



Candidate Information Pack

Philosophy & Ethics Teacher

April 2026

Appointment for September 2026

Permanent, Full time, Outer London Pay Scale (M1 – UP3)

Closing date: 12 May 2026

For further details and an application form, [click here](#).

An early application is advised as we reserve the right to close the vacancy early if sufficient suitable applications are received.

If you are interested in learning more about the school and the role, we invite you to contact us to book a time to visit.

Thank you for your interest in working at Park High School.

Park High is a school of character and opportunity. Visitors to the school recognise its caring and harmonious ethos providing our students with the opportunity to truly be themselves. Having high standards and aspirations for all our students from day one, allows them to flourish both academically and personally throughout their seven years at the school.

Introduction

As a result of a larger Year 7 intake in September 2026 we are looking for an enthusiastic teacher who wants to join an excellent department. This post is suitable either for a teacher who is currently in training (ECT) or someone who would like to widen their experience. This post offers real opportunities for professional and career development.

We can offer:

- An exciting learning environment where challenging, innovative and engaging learning is at the core of all we do.
- An award-winning vibrant school which continues to achieve extremely high standards, both in Harrow and beyond.
- A genuine and active pursuit of well-being for all members of our community.
- Outstanding outcomes with a significantly positive Progress 8 score and zero NEETS.
- Students who exhibit excellent behaviour for learning and a desire to acquire knowledge and improve themselves.
- A supportive, enthusiastic and inspiring team within which to grow and develop.
- An opportunity to develop your craft of teaching across three Key



Philosophy & Ethics Teacher Job Description

This job description forms part of the contract of employment of the successful applicant. The appointment is subject to the conditions of employment of Teachers contained in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document and other current educational and employment legislation.

Responsible to: Head of Department

Responsible for: Teaching and supporting all designated classes

Job Purpose:

- To implement, adapt and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced and relevant curriculum which meets the needs of all students.
- Plan and deliver high-quality lessons that enable students to make good progress and achieve positive outcomes.
- To monitor and support the overall progress and development of all students as a Teacher and Form Tutor.
- To contribute to raising standards of student attainment.
- To contribute to the work of the department and the wider life of the school.
- To promote the welfare, safeguarding and personal development of students.



Teaching

- Teach allocated classes across Key Stages 3 and 4, and Key Stage 5 where appropriate.
- Plan and deliver well-structured, adaptive and inclusive lessons that meet the needs of all learners, including disadvantaged students, high prior attainers and those with SEND.
- Follow departmental schemes for learning and contribute to their ongoing development.
- Create a positive learning environment using the school's Behaviour policy.
- Work with support staff effectively where applicable.
- Promote Philosophy & Ethics & love of learning within classes and through extra-curricular activities.
- Prioritise and manage time effectively, ensuring continued professional development in line with the role.
- To follow the school policies and procedures.

Assessment, Feedback and Tracking:

- Assess students' work and provide high-quality feedback in line with school and departmental policies.
- Use assessment information to monitor progress and inform planning.
- Maintain accurate records of attainment and progress and use this information to inform learning and teaching.
- Contribute to moderation and standardisation activities.
- To follow assessment procedures at all Key Stages, and in all areas as required by school policies, including standardising those assessments.

Staff Development:

- To continue personal development in the relevant areas including subject knowledge and teaching methods.
- To engage actively in the Performance Development process.
- To participate in whole school CPD programmes.



Student Support and Progress:

- To act as a form tutor when required and to teach PSHCEe.
- To register students, accompany them and supervise them in assemblies, encourage their full attendance at all lessons and their participation in other aspects of school life.
- Promote students' wellbeing, attendance and positive behaviour.
- To work with pastoral colleagues to support individual students.
- To work with the SEND Department to support inclusive practice.
- Communicate with parents and carers in line with school policy.
- To communicate as appropriate, with the parents/carers of students and with persons or bodies outside the school concerned with the welfare of individual students, after consultation with the appropriate staff.
- To evaluate and monitor the progress of students in your tutor group and keep up-to-date student records as may be required.
- To prepare for and contribute to a reflective and purposeful Review Day experience.
- To contribute to the preparation of Action Plans and other reports as required.
- To alert the appropriate staff to problems experienced by students.

Safeguarding:

- Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.
- Comply with safeguarding and child protection policies.
- Act promptly on safeguarding concerns in line with KCSIE and the school policy.

Communications, Marketing and Liaison:

- To communicate effectively with the parents of students as appropriate.
- Where appropriate, to communicate and cooperate with persons or bodies outside the school.
- To follow agreed policies for communications in the school.
- To take part in marketing and liaison activities such as Open Evenings, Parents' Evenings and liaison events with partner schools.

Personal Responsibilities:

- To play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its distinctive vision and ethos and to encourage staff and students to follow this example.
- Attend meetings, parents' evenings and school events as required.
- To support the school in meeting its legal requirements for worship.
- To actively promote school policies and procedures.
- To be responsible for own continued professional development.

- To comply with the school's Health & Safety Policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate.
- To be courteous to colleagues, visitors and telephone callers and provide a welcoming environment.
- To follow the staff code of conduct.
- To undertake duties at break times.
- To attend and engage in meetings scheduled in the school calendar punctually.
- To set cover work during any leave of absence.

Notes:

- The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the statement of Conditions of Employment.
- This job description allocates duties and responsibilities but does not direct the particular amount of time to be spent on carrying them out and no part of it may be so construed.
- This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post.
- It will be reviewed at least once a year and it may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the holder of the post.
- The duties may be varied to meet the changing demands of the school at the reasonable discretion of the Headteacher.

Person Specification

We will be looking for the following:

- Appropriate academic qualifications (to degree level), QTS and the ability to teach Philosophy & Ethics throughout the school.
- Successful experience as a teacher of Philosophy & Ethics in a current post or during teaching practices (ECT) and both the ability and drive to develop further.
- A strong understanding of the Philosophy & Ethics curriculum and secure subject knowledge.
- The ability to work and learn in a collaborative, innovative team with high standards, committed to raising expectations and achievement of all students.
- Evidence of excellent communication and organisational skills.
- The willingness to teach a second subject if required.
- Evidence of being able to build and sustain effective working relationships with staff, governors, parents/carers and the wider community.
- The ability to contribute to the wider work of the school, including our work as tutors and other activities, such as extra-curricular activities.
- Flexibility and adaptability, to be able to mix and work with a wide range of people and a commitment to equality and diversity.
- A commitment to professional development.
- To be alert and active on issues relating to student welfare and child protection.

Curriculum, Staffing and Resources

The Park High Philosophy and Ethics department is seeking a creative, highly motivated teacher to join a forward thinking, close-knit team at a wonderfully diverse, multi-cultural school. Students are taught in mixed-ability groups throughout Years 7-11 as part of the statutory provision for Religious Education. Our curriculum is designed to engage students in enquiry-based exploration of the six major world religions. Through the chronological and comparative study of religion, with a focus on philosophical and ethical themes, students are encouraged to think critically about religion and world views.

For GCSE, we work with Eduqas and students who opt for GCSE study Route A; The study of philosophical and ethical issues, Christian beliefs, teachings and practices and Sikh beliefs, teachings and practices.

At A Level, we follow the Eduqas specification and expose our students to a breadth of philosophical and ethical scholars including Thomas Aquinas, Augustine of Hippo, Aristotle, David Hume, Jeremy Bentham and Joseph Fletcher. Students also study Buddhist beliefs, teachings and practices as their third component at A Level.

If you wish to teach a diverse, ambitious curriculum which celebrates the diversity of our community, while empowering students to find their own voices and look beyond the limits of their own experiences and beliefs, then we would love you to apply.



History of our School

Park High is an 11-18 mixed multi-ethnic comprehensive school of almost 1500 students, situated in the London Borough of Harrow. There are very high achievement levels and excellent facilities.

Park High School opened on 29th August 1939. Originally as two schools Chandos Girls' School and Chandos Boys' School. Both schools closed shortly afterwards when, on 3 September 1939, Prime Minister Chamberlain declared war on Germany, and it was announced that "all schools should be closed until further notice."

On 23rd October 1939 the school was operational once more. On the reopening of the school, student numbers were limited until adequate protection could be provided. The Anderson shelters which were built for the school are now located under the 'grassy knoll' beside the English block; these were concrete shelters five or six steps below ground level, each shelter holding two classes and two teachers. As raids became more frequent, more lessons were delivered by the teachers in the shelters, using the back of the toilet doors as a blackboard.

Chandos Girls School and Chandos Boys School continued to co-exist and provide education until 1974 when they were amalgamated and became Park High School.

In 2007 we welcomed our first sixth formers in a Harrow schools' response to the movement of post 16 young people out of Harrow.

In 2010, our first cohort of Year 7 students arrived, as Harrow joined other boroughs nationally in removing middle schools from the system.

In August 2011 Park High converted to an Academy status.

Our latest Ofsted inspection 2024 found us to be 'GOOD' in all areas.

Values and Ethos

Our Vision

To inspire young people to be confident and successful learners who contribute positively to society as responsible citizens.

Quality of Education

Exceptional teaching and learning, where each teacher and learner bring the best version of themselves to the learning journey.

Behaviour and Attitudes

Exceptional behaviour as a member of our community and as learners in our classrooms, our School Code and Character Virtues are the lived experience in classrooms and corridors.

Our Ethos

Investing in each other to be the very best we can be.

Our Character Virtues

Resilience: *“The ability to recover quickly from struggles and setbacks.”*

Integrity: *“The ability of having and following strong moral principles.”*

Curiosity: *“The ability to be eager to know or to learn something new.”*

Teamwork: *“The ability to work with others effectively and efficiently.”*

Compassion: *“The ability to show care and concern for others.”*

We use these terms as part of our daily language and encourage their use in classrooms by using the praise points system. These Character Virtues underpin everything we do at the school and are seen across all areas of the Academy.

“Pupils, and students in the sixth form, at Park High are welcoming and polite to visitors. They show respect to the adults who work with them and consideration towards each other. They understand and embody the school’s ‘character virtues’ of curiosity, integrity, resilience, teamwork and compassion. They are helped to be the best version of themselves and expected to achieve well, which most do.”

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Investing in each other to be the very best we can be.

The Park Way of Teaching and Learning

To ensure all our classes are up to the highest standards, and students and teachers know what is expected of them, we developed the 'Park Way' of teaching.

A key part of The Park Way are The 5 Cs:

Creativity & Challenge

- Lessons should be planned to impart new knowledge, stimulate the student's intellectual curiosity, and create a lifelong love for learning through **creative** teaching.
- New knowledge should be delivered with clarity and in manageable chunks.
- Set a range of challenging (not extension) tasks which extend and deepen learning.

Checking for understanding

- Make sure that students have a clear understanding of what success looks like through modelling strategies, e.g. I do - We do - You do.
- Actively use effective formative assessment to **check** for understanding; encourage all students to think; demonstrate knowledge; and inform teaching. For example, cold calling, whole class and higher order targeted questioning.
- Ensure that students receive specific and timely feedback that promotes progress and to which they respond in green pen.

Communication

- Ensure that students' literacy is addressed, whether in written **communication** or developing their oracy.

Context

- Lessons should be inclusive and accessible to all students, taking into consideration individual learner needs and context.
- Effective deployment of support staff to support students' progress, based on expert knowledge of their needs.

Character

- Promote the Park High **Character** virtues: Integrity, Resilience, Curiosity, Compassion & Teamwork.



"The 'Park Way' is embedded. Students know their learning routines. They behave very well and are respectful."

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Pastoral Role

All staff are involved in the tutorial system, most as tutors with tutor groups. This is an important part of our work. We are committed to the delivery of Personal Social Health Citizenship & Economic Education (PSHCEe) which all teachers as tutors are expected to teach. As part of a whole-school approach, PSHCEe develops the qualities and attributes students need to thrive both as individuals and members of society. We have a high-quality provision of PSHCEe at Park High which has been recognised nationally.

Extensive support and CPD is provided for practitioners of the subject. Teaching this subject provides an invaluable opportunity to further develop your pastoral provision as a tutor, in addition to growing professionally by participating in the delivery of our outstanding provision.

Staff Benefits

At Park High School, we recognise that our employees are our greatest asset, and we take pride in offering a comprehensive range of benefits designed to support your wellbeing, professional development and work-life balance:

- Teacher Pension Scheme with an employer contribution of at least 28.68%.
- Paid lunchtime duties with a free lunch
- Comprehensive CPD programme
- Own laptop for all teaching staff
- Comprehensive support and mentoring programme for ECTs
- Collaboration with local high schools
- Cycle to work scheme
- Staff wellbeing and counselling service
- Annual Staff Voice
- Staff social committee

Staff Development

Park High School recognises that its staff are our greatest resource and so we invest time and effort into everyone's professional development. We offer an extensive programme of professional development, which offers a whole range of opportunities for colleagues to develop their potential within and beyond Park High School. Recent visitors to our in-house offer include Ross Morrison McGill, Isabella Wallace and Martijn Van der Spool. Professional development underpins all our work.

"Quality assurance, continuing professional development and performance development all work together well. Training is high quality and often personalised. There is an impressive suite of in-house training resources and these match school values and priorities."
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Staff development is highly regarded and we have strong partnerships with universities and other higher education institutions and we actively support our staff in pursuing Master's and other higher qualifications.

Equal Opportunity

We are an equal opportunities employer, recently achieving the Bronze Equalities Award by EqualiTeach in recognition of our commitment to equality of opportunity and to providing a service and following practices which are free from unfair and unlawful discrimination.

The aim of this policy is to ensure that no person receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, or is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be relevant to performance. It seeks also to ensure that no person is victimised or subjected to any form of bullying or harassment.



Safeguarding

"Pupils are kept safe. They can identify trusted adults and know who to go to for help if they need it."

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The school is committed towards safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils and young people under the age of 18. This commitment includes:

- preventing maltreatment and/or abuse
- preventing their health or development being detrimentally impacted
- providing safe and effective care in School
- taking positive action to enable each pupil to succeed.

We recognise that the treatment of a pupil during their learning years can have a significant impact on their future. Every member of the school, from governors to support staff, has a role to play in providing pupils with the best possible grounding for their personal and educational development.

We are committed towards implementing a high standard of behaviour and conduct within our school. This policy applies to every member of staff working or volunteering within the school.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and the successful applicant must provide satisfactory references and will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.



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Getting Here



By Car

There is no visitor parking on site. You can park on the surrounding roads but please be mindful of our neighbours. We operate a one-way system so please approach the school via Burnell Gardens and exit via Thistlecroft Gardens.

Please note Harrow Council have introduced ANPR cameras at the beginning of Burnell Gardens and Thistlecroft Gardens, the restrictions are in place from 8.15am to 9.15am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

By Tube

Canons Park on the Jubilee Line is the nearest tube station with a 20-minute walk to the school (or take the No. 79 bus towards Alperton).

By Bus

79 bus to Honeypot Lane (Wigton Gardens)

324 bus (Hail & Ride) to Culver Grove

114 bus to Streatfield Road (Kenmore Road)

186 bus to Wemborough Road (Abercorn Road)

All followed by a 5-minute walk.

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