



## RECRUITMENT PACK

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# Teacher of History & Politics



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# Job Application Pack

## TEACHER OF HISTORY & POLITICS

*Secondary – Permanent – Full time – MPS/UPR - Start September 2025*

We are looking to recruit an inspirational, dedicated, innovative and ambitious teacher to join our fantastic History department at Roundhay School. The successful candidate will be willing to do 'whatever it takes' to ensure our pupils/students reach their full potential.

**To apply, please click on the link below to be directed to our online recruitment system** <https://careers.roundhayschool.org.uk>. Further guidance on making an application, as well as information on our school is provided at the end of this job pack and at our vacancies page using the link above.

Please remember to detail in your application your experience, the impact your appointment will make in terms of raising standards at Roundhay School and why you are the ideal candidate. All gaps in employment must be clearly accounted for. Please also be aware that we are not permitted to accept CVs.

**The application deadline for this position is 8am on Monday 24 February 2025.** Please note, we encourage early applications and reserve the right to close this vacancy at any time.

For our Ofsted Report:  
<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/28/108076>

Roundhay School Statutory Information (including our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy):  
<https://www.roundhayschool.org.uk/our-school/statutory-information/>

To view our Sixth Form Prospectus:  
<https://www.roundhayschool.org.uk/sixth-form/applications-admissions/>

# Welcome

Dear Prospective Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the advertised position at Roundhay School.

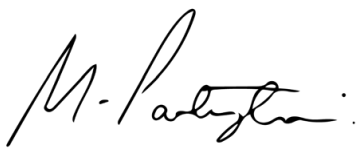
We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed colleague who is willing to do **'whatever it takes'** to ensure that our amazing pupils get the very best school experience. As one of the first all-through schools, educating children from 4 to 18 with an outstanding Sixth Form of 500+, we are absolutely dedicated to continuing to improve in all areas. Despite our impressive results and history of success, we continue to have unrelenting ambition for the young people we serve, and you will not find the slightest hint of complacency.

Our truly comprehensive community reflects the cosmopolitan nature of Leeds, which we see as a real strength of the school. We also pride ourselves on having a strong ethos and our work is centred around our core values of being **Responsible, Resilient and Ready to Learn** and what it means to **be Roundhay**. We place real emphasis on traditional values of being respectful, wearing uniform with pride, having good manners, and showing gratitude. As a result of this approach, you will find a school which has the highest standards of behaviour, a calm atmosphere, and very positive staff-pupil relationships. We see this as everyone's responsibility and all staff, including those who are not classroom based, help support and uphold these values with our pupils.

Any member of staff joining our school will be offered a very warm welcome and unwavering support in all that you do. We genuinely value our staff and place real emphasis on staff induction, continuing professional development and wellbeing. Despite our size, we have an incredibly low staff turnover, which is clear evidence that Roundhay School is a remarkable place to work and learn, where staff morale is incredibly high.

If you share our desire to make a difference to the life chances of our pupils and feel that Roundhay School is the right community for you, we would very much welcome your application!

Yours faithfully,



**Matthew Partington**  
Executive Headteacher



# Job Description – Teacher of History & Politics

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**Purpose of the job:** To make a strong and enthusiastic commitment to the teaching at Roundhay School by seeking to raise the expectations and performance of all students both in and outside the classroom.

**Accountable to:** Head of department, or nominated deputy

*The responsibilities of the post are to be performed in accordance with the provision of the school teachers' pay and conditions document and within the range of the teachers' duties set out in the document. This job description and allocation of particular responsibilities may be amended through appropriate consultation from time to time.*

1. To contribute, as directed, to the teaching of the department (with the flexibility to contribute to other areas of the curriculum as required).
2. To foster enthusiasm and enjoyment of the subjects for all students.
3. To contribute to the raising of standards of student attainment and achievement with a particular focus on improving access and outcomes for our most vulnerable learners.
4. To contribute to the development of appropriate resources, materials and schemes of work in line with the school's curriculum and relevant specifications.
5. To prepare and mark work, including internal examinations, and provide feedback in line with the school's marking policy.
6. To ensure all relevant external assessments (whether examination or controlled assessment) are conducted in line with the latest requirements.
7. To promote positive behaviour by consistently applying the school's behaviour policy and celebrating achievement.
8. To maintain student records and complete data collections and student reports according to the published assessment calendar.
9. To act on the information collected to raise achievement by setting appropriate targets and planning/delivering effective interventions for students (as required) in collaboration their parents and other colleagues.
10. To keep up to date with developments within the relevant subject area(s) through reading and research, and actively engage in the continuing professional development opportunities offered by the school.
11. To actively participate in the appraisal/self-evaluation process, regularly review own practise to refine/improve.
12. To maintain an organised and purposeful teaching space, including maintaining the displays, to promote learning and engagement.
13. To be an effective Form Tutor and mentor as appropriate.
14. To actively contribute to the student personal development programme beyond the classroom.
15. To attend meetings with colleagues and parents as appropriate, within the school time budget and as set out in the school calendar.
16. To carry out supervisory duties as required and any other duties commensurate with the post.
17. To vigorously support and exemplify the ethos and vision of our school, working ccollaboratively with colleagues and all members of our school community.
18. To be aware of, and comply with, policies and procedures relating to child protection, safeguarding, data protection and health & safety ensuring all concerns are reported to a designated person in a timely manner

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# Person Specification - Teacher of History & Politics

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Qualifications/Training	Essential/Desirable
Good honours degree or equivalent in a relevant subject area	E
Recognised teaching qualification	E
Experience/Knowledge	
Excellent teaching record in relevant subjects achieving high levels of progress and attainment for all pupil groups, and particularly disadvantaged pupils	E
Ability to teach Politics to Key Stage 5	E
Ability to teach History to Key Stage 4	E
Ability to teach History to Key Stage 5	D
Experience and confident use of ICT as learning tool (within and beyond school)	E
Sustained evidence of excellent classroom management, and of building successful relationships with young people which inspire	E
Ability to offer extra-curricular activities	D
Personal Skills/Qualities	
High levels of organisation and time management with the ability to adapt	E
Excellent communication skills, both oral and written, with adults and young people	E
A successful team player who works collaboratively as well as independently	E
To be a reflective practitioner who actively seeks to develop their teaching skills	E
Demonstrates a total commitment to provide young people with the best possible experience, both inside and beyond the classroom	E
Safeguarding Children	
Demonstrates a commitment to safeguarding, always maintaining appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children/young people and demonstrating emotional resilience when working with challenging behaviours and appropriate attitude to the use of authority to maintain discipline.	E
Demonstrates a commitment to fundamental British values and an awareness of how these can be promoted in direct work with children and young people.	E

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# Department Overview

## History

Roundhay's History department is very well motivated, hardworking and vibrant. The structure of the department is currently; a Subject Leader, a leader of KS3 History alongside six full and part time teaching staff responsible for teaching History across Key Stages 3 to 5 and Politics at KS5.

We are passionate about helping the students make outstanding progress in their studies as well as fostering a love for History and Politics. For many years, the department has enjoyed an excellent reputation amongst staff, pupils and parents alike. As a result of highly professional and dedicated teaching, the department has developed and maintained an excellent tradition of academic success which has contributed to the continuing growth and popularity of the subject within the school.

The department has eight classrooms, all of which are fitted with interactive whiteboards; we also have a dedicated workspace available for members of the department. We have built up an excellent range of commercially and teacher-produced resources to support the delivery and assessment of the History and Politics curriculum at Roundhay. The success of the department relies very heavily on the willingness of colleagues to support one another and ensure that good practice is shared.

At Key Stage 3, students are taught History for four hours on a fortnightly basis. The curriculum explores British, European and International History from 1066-2025. Topics are taught in depth and breadth with built in assessment opportunities. Enrichment Days and opportunities also allow students to explore History away from the classroom.

In Year 10 and 11, GCSE pupils follow the AQA History specification and are taught for six hours on a fortnightly basis. We study America 1920-1973, Conflict and Tension in Asia, Health and the People and Elizabethan England. GCSE results continually see a positive progress for all students. Lessons are thoroughly prepared and contain high levels of intellectual challenge. The department runs a highly successful visit to some of the key sites of the First World War in Belgium and France for the Year 10 students.

The take up of A Level History and Politics has always been strong and for many years the department has enjoyed excellent results with significant numbers of students going on to study the subject at University. In History the department is currently following Edexcel Route E; Communist States in the 20th Century: Paper 1 - Russia, 1917-1991 - From Lenin to Yeltsin and Paper 2 - The GDR 1949-1990. A Level students will be prepared for Paper 3 - Protest, agitation and Parliamentary Reform in Britain c1780-1928 and a coursework option focusing on International Relations 1879-1949. For Politics, we currently deliver the Edexcel specification where we cover UK Government and Politics, American Government and Politics alongside the ideologies of liberalism, conservatism, socialism and feminism.

Teachers are committed to developing the individual skills of pupils and promoting their personal and social development through the vehicle of history lessons, which are both challenging and productive. Extremely high levels of collaboration exist between staff and the emphasis is very much on sharing good practice within the department. All members of the department give vigorous support to the general ethos of the school and the care and sensitivity of staff has enabled large numbers of pupils from across the ability range to enjoy their experience of History and to succeed in this subject.

# School Overview

## Our Mission Statement

Roundhay School is all about its pupils and we will do **'whatever it takes'** to ensure that each one reaches their full potential. We will never put limits on what our pupils can achieve, regardless of background or circumstance. Our focus on developing character, instilling confidence and a love of learning whilst teaching the importance of kindness, manners, and respect. We want all our pupils to make a positive contribution to school life and society, continuing to learn and develop for the rest of their lives.

**Always responsible. Always resilient. Always ready to learn. Always Roundhay.**

## Our Pupils

The school population reflects the cosmopolitan nature of modern Leeds. The pupils come from a very wide variety of socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds; more than 27 languages are represented, with around 60% of our pupils drawn from the black and ethnic minorities. This gives the school great strength in its many endeavours and relationships.

**'Pupils thrive academically and personally at Roundhay School'.** Ofsted

We currently have around 2500 pupils in this 4-18 co-educational community comprehensive school, making it one of the largest within Leeds. Our specialist Dyslexia Base, our SEN provision, and our 500+ strong and very successful Sixth Form (one of the biggest in the region) are just some of our many strengths.

**'Pupils behave very well'.** Ofsted

**'Pupils show exceptional levels of respect for others'.** Ofsted

In September 2012 we became one of the first 'all-through' schools in the region, growing with a new intake every year. Our first primary cohorts joined up with the secondary aged pupils in September 2019. We have a separate £4.8 million purpose built Primary Campus located just a mile away from the Secondary Campus.

We are proud of our examination success at all key stages. At our Sixth Form, over 35 qualifications (including A Levels, BTECs and Cambridge Technicals) are taught and with excellent achievement we find that the majority of our students are able to progress to higher education including students going to Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

We have the highest expectations of every pupil and strive to achieve high standards in all that we do, both academically and socially.

**'The school aspires for all pupils to be 'Recognisably Roundhay – responsible, resilient, and ready to learn'. This is something that pupils live out daily.'** Ofsted

## Our Staff

**'Staff know each pupil individually. They work tirelessly to provide exceptional support'.** Ofsted

We are fortunate to have highly committed, professional, and friendly staff, who have worked hard and successfully to establish a thriving learning community. Many staff have sent, or currently send, their own children to Roundhay, which is a real vote of confidence.



We also have other pupils who come from families with parents professionally involved in education, which helps to keep us on our toes! We take seriously the professional development of all our staff. As a school, we are heavily involved in Initial Teacher Training and are a strategic partner within a Teaching School Alliance (Red Kite) which involves sharing outstanding practice across four local authorities. School improvement and self-review are central to our drive to raise standards. We have around 270 staff, both associate and teaching, who work very hard as a team to ensure they support both the pupils and each other.

***'The school has a 'whatever it takes' approach'.*** Ofsted

### **Our Location**

The school's two campuses are situated in north-east Leeds, adjacent to Roundhay Park, and are surrounded by highly sought-after owner-occupied houses. The settings can only be described as impressive. The schools' grounds are magnificent; the campuses cover over 30 acres of parkland combined. We also serve some of the most economically and socially deprived areas of the city, as well as more favoured wards, giving us the rich mix of pupils that makes us a 'true comprehensive'. Currently, around 21% of our pupils are classified as being Pupil Premium children with 15% currently entitled to free school meals.

***'All adults have a relentless focus on identifying and addressing barriers to learning to help all children to succeed'.*** Ofsted

### **Our Facilities**

We have very good facilities, and since our Secondary Campus was rebuilt in 2004, we continue to invest heavily in ICT and in improving facilities to enhance the learning and teaching experience of pupils and staff alike. We expanded with a £4.8 million purpose built Primary campus in 2012 and a £12 million Pavilion building and artificial pitch on the Secondary site in 2017.

***'Across the school, teachers have a shared understanding of the high-quality teaching approaches that best support pupils learning'.*** Ofsted

### **Our School Organisation**

Our separate Primary Campus introduces two forms each year and houses upwards of 420 children. The Primary school day starts at 8.55am and ends at 3.20pm.

At our Secondary site, pupils are grouped for registration and for Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education in mixed-ability form groups. For teaching purposes, pupils are placed in a variety of groupings as appropriate, including setting and some mixed-ability grouping. Lessons at the Secondary Campus are 50 minutes in length, six per day, although the vast majority are double lessons. The secondary school day commences at 8.20am and finishes at 3.00pm, followed by extra-curricular activities.

***'The expectations for what pupils will know and be able to do at the end of each stage of education are exceptionally high'.*** Ofsted

### **Our Pastoral Organisation and Leadership**

Each campus (Primary and Secondary) has a Head of School. At the Secondary Campus Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are led by Heads of Year, assisted by teams of tutors, and overseen by member of the Leadership Team. Our Assistant Headteacher: Director of Sixth Form and her team are supported by Academic Mentors.

There is a strong tradition of support for both pupils and colleagues. Our Academic Support Tutors, Mentors, Behaviour Support workers and Raising Achievement teams have had a powerful effect on the positive implementation of our social inclusion strategies.

***'Leaders act with a relentless moral purpose. They are committed to supporting every pupil and member of the staff team. They actively seek ways to manage staff workload and well-being. Staff are proud to work in this exceptional school'.*** Ofsted

### **Our Extra-Curricular Activities**

We have a thriving and exceptional programme of music, drama, sports teams, outdoor pursuits, residential, art events, enrichment days and charity events! Everyone contributes, as we feel that it is a vital part of our role in developing the potential of all our pupils and building a cohesive community.

### **Our Community Links**

The school has excellent links with the communities it serves and actively seeks to widen these. We believe that this vital 'citizenship work' demonstrates our ethos as a school, where courtesy, co-operation and commitment are more than just words!

# School Policies

Our school policies, are available on our website or from the school upon written request. Our Sixth Form Prospectus and Ofsted report are also available to download from our website.

## **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

Roundhay School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff, volunteers, visitors, and contractors to share this commitment. All employment offers will be subject to pre-employment checks including references, an enhanced DBS check, online search, and other relevant checks in line with statutory guidance.

We have a designated senior member of the Leadership Team who is responsible for referring and monitoring any suspected case of abuse. All members of staff will receive training in line with our child protection policy.

## **Whistle Blowing**

Our policy is to ensure that all staff are able to raise concerns about a danger, risk, malpractice or wrongdoing which is in the public interest in the knowledge that they will be protected from any potential reprisals.

## **Code of Conduct and Personal Behaviour**

The school believes that it is essential for standards of conduct at work to be maintained to ensure delivery of quality services and to protect the wellbeing of all its employees and pupils. The Headteacher and Governing Body regard everyone working at our school as a role model to our pupils. As such, employees should conduct themselves with integrity, impartiality, and honesty. Furthermore, everyone in the school has an absolute duty to promote and safeguard the welfare of children. Registered teachers are in addition bound by the codes and professional values of the Teaching Regulation Agency, and the school considers the principles to apply to all staff employed at the school.

## **Equality and Diversity**

Roundhay school is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, and victimisation where all members of its community are treated with respect and dignity. The school aims to create a culture of diversity within its community, providing a dynamic working and learning environment, where all members are valued for their contribution.

## **Smoking Policy**

Roundhay School is a no smoking building and site and all staff must adhere to this policy.

## **Online Safety and Acceptable Use Policy**

We encourage the use of ICT across the curriculum. On appointment, staff agree to abide by the above policy.

# How To Apply

1. Please go to our Vacancies page at <https://careers.roundhayschool.org.uk/> where all our current vacancies are listed.

2. Click on the 'More Info/Apply' link at the bottom of each vacancy listing. This will open a new window where you will be able to review the vacancy job pack and apply. The job pack (a PDF document attached to each vacancy) clearly sets out the full details of the position as well as the essential qualifications, skills and experience we require applicants to evidence in order to be successfully shortlisted for interview. Please note that we are not permitted to accept CVs.

3. To apply for a vacancy, click on the 'Apply Now' button. Please complete the online application as fully as possible, and then submit this as soon as you can please prior to the closing date, as we reserve the right to close any of our recruitment adverts to further applications at any time.

4. Your application will be automatically acknowledged. Our Recruitment team will get in touch once the vacancy has closed to let you know if you have been shortlisted for interview.

## **Important notes:**

On your application form, you are required to provide details of your education and your full employment history, including details of any unpaid or voluntary work. You should also evidence how your skills, knowledge and experience meet the person specification for the role you are applying for. Please also outline the impact your appointment will make in terms of raising standards at Roundhay School and why you are the ideal candidate.

All gaps in employment must be clearly accounted for, and where these do exist, you must clearly explain the reasons why and outline what you were doing during this time.

Applications will be evaluated against the requirements of the post, with those candidates that best fit the requirements being shortlisted. Details of the interview programme will be confirmed to shortlisted candidates after the closing date.

Whilst we aim to respond to all applications in a timely manner, if you have not been contacted within one month of the closing date, please assume you have not been shortlisted. Due to the volume of applicants, we regret that we are unable to give feedback to non-shortlisted candidates.

If you have a disability that prevents you from accessing/completing our application form, please contact the school and we will look at adaptations we may make to assist you.

Maps are available to download for our Primary and Secondary sites from our website or by clicking on this link [Contact - Roundhay School](#). Please note the Secondary Campus entrance is on Old Park Road, and if you use Sat-Nav, please use the post code LS8 1JT.

Further information is available at our Vacancies page, or you may contact our Recruitment Team at [recruitment@roundhayschool.com](mailto:recruitment@roundhayschool.com) who will be delighted to assist you.