



**(HMC & IAPS, CSA, Co-educational, Boarding & Day)  
(Church of England Foundation)**

# **Appointment of TEACHER OF HISTORY & POLITICS (Full Time) From September 2019**

## **THE SCHOOL**

St Edmund's School is a co-educational day and boarding school with c. 570 pupils from the ages of 3 to 18. The Pre-Prep, Junior, and Senior Schools are on the same site and are closely integrated, using the same Chapel, music and art facilities, dining hall, science laboratories and sports hall. The school prides itself on its friendly, family environment where every pupil is known and valued.

The school is officially designated "a school of religious character". The Choristers of Canterbury Cathedral, who are full members of the Junior School, were incorporated into St Edmund's in 1972. The Head is a member of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) and the Master of the Junior School is a member of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools (IAPS) and of the Choir Schools' Association (CSA).

Until August 1996, the school was owned and governed by the Clergy Orphan Corporation and was originally founded to educate the sons of deceased clergymen of the Church of England and the Church in Wales. The school still maintains this role to a small extent. Furthermore, the Archbishop of Canterbury is Patron of the school. From September 1996, the school has been completely independent. Its assets, including its properties and trust funds, are owned by an independent charitable company, limited by guarantee. The directors of this company are the School Governors.

Although the majority of children are day pupils, one quarter of the school's pupils are boarders, from a wide range of backgrounds. The school operates a five-day teaching week, but also runs a Saturday morning activities programme which is optional for Senior School day pupils. All boarders participate in both Saturday and Sunday activities programmes.

All full-time members of the Senior School teaching staff are expected to offer and contribute to the full programme of extra-curricular activities and study opportunities on Saturday mornings on a rotational basis.

The school adjoins the University of Kent and is able to make use of many of the University's facilities: the Templeman Library, the Gulbenkian theatre and the public lectures amongst others. London's West End is within easy reach. Further information about St Edmund's may be found on the school's website: [www.stedmunds.org.uk](http://www.stedmunds.org.uk).

## **THE DEPARTMENT**

### **Introduction**

The department presents itself as accessible, interested in pupils, and the subject of History and Politics. We want the subject to be interesting and thought-provoking. Pupils are nurtured with an emphasis on the development of skills and a sense of progress and purpose.

### **Facilities and Resources**

The department has three classrooms, each equipped with digital projectors, computers and whiteboards. We have an extensive collection of books and various resources for teaching History.

### **Courses**

The National Curriculum is not followed at KS3 as the department sets its own programme of study in Year 9 (Lower Fifth). At GCSE, the Cambridge IGCSE Modern World History course is taught focusing on the USA 1919-1941 and International Relations 1919-1991. At A-level we teach the OCR courses on British History 1930-1997, Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963 and the Changing Nature of Warfare 1792-1995. For Politics A level we follow the AQA specification.

### **Examination Results**

Examination results recently have been very strong for a non-selective school, with over 50% of pupils at GCSE, year-on-year, gaining A or A\* grades, and over the last four years, on average, 76% of pupils have gained A or B grades at A-level.

### **Outside the Classroom**

The extra-curricular life of the department includes trips to the First World War battlefields, Berlin, and History Conferences in London. There is also a History Society and a range of competitions.

## **THE APPOINTMENT**

The following qualities are deemed essential in the successful candidate:

- A degree in History together with a formal teaching qualification
- Familiarity with History GCSE and A-level syllabuses

- Passionate enthusiasm for History that can inspire others
- A professional attitude and a commitment to promoting high standards of achievement and behaviour
- Excellent subject knowledge including the ability to teach A-level
- The ability and willingness to teach Government and Politics A-level
- An approach to teaching and learning that is flexible and inclusive
- Ability to use new technologies to facilitate teaching and learning
- First class communications and inter-personal skills
- Exemplary classroom management skills
- The ability to build effective working relationships with pupils, parents and colleagues
- A commitment to safeguarding the welfare of pupils
- Good organisational skills; reliability in working to deadlines

The desirable qualities of the successful applicant include:

- A willingness to contribute to extracurricular activities
- Well-developed ICT skills
- Commitment to continuing professional development

## **CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

The school is a member of the Teachers' Pension Scheme and it is assumed that all teaching staff will continue as members of this pension scheme unless they inform the school otherwise. Subject to spaces being available fee remission of 50% is available to full-time members of staff, pro-rated for part-time members of staff. Lunch is offered free-of-charge for all staff whose working hours encompass the time of school lunch and who accept the necessary supervisory role of staff and pupils during this period.

All members of staff are expected to contribute to the wider life of the school community and are personal tutors to some 8 to 10 pupils. All full-time members of staff contribute to the games and/or activities programmes.

St Edmund's School Canterbury is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

Personal information provided by candidates will be kept on a secure file in the school in line with GDPR legislation and will not be released to third parties outside the school without the permission of the person concerned, except where there is a legal requirement so to do.



## APPLICATIONS

Applications must take the form of a completed Teaching Staff Application for Employment Form, full curriculum vitae, and a concise covering letter outlining the candidate's suitability for the post. The names and contact details (including emails) of two referees are required.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **9.00am Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019**. Applications should be posted or emailed to:

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