

Humanities Faculty

We are seeking to appoint a teacher of Geography for September 2022. The successful applicant would be required to teach Geography at Key Stage 3 and 4, and ideally 5. The ability to teach History, Religious Studies or Government & Politics would be a distinct advantage.

The Humanities Faculty is large and extremely successful, attracting many candidates at both GCSE and A Level. The post would be equally suitable for a newly qualified or a more experienced Secondary teacher as well as Primary teachers looking to move into Secondary teaching. NQT's in particular are encouraged to apply.

Both the History and Geography Departments are experienced with a continuing ethos of shared ideas and willingness to develop all aspects of teaching and learning. The History Department is currently comprised of four full time teachers and the Geography Department is made up of three full time teachers. Curriculum development is undertaken and there is a considerable emphasis on teamwork. Colleagues are encouraged to be innovative in their approach and individual initiatives in curriculum development are welcomed. The use of ICT is continually developing and all the teaching rooms have interactive whiteboard facilities.

The person appointed would be expected to teach Geography at Key Stage 3, 4 and 5. Knowledge of current curriculum developments would be necessary. Additional support would be provided to assist in secondary subjects. In History the Department currently follows the EdExcel specification and the Geography Department follows the AQA Specification at both GCSE and A Level.

The Faculty run a rich programme of trips and visits. For example Year 7 visit Epping Forest to complete a river study, all Year 8 students visit Hampton Court Palace and in Year 9 many students visit the Somme Battlefields for History and Durdle Door for Geography. At GCSE and A Level residential trip to Berlin, Yorkshire and Krakow are well established and in Year 13 students have the opportunity to spend three days in Krakow with an opportunity to visit Auschwitz. The Faculty is also heavily involved in the Hemel at War Project, in conjunction with Goldsmiths University.

The department has an excellent take up at GCSE with 122 students in the current Year 11 for History and 77 students for Geography. A Level numbers are strong and growing in both History and Geography. The Faculty occupies nine principal teaching rooms that are situated in the Main Block. Resources are varied and include a growing interactive resource base. Colleagues have been very active over the years in developing individually-based resources and we benefit from an excellent Reprographics Department which can produce highly-professional printed resources for us from original material. The Library is especially well-stocked in our subject area, including excellent A Level material.

This is a very popular subject in The Hemel Hempstead School. We look forward to working with a colleague who will share our commitment to raising achievement and promoting a continuing enthusiasm for Humanities throughout the school.