



STAHS

PREP **SENIOR** SIXTH

Teacher of Art

(Maternity Cover)

St Albans High School for Girls
Candidate Information Pack

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WELCOME TO STAHS!



We are very proud of our warm and vibrant community of ambitious young people, caring and talented staff and supportive alumni and parents.



Thank you for your interest in joining St Albans High School for Girls (we call it STAHS), one of the UK's leading independent schools, educating over 1,100 girls aged 4 to 18 and consistently ranked among the country's best schools.

At the heart of STAHS is our Teach to 25 philosophy, which prepares students not only for academic success but for life beyond education. Through outstanding teaching, our Skills for Life programme, SuperCurriculum and extensive co-curricular opportunities, pupils develop the confidence, resilience, creativity and communication skills needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Academic excellence is a hallmark of STAHS, but it is only part of the story. We encourage girls to think deeply, embrace challenges and approach new experiences with confidence, while fostering a culture of kindness, respect and individuality. Beyond the classroom, pupils enjoy a wealth of opportunities in sport, the arts, leadership and service, enabling them to discover new passions and make a positive impact on the world around them.

The School operates across two sites: STAHS Prep in the village of Wheathampstead and STAHS Senior in the heart of the historic city of St Albans.

It is my privilege to lead a team of outstanding colleagues who share a commitment to helping every pupil flourish. We work together in a warm, supportive and ambitious community that is uniquely STAHS.

Please visit our website to discover more about what makes STAHS such a special place to learn and work.

Mrs Ann Massey MA Oxon, MEd
Head of STAHS Senior

THE SCHOOL

STAHS opened in 1889 in a converted hospital on Holywell Hill, St Albans, one of many similar schools which were being established towards the end of the 19th century. We transferred to our current site on Townsend Avenue in the heart of the city in 1908, with the Prep School subsequently moving to the village of Wheathampstead in 2003. STAHS has close links with the diocese of St Albans through the Bishop and the Dean, the latter being an ex-officio governor of the School. We are affiliated to the Church of England, and we warmly welcome pupils and staff of all faiths or none.

At STAHS we are always thinking beyond; that's why everything we do is geared towards preparing our pupils for their next steps. We call this our Teach to 25 philosophy. Our vision is for each child to become a happy, resilient young person who embraces opportunities. It's how pupils at STAHS are prepared to live lives of consequence.

From Forest School and FutureSTAHS in Prep, to our SuperCurriculum that stretches pupils beyond the limits of exam specifications, Teach to 25 runs through every aspect of a STAHS education. We equip pupils with the skills, independence and knowledge needed to navigate their path in the critical early years of adult life. Our staff are the beating heart of the School, and deliver our Teach to 25 strategy through the intellectually challenging and engaging lessons and co-curricular they lead.

We are always developing our facilities to ensure that we provide an inspiring learning environment for our entire community. Since 2020, we have opened our stunning state-of-the-art Sixth Form Centre, modern Dining Hall, new classrooms at Prep and Senior, new Prep IT suite and Art and Design studio, a beautifully refurbished Prep Library, a Wellbeing Centre and an all-weather Astro turf pitch at the Senior School..

We have ambitious plans for further development of our facilities over the next decade to provide an even more inspiring and welcoming learning environment.

As a member of staff, you will be encouraged to develop your skills and experience through our extensive professional development programme, which includes opportunities to engage in school exchanges, action research, academic partnership with local and regional schools and institutions and a variety of outreach programmes. You will be a member of a friendly and welcoming school community, and benefit from employment at a school that prioritises staff welfare.



OUR LOCATION



OUR STUDENTS



of all GCSEs awarded were at grades 9-7 in 2026



of all A levels awarded were at grades A*-B in 2026



student clubs and societies



languages spoken in the STAHS community



students accepted Oxbridge places in 2026



of Year 7 students take part in at least one club or society



THE ST ALBANS EDUCATION GROUP

St Albans High School for Girls is part of The St Albans Education Group (STAEG).

STAEG is a growing, charitable group which provides strategic leadership and operational resilience for our schools, while ensuring each retains its own distinct identity and ethos.

Our group brings together schools of different sizes, characters and geographies. STAEG was formed in 2024 following the merger of St Albans High School for Girls (STAHS) Prep and Senior Schools with Stormont School, and this year we have welcomed St George's School Windsor Castle and St George's Ascot to the group.

Each prospective school is carefully assessed to ensure it will demonstrably benefit from being part of STAEG, and will in turn enhance our educational excellence, values and thought leadership. A diverse group amplifies our voice nationally and strengthens our collective resilience.

Across STAEG, staff benefit from rich professional networks, shared expertise and continuous collaboration. This ensures that pupils experience an academically ambitious, values-led education in inspiring environments.

For families, STAEG offers stability, continuity and a consistent educational journey from early years to Sixth Form. As a charity, every surplus penny is reinvested in our schools and the outcomes of our pupils.

St Albans Education Group (STAEG) is a charitable group of leading independent schools.

OUR MISSION

STAEG supports and strengthens our schools to ensure pupils flourish and make a positive impact on society.

OUR VISION

To shape independent education for the future through bold leadership and sector-leading expertise.

OUR VALUES

Excellence: We uphold the highest standards in all we do.

Integrity: We act with honesty, kindness and respect.

Diversity: We celebrate difference and build inclusive communities.

Innovation: We think boldly and creatively to meet challenges.

Leadership: Our leaders demonstrate courage, compassion and purpose.

Joy: We believe education should be exciting, fulfilling and life-enriching.





It is my privilege to lead an outstanding group of colleagues across the St Albans Education Group, all of whom are devoted to preparing young people in our care to live lives of consequence and make a meaningful impact upon the world.



STAEG seeks to bring together schools that will provide a leading voice in the sector. We believe that excellent education is the bedrock of pupils' future success and happiness and want our schools to provide progressive, outstanding education for our learners. We have the highest of expectations for our pupils and our staff alike.

In a rapidly changing and challenging environment for schools the St Albans Education Group looks to the future with confidence.

Amber Waite
Principal and CEO, STAEG

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OUR STAFF BENEFITS



COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT*

a strong commitment to professional development, including whole-school training, and support with personal development projects



FREE LUNCH*

free daily hot lunch and beverages during term time



TUITION FEE REMISSION*

for children of STAHS employees



LEISURE FACILITIES*

free use of the STAHS fitness suite, swimming pool, pitches and courts



PENSION

generous pension scheme



FREE COACH TRAVEL AND CAR PARKING*



CYCLE TO WORK

subsidised cycle to work scheme



ANNUAL FLU IMMUNISATION

reimbursement scheme provided for annual flu vaccines



PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE*

subsidised private medical insurance

*conditions apply

THE DEPARTMENT

The Art Department is a creative, thriving environment, with three dedicated full-time teachers and two part time technicians. As a team, we enjoy exploring new ideas, producing and sharing resources and ensuring that our curriculum enables our pupils to have as rich and varied experience of art as possible. We aim to create an environment that inspires lifelong learning and increases pupils' knowledge, motivation and aspirations.

The facilities in the Art Department are excellent, with 2 purpose-built Art classrooms, a large dedicated Sixth Form Studio, as well as display and exhibition spaces. These are all housed on the first floor of the Jubilee Centre. In addition, there is an integrated department office and storeroom which stimulates collaboration and collegiality. The studios house printing, ceramics equipment and a separate kiln room. Our photography equipment enables the pupils to record their work for digital portfolios, develop their art, collect visual resources as well as the promotion of the department on various platforms.

The department's uptake of pupils studying at GCSE is strong, with two to three groups in each of Year 10 and 11. At A Level pupils thrive in smaller groups, enjoying the benefits of their dedicated studio space. At both GCSE and A Level we follow Pearson, Edexcel Art and Design, Fine Art. Our yearly Artist in Residence week for KS4 and KS5 is an exciting part of the experience in our subject, enabling pupils to create links outside of the curriculum. We regularly support pupils in making applications to study Art, Architecture and History of Art at Art College and University. Working with other departments, such as Science, Maths, Design Technology and Drama, we ensure pupils have opportunities to gain appropriate experience in readiness for further study. The Art Department regularly showcases pupils work within the department and throughout the school, culminating in yearly GCSE and A Level exhibitions.

The department runs a gallery trip for our Year 10 pupils that equips them with the skills that they will need for research at both GCSE and A Level. Every two years we aim to run a residential trip with our KS5 pupils, and have visited cities such as Amsterdam, Barcelona and Paris.

We run a series of co-curricular clubs and Open Studio sessions, including Year 7 Art Club, Ceramics Club, Print-making Club, Bookbinding club and a Life Drawing Class. The aim is to provide opportunities for pupils to learn beyond the classroom, giving them a chance to experiment and be creative.



THE ROLE

The Teacher of Art (maternity cover) will report to the Head of Art.

The postholder will be an outstanding classroom teacher who will play a key role in the academic life of STAHS and will contribute to the STAHS vision of 'Teach to 25'. They will be passionate about Art and will be able to design creative and engaging lessons to deliver the curriculum across Years 7 to 13. Teachers at STAHS are experts in their field and the postholder will be expected to stretch our highly able pupils and to support them in their applications to study Art-related courses at university and other post-18 routes.

All STAHS teachers are required to take a form tutor role and the postholder will also contribute to the co-curricular life of the school.

This is a full-time, fixed term position to cover a maternity leave. The preferred start date for this position is January 2027.

This position involves contact with children and will amount to regulated activity as defined by Keeping Children Safe In Education (KCSIE) for safeguarding children and safer recruitment.



Teacher of Art

RESPONSIBILITIES

All teachers are appointed by the Head and are expected to:

- Plan and prepare relevant material to teach classes allocated to them, according to the policies of the department to which they are accountable.
- Keep a record of their teaching and monitor and reflect on the effectiveness in meeting the teaching objectives.
- Set and mark pupils' work regularly and appropriately for the subject taught; record marks, monitor and assess progress and write reports as required.
- Maintain good order and discipline among pupils, safeguard their health and safety at all times when they are the responsibility of the school.
- Participate in the arrangements for preparing and assessing pupil's work, including for public examinations.
- Work positively and co-operatively as a member of a team to include liaising and working with colleagues in operating mark schemes, researching materials, keeping abreast of new developments and developing new courses.
- Share in pastoral responsibility for all pupils in school and especially for those in their tutor or teaching groups, liaising where appropriate with pastoral staff.
- As a form tutor, adhere to the expectations within the Form Tutor Handbook. In particular, be the first line of support for your tutees in school.
- Contribute to the delivery of the PSHE ('Skills for Life') programme.
- Contribute to the school's co-curriculum and super-curriculum.
- Proactively take part in professional development and training.
- Participate fully in the School's performance management ('Performance Development') programme.
- Share in supervisory and general duties; uphold good standards of behaviour and punctuality among pupils.
- Cover lessons when required.
- Attend staff meetings and participate in working groups as required.
- Attend assemblies and as often as is reasonable other school functions, playing an active part in wider aspects of school life including extra-curricular activities.
- Attend Parents' Evenings.
- Adhere to school policies and promote the school's vision, values and aims.

In addition to the above, the post holder will carry out any other professional duties as reasonably required by the Head.

The High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.



PERSON SPECIFICATION

STAHS is a vibrant school supported by a diverse and enthusiastic community of staff, pupils, parents and alumni. It is important that our staff reflect the diversity of our community, and we therefore welcome and encourage applications from people of all genders and sexual orientation, those from Black, Asian and other minority ethnic backgrounds, and those with disabilities.

The successful candidate will be required to fulfil all the duties, as outlined in the job description. In addition to this, the candidate should possess the following competencies:

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Experience of classroom teaching
- Good, relevant degree-level qualification
- Strong level of scholarship in Art

SKILLS AND QUALITIES

- Passion for Art, for Art education and knowledge of the current educational landscape
- Strong subject knowledge and understanding of pedagogy in Art
- Excellent communicator, both orally and in written form
- Strong time management skills with an ability to work under pressure
- Creative thinker who enjoys innovation
- A team player who is flexible
- Strong ICT skills and a good understanding of how technology can support teaching and learning
- Strong emotional intelligence and the ability to build rapport with students, staff and parents

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHOS

- A commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people
- The ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children
- A commitment to promoting inclusion in all aspects of school life
- A positive role model in supporting the School's ethos and values.



APPLICATION PROCESS

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STAHS is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

STAHS recruits staff that understand and share our commitment to safeguarding and the provision of a happy, nurturing and supportive environment for all members of our community. We act to ensure that no job applicant is treated unfairly by reason of a protected characteristic as defined within the Equalities Act 2010.

To apply for this position, please complete the application via My New Term on the Vacancies page of our website:

www.stahs.org.uk/vacancies

Please note CVs alone will not be accepted.

Deadline for applications: Thursday 1 October 2026

First round interview date: week beginning 5 October 2026

All questions regarding the STAHS application and recruitment process must be directed to the School's Human Resources Department on recruitment@stahs.org.uk.

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and interviews arranged accordingly; early applications are therefore encouraged. We reserve the right to withdraw the advertisement once a suitable candidate is found.





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