

CRANLEIGH SCHOOL



TEACHER OF CLASSICS (LATIN & GREEK)

Cranleigh School seeks to appoint from January 2019 (or starting sooner if possible) for the remainder of this academic year, a good honours graduate to join our growing Classics Department. The intention is to advertise for a position commencing in September 2019, for which the successful applicant for this post is welcome to apply.

The post would suit equally someone who is looking to start a career in teaching, or someone who already has some experience in the profession. The successful candidate will teach Latin, Classical Civilisation and ideally Greek to GCSE and A level. They will also show a willingness to contribute in other ways to the co-curricular life of a busy boarding school.

Cranleigh School is a leading fully co-educational independent boarding and day Senior School consisting of around 655 girls and boys of 13 – 18 years of age. There is also a Preparatory in close proximity which has around 335 girls and boys.

THE DEPARTMENT

We offer Latin and Classical Civilisation from Year 9 to Year 13 and Greek from Year 10 to Year 13. All pupils coming into the school in Year 9 take either Latin or Classical Civilisation. Both are popular options at GCSE and in the Sixth Form, and about a dozen pupils take Gratin (Greek and Latin) to GCSE. A Level Greek is offered on-timetable alongside Latin and Classical Civilisation. The Department is a lively and successful one: almost three-quarters of Cranleigh pupils take a Classical subject to GCSE, and there are about 25 Classicists of all stripes in the Sixth Form. In recent years our pupils have won places to read Classics at Oxford, Cambridge, Exeter, Durham, St Andrews and other universities of similar calibre: seven Cranleighans are applying for Classical courses at university this year.

The Department consists of five full-time teachers. The Department runs an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities and events. We run visits and trips to lectures, museums, productions of classical drama and invite speakers to Cranleigh. We have a very active student led Sixth Form Classics Society which organises a variety of academic and social events. In the past we have taken trips to Italy and Greece and these trips are a regular feature of the Department.

The Department works very much as a team and so 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, encourage passion for the subject and ensure a high profile for the Department.

The Curriculum

For GCSE and A Level in Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation we use the OCR syllabus. In Classical Civilisation, our A level modules are currently World of the Hero, Greek Theatre and Greek Religion. In GCSE, we prepare pupils for examination in Myth and Religion and War and Warfare.

The Department has a strong track record in examination results. Over the past four years at A2 Latin we have achieved 40% A* and 90% A*/A. Results in GCSE Latin last year were 56% grade 9 and over 70% grades 9-8. GCSE Greek results were 50% grade 9 and 80% 9-8. GCSE Classical Civilisation Value Added results are consistently among the strongest in the school.

Further information is available on our web site at www.cranleigh.org and applicants may wish to consult the course descriptions for Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation.

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 Classics will include:

- Teaching to the highest standard across all year groups; the teaching sets will be decided by the Head of Department;
- 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 Director of Studies;
- 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 (including Oxbridge).

THE PERSON

We are looking for an energetic character who can effectively communicate his or her enthusiasm for the subject. The successful candidate will set an outstanding example through his or her teaching.

We seek a dynamic, enthusiastic and inspirational teacher of Classics who is able to communicate a passion for the subject to assist their students to reach the highest of standards. The successful candidate will have an excellent knowledge of, and a real enthusiasm for the subject, and is likely to hold a good honours degree in Classics (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 Classics.

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.

THE APPOINTMENT

The appointment is from January 2019 or sooner if available.

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 and the successful applicant will be offered a salary commensurate with their qualifications and experience. Accommodation is available if required and salaries are adjusted accordingly.

Cranleigh aspires to be a beacon of excellence in learning and teaching and is committed to the continuing professional development of all employees.

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.

Applications should be sent to:

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

Closing date for applications: **9.30 am on Friday 2nd November**

Applications will be considered as they are received.

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