Magdalen College School is a remarkable place. We are now well into our sixth century, and our former pupils include scholars, war heroes, musicians, Olympians, a Nobel Prize laureate, a Hollywood film director, and a saint. Our success in public examinations, in securing places at top universities, and in an astonishing array of extra-curricular pursuits ensure that we continue this proud tradition. We do so by nurturing the individual potential of each of our pupils, and above all we believe that learning is as fun as it is fulfilling.



Magdalen College School was founded in 1480 by William of Waynflete: schoolmaster, bishop of Winchester and Lord Chancellor of England. Being of humble origins, Waynflete was determined that others of ability should be given the opportunity to learn, to serve and to prosper as he did. And so MCS offers a transformative education in our global university city, the community to which we contribute.

We attract and retain the best staff and MCS is a stimulating, welcoming and thriving environment in which both to learn and to work.

A lot happens at MCS. The various sections of our website ([www.mcsoxford.org](http://www.mcsoxford.org)) including the recent [News](#) will give you an impression of our school.

Thank you for your interest.

*H.L. Pike*

## HEAD OF ECONOMICS

### The School

Magdalen College School, founded in 1480 by William of Waynflete, is one of the country's leading independent day schools. It is situated in an enviable location at the heart of Oxford beside the River Cherwell. It educates boys from 7 – 18, and girls in the Sixth Form.

### The Role

The school is seeking to appoint a well-qualified teacher from January 2018 to lead the Economics Department and to teach bright and enthusiastic pupils to A Level and Oxbridge. Further information on the post is included below.



### Application Process

Candidates should submit the Application Form for Teaching Staff which can be found on the Job Vacancy link of the website ([www.mcsoxford.org](http://www.mcsoxford.org)). To access [click here](#). This should be emailed together with a cv and covering letter of application to the Recruitment Officer, Mrs Sarah Hunter, ([applications@mcsoxford.org](mailto:applications@mcsoxford.org)). All documentation should be sent no later than **midday Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. Although we anticipate holding interviews the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> July, early applications are encouraged as we may hold interviews at any time. The school reserves the right to appoint at any time during the application process. We will be in contact with shortlisted candidates by telephone. The school's preferred method of communication is by email and it will not be necessary to send a hard copy of the documents by post.

### Safeguarding Policy

Magdalen College School is committed to the safeguarding of pupils, and any offer of employment will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure, the receipt of satisfactory references, the school's pre-employment medical questionnaire, plus sight of relevant original ID documentation and degree certificate(s).





## **The Department**

Magdalen College School is seeking to appoint a full-time Head of Economics from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

Economics has been taught at Magdalen College School since September 2010 and has, since then, expanded significantly. It has been established as a popular and highly successful subject within the Sixth Form curriculum.

Economics teaching takes place in a suite of two well-resourced, modern and attractive classrooms in the Colin Sanders building and there is a separate departmental office. Both classrooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards, projectors, high-quality sound systems and wi-fi. The department follows the new



linear Edexcel Economics A specification, with pupils taking all external exams at the end of the Upper Sixth.

The department achieves outstanding results in public examinations. Last year the department achieved 46% A\* at A Level and 89% A\*-A. Many MCS Economics pupils are successful in gaining places to read Economics at Oxbridge, LSE, Warwick and other Russell Group universities. Underpinning this

interest is an enduring strength in Maths: over 45% of this year's Lower Sixth has chosen to study Further Mathematics, and a further 35% have chosen Single Maths. Furthermore, a significant number of the Sixth Form choose an Economics related subject for their Waynflete Studies project – the school's unique extended project taught in conjunction with members of the University.

Pupils are encouraged to work beyond the curriculum and engage with enrichment activities. Last year, MCS economics pupils reached the national final in the Bank of England Target 2.0 competition. Over recent years MCS pupils have also competed in the BASE competition, The Student Investor Challenge competition as well as winning commendations in the Royal Economic Society national essay writing competitions. There is, in addition, a pupil-led Economics Society which meets to debate topical issues and invites guest speakers which have included Sir John Vickers, Professor Ian Goldin and Professor Ngaire Woods. An enthusiastic approach to assisting with and fostering such enrichment activities will be advantageous.

## **The Candidate**

The successful candidate will be required to teach Economics to A Level and Oxbridge and will have the energy, enthusiasm, experience and expertise to lead this successful department. The Head of Economics will report to the Master via the Deputy Head (Academic).

Candidates short-listed for interview will be asked to teach an observed lesson when they come to the school. They will also be required to bring with them the necessary ID documentation and degree certificate(s), all of which must be originals. Further information on the observed lesson and documentation required will be provided with the invitation to interview. In

a lively day school, a willingness to contribute to other areas of school life, whether in the pastoral system, in games, music, drama, CCF or other activities, is always advantageous.

## **Additional Information**

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Recruitment office: 01865 253401.

## **Benefits**

MCS currently has its own salary scale, and salaries are more generous than those in the maintained sector; there is also a relocation allowance



on a sliding scale, by agreement with the Bursar, and dependent on current location. The school offers private medical cover and subscribes to the Teachers' Pension Scheme, in which all teaching staff are auto-enrolled – there is, of course, an opt out, should this be preferred. School fee remission for full time staff sons (from Junior through to Sixth Form) and staff daughters (Sixth Form) who pass entrance tests for the school is currently 50%. In addition Headington Girls School currently allows full-time staff daughters who pass entrance tests for the school a 20% remission. All benefits are *pro rata* for part time staff, with the exception of private medical cover which is a 100% benefit. In recent years the school has introduced its own Waynflete Teaching Certificate scheme and successful candidates without a formal PGCE or equivalent, who meet the necessary criteria, may be invited to join this scheme. Please note that MCS is an inner-city school, with limited parking. Candidates who have been offered a post will be invited to make representations in the preceding Trinity Term to the Usher (Senior Deputy Head) for a parking space.