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Teacher of Classics – Job Description



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The Purpose

The Classics Department currently comprises the Head of Classics, and three other full-time Classics specialists. The ethos of the department is twofold: to teach classical languages, challenging pupils to go beyond the specification, and to inculcate an appreciation of the culture of the ancient Greeks and Romans and their influence on society today.

Latin is a compulsory subject in years 7 & 8, in which the Roman civilisation background is also taught. In year 9, pupils opt to study either Latin or Classical Civilisation, in which the current focus is Homeric Greece and Women in Athens and Sparta.

Latin is a popular option at GCSE for which we usually have two classes, while we also offer Classical Civilisation and Classical Greek, as an after-school option.

These three subjects are all options in the sixth form, with any teaching of Greek then coming back into the mainstream timetable.

The Post

HOURS: 08:00-16:15 Monday to Thursday, 08.00-16.00 Friday, plus three Saturdays to support major School events.

SALARY: £40,000 – £53,000, depending on experience and qualifications

The role will report to: Head of Classics

Key Responsibilities

To follow the programme of work set by the Head of Classics, which includes:

- Preparing and delivering challenging and differentiated lessons.
- Setting homework in accordance with the school's homework policy.
- Marking work in accordance with the school's marking policy.
- Using all available data and information to ensure that each student is provided with an appropriate programme of study.
- Having a good understanding of schemes of work and how this fits into the overall scheme of work for the subject they are teaching.
- Keeping up to date with developments in the teaching of their subject.
- Take a full and active role in the School's Co-Curricular programme.

Other Duties:

- Carry out such duties as may reasonably be required by the Head of Department
- Support and promote the school's ethos, aims and objectives.
- Work towards and support the school vision and the current school objectives outlined in the School Strategic Plan
- Promote and safeguard the welfare of pupils and adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Work within the School's health and safety policy to ensure a safe working environment for staff, pupils and visitors.
- Promote equality of opportunity for all students and staff
- Help sustain a school culture and curriculum which promotes an ethical education for all including promoting positive strategies for challenging discrimination of any kind.



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- Maintain high professional standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance, conduct and positive, courteous relations with pupils, parents and colleagues.
- Engage actively in the performance review process.
- Undertake other reasonable duties related to the job purpose required

The Person

It is essential for the successful candidate to have the following qualifications, experience, and personal attributes:

- A good honours degree in a relevant or associated subject
- A love of teaching and learning and a commitment to further professional development
- Be able to work well with others and develop the curriculum through collaborative planning
- Excellent classroom practice
- Detailed understanding of current developments in the secondary curriculum and assessment
- Be able to lead learning in the classroom, develop each child and demonstrate passion for the subject

It is desirable for the successful candidate to have the following qualifications, experience, and personal attributes:

- A teaching qualification such as PGCE or equivalent
- Evidence of further professional development
- Knowledge and experience of how to blend digital and traditional learning in the classroom
- Ability to teach A Level Classical Civilisation
- Knowledge and ability to teach The World of the Hero module in A Level Classical Civilisation

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Closing date: 11:00pm Sunday 21 June 2026
- Please apply as soon as possible as shortlisting/interviews will progress up until the closing date. Should a suitable candidate be appointed, we reserve the right to close the advert early.
- Due to the volume of applicants we receive, if you do not hear from us within 4 weeks of the closing date, please assume we will not be progressing your application further on this occasion.

