

THE KING'S SCHOOL IN MACCLESFIELD



TEMPORARY POLITICS & HISTORY TEACHER (MATERNITY COVER)

FURTHER DETAILS AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

THE HISTORY/POLITICS DEPARTMENT

The History/Politics Department is a vibrant and innovative environment in which staff members are encouraged to be creative and experimental in order to provide students with a holistic learning experience. The emphasis within the department is very much on challenging students in different ways both inside and outside the classroom. The department has five full-time specialist teachers. High academic standards are achieved in History at both GCSE and A Level; 91% achieved 9/6 at GCSE and 82% achieved A*/B at A Level. Politics students achieved 94% A*/B at A Level. A number of students have gone on to study both History and Politics at university on an annual basis and the subjects continue to be popular at all ages within the Foundation.

All students in Years 7 to 9 take History and the National Curriculum is broadly followed in the early stages, with some deviation being included as they enter Year 9. There are four 50-55 minute periods of History per fortnight in Years 7, 8 and 9 and all three year groups are set homework twice per cycle. The subject is optional at GCSE and on average between 70 and 80 pupils per year opt to study History at this level. All classes study the Edexcel iGCSE specification.

In the Sixth Form, around 25-30 students opt to study History each year, and the same numbers opt to take Politics. There are currently two History sets in Year 12 and two sets in Year 13, and two Politics sets in Year 12 and two sets in Year 13. Both subjects follow the AQA specification. Politics A Level follows the core components of the course with Feminism as the choice ideology. The History specification is as follows:

- Unit 1 - The Age of the Crusades, c1071-1204
- Unit 2 - The Wars of the Roses, 1450-1499
- Unit 3 - African-American Civil Rights 1865-1965

The department organises a number of field trips to historical sites, including Tatton Park for a medieval experience day for Year 7 and Berlin for Year 11, with several additional ideas also currently under consideration. The department attends local Model UN weekends. In addition, a History Forum is arranged each year for which a number of university lecturers from around the country visit the school to speak to Sixth Formers about topics relevant to their courses. A number of different competitions for the students also exist and the students produce a Sixth Form History magazine on an annual basis which all Year 12 students contribute to. The Politics students also produce their own Politics Podcasts.

THE VACANCY

This full-time, temporary post is available from September 2022 to cover for maternity leave and will end at October half-term. The successful applicant will be an enthusiastic, strong and flexible academic who has the ability to inspire and enthuse pupils in the disciplines of the subject. The appointed candidate will teach History throughout the Senior School and Politics A Level. The post would suit a Newly Qualified Teacher or an experienced teacher looking to further their career in a highly successful school.

The department is always keen to respond to individual interests and enthusiasms. The successful candidate will be expected to work collaboratively and supportively with colleagues, and demonstrate resilience and the ability to work well under pressure.

All employees of the school must display commitment to the protection and safeguarding of children and young people.

SALARY AND CONDITIONS

The salary for this post will depend upon the qualifications and experience of the appointed candidate and will be discussed at interview. The school participates in the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme run by the TPA. Candidates should note that all appointments are subject to a routine check with the DBS.

All members of the teaching staff at King's are involved in pastoral care and all are expected to contribute to our rich programme of extra-curricular activities. There are numerous opportunities to take part in other aspects of school life and this may include contributing to the Games or Extended Studies programmes. In determining contributions, the school is always keen to support the particular interests and talents of individuals.

The school has a strong commitment to professional development and it is a condition of employment that all members of staff participate in any scheme of appraisal, review and professional development currently operating in the school.

We are a non-smoking establishment and an equal opportunities employer. We value diversity among pupils and staff and encourage applications from all individuals regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnerships.

Potential applicants are urged to read our 'Staff Benefits Booklet', which details further employee benefits and seeks to explain why King's is such a wonderful place to work. It can be found [here](#).

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

APPLICATIONS

If you wish to discuss the post, informally, with the Head of History, Miss Lianne Hughes, or the Temporary Head of Politics, Laura Berzins, please telephone 01625 260000.

Your completed Application Form should be sent to Human Resources (staffvacancies@kingsmac.co.uk) as soon as possible. We should receive it no later than **9.00 am on Tuesday 17th May 2022**. The school prefers the form to be completed electronically. It is available from the school's website: www.kingsmac.co.uk.

We hope to interview for this post during **week commencing Monday 23rd May 2022**. Further particulars of the school and the selection process will be sent to short-listed candidates.

Thank you for your application and for your interest in the King's School. We regret that we can only write to those candidates short-listed and are unable to provide tours of the school until the interview stage. If you have not heard from us within two weeks of the closing date, please assume that your application has been unsuccessful.

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