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Teacher of History

Full/part time maternity cover Jan-Jul 2018
Main scale - hours negotiable



St John the Baptist School is seeking to appoint a Teacher of History to join our well established and high performing History Department.

All the teachers in the department are subject specialists who are very positive and enthusiastic, and as a team they are extremely forward thinking, always challenging themselves to develop their own practice as well as that of others. History is very popular at both GCSE and A Level, and the results are stunning. Last year the department achieved 94% A*-C in GCSE History with 68% achieving A*-A. A Level and AS results are also excellent (88% A*-C at A2 in and 100% of students achieving A* - D).

The successful candidate will have a genuine passion for the subject and for teaching children; and the ability to inspire students. We are looking to appoint a colleague who shares our commitment to high standards of professionalism and academic achievement; someone who will go the extra mile to help our students and teachers achieve their full potential.

This is a full or part-time (hours negotiable) maternity cover for two terms starting in January 2018. If you are interested in this opportunity but cannot start until slightly later in the spring term, please get in touch to discuss further.

If you would like to come in and meet the team and discuss this opportunity further please contact:

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Method of Appointment:

- Closing Date: Friday 3 November 2017 (12.00pm)
- Shortlisting: Friday 3 November 2017
- Interviews: Week commencing 6 November 2017
- Method of Application: Application form including statement of application (please download from the SJB website www.sjb.surrey.sch.uk)

Please submit your completed application form to jobs@sjb.surrey.sch.uk





A few thoughts about SJB...



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Thank you for your interest in the position of Teacher of History. I hope you find all the enclosed information useful when applying for this role. I thought it would be useful if I gave you a personal perspective of our school, including a few comments from a current member of staff about what life is like at SJB. Hopefully this will help you decide whether or not SJB is a place where you would be happy and flourish, and where you could do an outstanding job for our children.

SJB is part of the Xavier Catholic Education Trust. We are a group of ten schools in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton who have come together to work collaboratively for the benefit of all the children we serve. The Trust's aim is to provide a caring and supportive environment within which all children receive the best possible education.

SJB is located just outside Woking town centre, and a 15 minute walk from the train station (22 minutes from London Waterloo on the train). The original school, built in the late 60's (but don't worry, the first thing visitors comment on is how vibrant the learning environment is), has changed significantly in recent years as we expand and improve our facilities. Our new Sports Hall & Gym and the expansion of our Sixth Form Centre are now complete. These are the first phases of three of building works, with Humanities due to be extended and improved by the end of this year. The current development means we will be expanding our numbers and as of 2019 we will be taking an additional 60 students in Year 7 and every year thereafter until 2023 by which time we expect our total to be close to 1700 students.

We are very fortunate to work with such a brilliant group of students. If you come to visit us, you will see that they are happy, hardworking (on the whole!) and very positive about our school. Achievement is at the forefront of everything we do at SJB and it would be fair to say it is "cool" to achieve. Our large, vibrant, and predominantly young staff are enthusiastic and passionate about ensuring our students get the very best deal. A new member of staff recently commented *"Working at SJB means that you are surrounded by like-minded colleagues: people who want the best for their students and are prepared to go the extra mile to get it. This means that the standards are really high but I've found that invigorating rather than daunting; with so many great teachers in the school, I am constantly hearing new ideas and techniques to develop my own practice. That's not to say that it's all work and no play though, there's a strong focus on the importance of work/life balance and the school is aware that tired teachers don't deliver engaging lessons. The staff room is a chatty and welcoming place to be and most people feel quite at home from day one!"*

At our last OFSTED inspection (June 2014) we were judged to be outstanding in every category. As you can imagine we are very proud of achieving this result and it is especially pleasing for the students and staffs hard work to be externally recognised in this way. Please do not think we know all the answers, we don't. Our mission is to be the best school in England and we will continually look for ways to improve. This starts by employing the very best teachers and we are hoping this is where you can help!



We are a fully comprehensive school and are therefore proud of our exam results. Full details are on our website but I will give you a few 'highlights'. Last year our GCSE students achieved a Progress 8 score of +1.13, placing our results 6th out of all comprehensive schools in England; 96% of our students gained five or more A*-C/4+ grades including English and Maths. A-Level results were also very strong with 100% pass rate and 75% gaining A*-B.

We are very committed to improving the whole school system. In recent years we have become a Teaching School, Maths Hub and SCITT (we are currently the largest SCITT provider in the country). This means we are able to offer our staff new opportunities in: training future teachers; developing Maths teaching across all phases and supporting local primary and secondary schools. We currently have a number of staff that work, in a variety of capacities, in other schools.

We were very proud to have been one of the few schools to be awarded the World Class Schools Quality Mark. This is our most recent award, others include the Millenium Trophy which was awarded by the LEA to the best school in Surrey, Charter Mark, Partnerships with Parents Award, Leading Edge Status, International Schools Status.

Technology at St John the Baptist School is a major part of teaching, learning and school/teacher administration. We have developed a strong 'can do' approach to supporting staff which encourages everyone to embrace the possibilities that technology has to offer within the school for teaching, learning or administration. Every child has their own iPad which they use to support their learning (as do teachers). We have developed a number of 'in-house' apps for both staff and students.

Working in a Catholic school is unique. The Christian ethos is at the core of everyday life at SJB and is one of our greatest strengths. Visitors frequently comment on the care, compassion and real sense of community that permeates everything that we do. We appoint members of staff, who whatever their beliefs, support the ethos of our school and will always put our children first.

Expectations are incredibly high here at SJB. We expect the very best from and for our students and we expect the same of ourselves as staff. All the staff at SJB are highly valued and contribute in various ways to the overall success of our students. If you feel you would like to know more about this opportunity to join the SJB community you are welcome to visit and look round the school.

In conclusion, we believe this a truly fantastic place to work, but don't take my word for it, come and see for yourself; every day is open day so I look forward to meeting you soon!

James Granville Hamshar
Head of School

Additional information can be found on our school website www.sjb.surrey.sch.uk

