



Beaumont School

Head of History

Beaumont School is seeking to recruit an innovative and imaginative Head of History to lead a well-established and successful department. The Head of History will enjoy the support of specialist teachers, as well as enthusiastic and motivated students and will have a proven track record of high quality teaching.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate sound subject knowledge, high academic standards and an ability to lead a team and enthuse students of all ages. Activities designed to challenge student thinking and develop independent study skills are central to teaching at Beaumont and a willingness to contribute to resources in this area is essential,

The History Department

The History Department at Beaumont is a lively and outstanding department and is highly regarded by students and parents. It currently comprises six teachers (full and part-time), including the Head of Department, with two of its members also co-teaching A level Politics. The emphasis is to encourage an appreciation of the past, promoting the enjoyment of its rediscovery and to develop the critical skill our students' need to interpret historical sources and foster an appreciation of their cultural heritage. We have a strong focus on academic research and developing independence of thought.

The Curriculum

KS3:

History is taught to all students in two 45-minute periods per week during KS3. The department prides itself on having relevant and exciting schemes of work. The students are taught topics from Anglo-Saxon England to the 9/11 disaster across Years 7 to 9, revisiting themes such as empire and warfare to enable the students to form strong links and hypotheses across time. Home learning tasks encourage students to work independently, revisit topics and prepare for forthcoming lessons. Currently Year 9 have focus day within the school's Curriculum Enrichment programme.

KS4:

History and Geography are compulsory subjects at GCSE for the majority of students. Our specification is Edexcel 2016, which includes: **The USA 1954-75: conflict at home and abroad** (Examining the development of the Civil Rights Movement and US involvement in Vietnam); **Warfare and British Society, c1250–present, and London the Second World War: 1939-45** (Studying the nature, process and experience of change through four eras); **Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060-88** (Exploring the Norman Conquest, William I in power and Norman England); **Spain and the 'New**

World', c1490- c1555 (Investigating the Spanish explorations of Columbus, Cortes and Pizarro and, the Spanish settlement and impact on the inhabitants of the Caribbean, Mexico and Peru).

Post 16:

There are currently two teaching groups in both years. The specification is Edexcel **Route E: Communist States in the 20th Century** which comprises: **Russia 1917-91 From Lenin to Yeltsin** (Breadth Study): **Mao's China 1949-76** (Depth Study): **Lancastrians, Yorkists, Henry VII 1399-1509:**
Coursework: **The American Civil War**

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