

# Head of History

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# UPPINGHAM





## From the Headmaster Dr Richard Maloney



History is a popular and thriving subject at Uppingham.

Pupils choose to study History because they find it intellectually stimulating. They are willing to engage with complex ideas and find the teaching challenging and inspiring.

Our aspirations mean that we are not just looking for an outstanding teacher to be our Head of History – capable of inspiring and leading pupils and staff – but someone who has the vision and energy to create the best and most innovative History Department in the country.

The History Department is in a strong place and we are looking for a person of real quality and inspiration to be its next leader. We need someone willing to invest energy and take an already strong subject to an even higher level. We want our teachers to be empowered to innovate and to challenge pedagogical paradigms.

In short, we are looking for someone with vision and the highest aspirations.

I hope you find this a challenge you want to take on. You will find the facilities wonderful, the people fantastic, and our ambition unparalleled. We aspire for Uppingham to be the very best school and want only the very best people to work with us.

I look forward to meeting you.





# About the role: Head of History

The Head of History is responsible for the strategic leadership, development and realisation of History teaching at Uppingham, with responsibility for guiding, supporting and appraising the teachers in the department and for the effective deployment of the department's financial, material and human resources.

The Head of History ensures that Uppingham's History teaching is creative and inspirational, keeping staff abreast of educational developments so that the most innovative courses are chosen, planned and delivered. Ultimately, we aspire to a teaching culture in which pupils of all ages and aptitudes are enthused, inspired, nurtured, stretched, and supported.

The Head of History leads the quality assurance of educational provision by monitoring teaching and learning, observing lessons, evaluating the department's performance and actively addressing the underperformance of pupils.

The Head of History has a particular responsibility to promote History at Uppingham, to pupils, parents, prospective parents, School visitors and feeder prep schools.



# History at Uppingham

Teaching in the History Department is delivered by an experienced team of seven specialist colleagues. History is one of the largest elective subjects at GCSE and A level, and public exam results are strong.

History is studied by all pupils in the Fourth Form (Year 9). In that year the programme includes the Nature of History, the Development of Empire and a topic chosen by the pupils.

At GCSE, the department teaches the CIE IGCSE. The core content is 20th Century International Relations; the depth study is Germany 1918-1945 and the coursework is on Russia 1928-41.

In the Sixth Form the department offers a choice between Modern and Early periods. We follow the Edexcel syllabus 9HI0, Routes A and C.

The History department plays an active role beyond the classroom in the overall academic life of the School. It organises historical trips, often more than one per year. Destinations visited include Berlin and Russia. The department has an active Sixth Form seminar programme for preparation for higher education, as well as an Oxbridge preparation group.

The department is located on its own floor of one of the main teaching buildings in the heart of the School. It is well resourced with large stocks of textbooks and readers. Each room has wifi, a number of computers, digital projector and stereo sound. A set of laptops is also available.

# About the person

We are looking for an outstanding teacher, visionary leader, and an experienced professional who will not settle for less than excellence.

The appointee will be a strong, dynamic and inspirational character with unimpeachable subject knowledge, strong degree(s) and exemplary classroom management skills. A track record of first

rate teaching and a rapport with pupils is vital. The ability to inspire others, communicate well, and to lead and work as part of a team are essential.

An appreciation of the wider life of a seven-day-week boarding school is a prerequisite, along with a willingness to take part in the boarding and extracurricular programme.





# Teaching at Uppingham

## Remuneration and Benefits

The School has its own salary scale, which is reviewed annually. The scale starts at £31,152 and progression is possible to £54,732. Positions of responsibility carry additional allowances. The children of fulltime members of staff can be educated as boarders for one third of the boarding fee and as day pupils for one quarter of the day fee. The School provides a 50% subsidy to subscriptions to its private medical scheme and participates in the tax-efficient Childcare Vouchers scheme.

All members of staff are expected to live within reasonable distance of the School so that they can contribute to boarding school life easily and effectively. Assistance with reasonable removal expenses is provided. School property is sometimes available initially for those who wish to rent it at 70% of market rate, and some partly furnished flats are provided for those coming straight from university or overseas. Most staff prefer to buy their own houses in due course, and

there is a wide range of property available in the town and surrounding villages.

Many staff take lunch with the pupils in a different house on some days each week, by invitation of the Housemasters and Housemistresses. Morning coffee and afternoon tea are held in the Common Room every day except Sunday, and refreshments are available throughout the day.

Full-time members of staff can join the Uppingham School Sports Centre for a nominal annual fee. Part-time teachers receive a pro-rata reduction on the normal membership charges. This award-winning centre is a dual-use facility for the School and community and is open throughout the holidays as well as in term time. Further details of the superb facilities available can be found at [www.sportscentre.uppingham.co.uk](http://www.sportscentre.uppingham.co.uk).

## Life in Rutland

Rutland – England's smallest county – is a beautiful part of the country. Uppingham town has two maintained primary schools and an 11-16 community college. There is a sixth form college in Oakham. Oakham School (six miles), Stamford School and Stamford High School (eleven miles) are independent schools which, between them, offer day education to boys and girls from eight plus; local parents and/or the schools concerned provide car or coach transport. There is a good GP surgery in the town. There is a considerable community of young children within the area.

The town is situated between Leicester and Peterborough. Nottingham, Northampton and Birmingham are also relatively close. Cambridge can be reached in 50 minutes and Oxford in an hour and a half. London is an hour by train from Corby, Kettering or Peterborough. Peterborough and Leicester have excellent shopping centres. Leicester, Nottingham and Birmingham all enjoy first-class theatre and concert facilities.

# The Next Steps

Informal enquiries about the post may be made to the Deputy Head Academic, Ben Cooper, (01572 820607 or [DHA@uppingham.co.uk](mailto:DHA@uppingham.co.uk)).

Applications must be made on the School's application form, which can be obtained via the School website or from [hr@uppingham.co.uk](mailto:hr@uppingham.co.uk)

**Closing date:**  
Wednesday 15th November, 9.00am.  
**Interviews:**  
Wednesday 22nd November.

Completed applications must reach us by the closing date and should be returned to:

HR Department  
Uppingham School  
High Street West  
Uppingham  
Rutland  
LE15 9QE

*Uppingham School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service. Issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of pupils will be explored at interview.*

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