TEACHER OF HISTORY

The Post

We are looking for an inspiring, creative teacher who loves history and wants to share their passion with our students. This is a fabulous opportunity for either a newly qualified teacher or a more experienced teacher who wants to develop their career in an outstanding and expanding National Teaching School.

History is a popular option at both GCSE and A-Level, with multiple groups and large numbers.

The Department

The History department consists of 5 historians, and is located in the Annie Kenney building. There are 4 dedicated History classrooms and we share a large departmental office with Geography.

In Year 7 and Year 8 students are grouped in conjunction with English, Geography and RS. Take-up at GCSE (EDEXCEL 9-1 GCSE) is healthy with 158 students across 6 groups in Year 9, 5 groups in Year 10 and 4 in Year 11. Numbers at A-level have been steady, with 2 groups progressing into Year 13; our aim is to continue to make history a vibrant and successful option at A-Level, and grow our AS numbers, both from internal applicants and from the additional 200+ young people who apply to Blue Coat Sixth Form each year from schools across the area. Currently we offer OCR A-Level History, studying The Early Tudors, US Westward expansion and the American Civil War, and US Civil rights (1865-1992), but we are reviewing this to ensure that all the department can work on the development of a single offer to students, to ensure consistently high quality and collaborative support for all teachers.

We have recently re-developed our KS3 curriculum and assessment, embracing the recent A-Level and GCSE changes. We understand the importance of innovative teaching and we are continually striving to develop students' learning experience. We are committed to excellent teaching and learning, embracing challenge for all, and the development of all our staff to become excellent practitioners.

The department leads on a whole school Year 8 curriculum trip to the First World War Battlefields of France and Belgium. As well as this, we have introduced a Year 9 GCSE trip to London as part of our Crime and Punishment unit at GCSE, and we also lead a 6th form tour to the USA.

In short, this is a superb opportunity to join and help lead a dynamic and changing department in a high-achieving, well-resourced school, which is committed to excellence for all students and staff.

Facilities and Resources

The department is based in 4 newly refurbished classrooms. Each classroom has a digital projector and wireless internet access.

The department is very well resourced in terms of textbooks and online resources. There are also extensive resources and Internet access for students in the excellent Library/Resource Centre.

Method of Application

Full details and application forms for this post are available from the school website.

Applications by post should be marked **'Teacher of History'** and should be returned to: Mrs J A Hollis, MA, Headteacher, The Blue Coat School, Egerton Street, Oldham, Lancashire, OL1 3SQ'.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure correct postage. Any applications that are underpaid will not be delivered.

or Email: vacancies@blue-coat.org

Tel: 0161 785 5071

Closing date for applications: **Friday, 5th May 2017, 3.00pm**
Interviews: **W/b 8th May, 2017**