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Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of History.

The governors, staff and students at Brine Leas School are seeking to appoint a dynamic and skilled person, who will be inspirational and successful.

Brine Leas School is an 11-18, mixed, comprehensive School, located in the beautiful market town of Nantwich, in Cheshire.

The department currently comprises of a Curriculum Leader, a Deputy Curriculum Leader, Heads of Department for all subjects and eight specialist staff.

The department benefits from a suite of teaching areas with a mixture of six teaching rooms, a breakout area, and a staff workroom. Specialist rooms are provided within our purpose built sixth form. Each department has access to a visualiser to support their teaching and learning.

Staff can be expected to teach across all humanities disciplines at KS3 and individual expertise is utilised to write curriculum intent statements and support others in the department with curriculum delivery. The courses we offer at KS4 are GCSE History, Geography, Religious Studies, Psychology and Sociology. AQA is the chosen board for all five subjects. The courses we offer at KS5 are A Level History, Geography, Religious Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Law and Government and Politics. AQA is the chosen board for all subjects, with the exception of Psychology, where Edexcel is the board of choice.

GCSE History and Geography are strong options within the school, with 55% of students choosing to opt for either or of these subjects. GCSE RE, Psychology and Sociology have had viable numbers to run one option class annually since they were offered as part of the KS4 curriculum package. Uptake at KS5 is healthy in all subjects and there is an upward trajectory of students choosing Humanities and Social Sciences for their Post 16 options.

GCSE and A Level Geography students currently complete fieldwork at Carding Mill Valley and in Birmingham City Centre. The R.E. Department organises carousels of Faith speakers to support students spiritual and moral development. The department runs trips nationally, for example, Sixth Form Law, History and Politics students are taken to the Supreme Court, Houses of Parliament, and Hampton Court. International trips run by the department are a regular feature of the school calendar for example, visiting volcanos, glaciers, geysers and taking in the Northern Lights in Iceland.

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The department has a very strong culture of sharing resources and expertise to support each other with the implementation of our curriculums.

There are a number of experienced and extremely knowledgeable staff within the department who have the pedagogical know how to support staff through the ECT framework.

Continued professional development is promoted within the department with staff actively encouraged to pursue career development for example, several staff are currently working through various NPQ programmes and many members of the department have additional responsibilities within the school.

Our core values are

Trust, Respect, Optimism, Courage, Resilience, Inclusion and Equality.

We are popular and successful school with a strong commitment to a broad curriculum that meets the needs of all our pupils. We believe in giving pupils life changing and affirming opportunities within our extra-curricular provision. Most pupils stay with us for seven years and enjoy excellent destinations appropriate to their abilities. Many go onto the world's best universities, employers, and careers

We have a talented, creative, and passionate team of staff who take every opportunity to cultivate an environment in which our pupils can succeed, ask questions and express their views. We actively encourage opportunities for pupils to think deeply about their work in order to make sense of the increasingly complicated world in which we live.

We are extremely proud of our school, and we are looking for a strong practitioner who will continue to build productive relationships with our pupils, their parents and carers, the staff, governors and the wider community. You will be part of a strong team of staff who are focused on delivering our core values, supported by a governing body who take their strategic role seriously.

This post is a great opportunity for you to make a real difference and join the school on the next stage of its exciting journey. Further information about our school can be found on our school website.

If you believe that you possess the necessary qualities to meet the requirements of this post and you are aligned with our values, then we welcome your application.

This and any other queries about this post should be made to Mrs Sharon Houghton, HR Manager, via job.applications@brineleas.co.uk

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