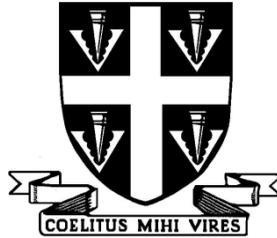


RANELAGH SCHOOL



TEACHER OF HISTORY (MATERNITY COVER)





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Ranelagh is an 11-18 Church of England coeducational comprehensive school. It is situated within easy walking distance of the town centre and serves the Deaneries of Bracknell and Sonning. The school is always oversubscribed and currently has 995 pupils, including 211 in the Sixth Form.

Ranelagh has an excellent reputation at local and national level. The last OFSTED Inspection, led by HMI, gave an 'outstanding' report with Grade 1 in all areas. This is our **fourth** outstanding report - details are on the OFSTED website. The Section 48 Inspection was also 'outstanding'. Ranelagh is a High Performing Specialist School with specialisms in Combined Visual Arts/Business and Enterprise, and Maths and Computing. It has held IIP status for many years, and also holds the National Healthy Schools Standard. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is offered alongside A levels.

We are never complacent and always aim to provide a supportive, stimulating and secure environment where the highest standards of learning and personal responsibility are expected and achieved and where every member of the school community is valued. Academic achievement is **excellent**, 86% of students achieved Grades 4+ in both English and Maths at GCSE in 2019. The majority stay on into the Sixth Form. Value added at both GCSE and A level is very strong. The quality of guidance and pastoral care given to students is very good and there is a huge range of extra-curricular activities.

The school has a supportive programme of professional development for all staff, including a well-established induction programme.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. All staff employed in the school must be aware that an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check will be undertaken.

We are proud of our achievements and we have a very clear vision for further development.

We look forward to receiving your application for this post.

TEACHER OF HISTORY (MATERNITY COVER)

We are looking for a teacher who is keen to develop outstanding teaching and learning practice incorporating enthusiasm, energy and high professional standards through a commitment to work with a team of experienced colleagues in order to support the ethos and aims of the dynamic learning environment that is Ranelagh School.

Subject Teacher's Responsibilities

- 1) To contribute to, support, implement and reflect upon the initiatives and practices agreed by the department and the school.
- 2) To encourage, assess, monitor and enable all pupils to achieve the highest standards of learning possible by:
 - setting and sharing clear aims, goals and tasks involving pace, challenge and good classroom management;
 - planning, conducting, reviewing and evaluating learning with particular regard to continuity and progression, content, processes, skills, tasks, resources, data and feedback to pupils to enable progression across all three Key Stages;
 - making sure that the learning environment in the teaching space is stimulating, well organised, attractive, safe and secure;
 - ensuring that resources are of best possible quality and fit for purpose;
 - ensuring that a variety of teaching methods and styles are used which appeal to all learners regardless of ability;
 - making sure that all pupils have an equal opportunity to succeed through personalised and independent learning;
 - undertaking accurate, relevant and regular assessment informed by prior data, recording and reporting attainment and feeding back to colleagues, pupils and parents as required.
- 3) To work with the department in the development, planning and delivery of the curriculum at all levels.
- 4) To undertake cross-curricular projects and investigations as appropriate.
- 5) To seek to develop professional practice through appropriate INSET opportunities.
- 6) To undertake specific responsibilities in the department as agreed with the curriculum leader.
- 7) To undertake and uphold the general responsibilities of all staff according to school and national policies.
- 8) To undertake the responsibility of a form tutor.
- 9) To undertake any activity that the Headteacher may reasonably request.

HISTORY AT RANELAGH

Structure and Staffing

The History Department currently consists of two full-time colleagues and two part-time colleagues. The Maternity Cover Teacher of History vacancy is a full-time post. Curriculum responsibilities are shared, giving all colleagues the opportunity to be involved in the development of the department.

Facilities and Resources

The department's accommodation consists of three teaching classrooms. All teaching rooms are fully equipped with interactive whiteboards. The department has easy access to many other facilities in the school such as the reprographics centre, additional computer rooms and other audio-visual equipment.

Curriculum

Key Stage 3:

In all year-groups, classes are taught as mixed-ability forms with a typical class of 26-30 pupils. Textbooks and other appropriate texts and resources are used as required. The department has implemented a Curriculum with an emphasis on skills-based learning. There is an emphasis on active learning throughout with personalised tasks leading to greater individual independence, developing the skills required for pupils of all abilities to approach GCSE History with confidence.

Key Stage 4:

All students are taught in mixed-ability classes. The Exam Board is Edexcel: Medicine in Britain, c1250-present & the British Sector of the Western Front, 1914-18; Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588; Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941-91 and Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939. Pupil uptake in History at GCSE is excellent and increasing. There are currently 84 students in Year 10 spread across three classes. GCSE results in 2019 were excellent with 84% achieving Grades 9-4, and 47% achieving Grades 9-7.

Key Stage 5:

At A Level, students study the OCR History specification with a focus on Britain: 1930-1997, The American Revolution 1740-1796 and Russia and its Rulers, 1855-1964. Year 13 also study the historiography and interpretations of the Holocaust which forms their Topic-based essay. In 2019, 100% of students achieved A*-C, and 92% A*-B.

Visits

The department runs a number of visits yearly in support of curriculum aspects: to Windsor Castle for all students in Year 7; a bi-annual trip for 60 students studying GCSE History to go to Berlin, and a bi-annual visit of Sixth Form students taking A Level History and/or RE to Krakow/Auschwitz. Such visits enrich the curriculum and provide excellent learning experiences for all students.

The Department's Teaching and Learning Ethos

We believe that effective History teaching uses a range of approaches to support the progress of individual students regardless of learning styles and ability. We seek to provide an environment in our lessons that is enjoyable, instructive and tailored to the needs of learners as individuals, emphasising knowledge, skills, processes, pace and challenge throughout. Our aim is to educate our children to become confident, self-reliant learners, who are interested in - and knowledgeable of - History, and to use these skills in their pursuit of other subjects and ambitions.

ETHOS AND AIMS OF RANELAGH SCHOOL

Ethos

Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with churches at parish, deanery and diocesan levels.

The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

The school aims to provide a supportive, stimulating and secure environment where high standards of learning and personal responsibility are expected and achieved and where every member of the school community is respected and valued.

Aims

- 1 To provide the environment, stimulus and opportunities which will encourage and enable every individual to discover and fulfil their potential.
- 2 To enable each individual to develop confidence and self-esteem, and to encourage self-reliance, self-discipline and corporate responsibility both in school and in the wider community.
- 3 To develop each student's capacity to take responsibility for his/her own learning and to work constructively as a member of a group or a team.

- 4 To provide opportunities for each student to participate in and enjoy a range of cultural, creative, practical, physical and social activities and to develop their knowledge and skills in these areas. To provide opportunities for moral and spiritual development.
- 5 To ensure that each student leaves school with qualifications and achievements commensurate with his/her ability, with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values which will provide the confidence to lead a fulfilled and responsible life, and with an awareness that learning is a life long process.
- 6 To educate all students through a broad and balanced curriculum which will prepare them effectively for adult life in a multicultural society and an interdependent, changing world.

The achievement of these aims is dependent upon good communication and regular contact between staff, pupils, parents, governors and the wider community.

***Please send a completed application to
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