



BURGESS HILL

— GIRLS —

Teacher of Politics - temporary part-time 0.3 Required for January 2022 for two terms

We are looking to appoint a dynamic and inspirational teacher with excellent communication and interpersonal skills to teach A level Politics in this high performing school. Candidates who can also teach Economics and/or History will be particularly welcome. The role can also be carried out in a mixed virtual/in-person manner if necessary. The successful candidate will promote the subject(s) both inside and outside the classroom, enthusing Senior School pupils and teaching the subject(s) at A level in the Sixth Form.

A willingness to contribute to the co-curricular life of the School is also essential, with Politics having significant overlap with the Debating Society.



Location

The School is situated in a very pleasant thirteen-acre site in the conservation area of the town. Burgess Hill is a medium sized town with its own theatre, orchestra, cinema and leisure centre. Burgess Hill is approximately ten miles from Brighton and Lewes, fifteen miles from Crawley and fifty miles from the centre of London. It is well served with fast roads – the M23 and M25. The school is a three minute walk from the railway station.

Facilities

The School is a blend of Victorian buildings and ultra-modern facilities and there has been a steady development of the facilities.

Curriculum

The School offers a full range of GCSE and A level courses in preparation for university entrance.

Pastoral care

Our pastoral system is designed to encourage and support the development of each individual student from the moment she arrives in school until the time she leaves. We want to provide each student with the skills and confidence to help her to make the most of her time with us, at university and beyond. Implicit in the School aims is the expectation that every teacher will accept responsibility for the development in each pupil not only of the highest academic standards, but also of the confidence and self-esteem, which comes from being valued as an individual within a community.

Co-curricular activities

We believe that education is about giving young people the chance to be successful in as wide a range of areas as possible, and to feel a sense of pride in their achievements. Co-curricular activities give each student wonderful opportunities to explore her own talents and develop her individual skills to her full potential. The successful applicant will be expected to work effectively as part of the teaching team and participate in the wider life of the school.

The Economics, Politics and Business Department

Economics has long been a popular choice at A level at Burgess Hill Girls, and Business was reintroduced this year. Politics was added to the curriculum five years ago, and quickly became a highly popular subject with sixth formers. The department has had success in both high quality results and in supporting aspirational university applications: since its introduction, the school has secured university places at Oxford, LSE, Durham, Exeter, Nottingham and Birmingham for Politics and related courses. Although these subjects are only taught at A level, there is room to develop and enthuse pupils in KS3 and KS4 in each of these forward-thinking, relevant and essential subject areas, with Politics teachers having especially valuable input into the development of lessons on Fundamental British Values.

Pupils follow the Edexcel linear specification in Politics, Economics and Business. Set sizes at A level are small enough to allow for detailed individual support of students whilst being large enough to promote healthy debate and an atmosphere of mutually supportive academic endeavour. Pupils are strongly encouraged to take a keen interest in Politics in the news and to participate in conferences and Politics-related opportunities across the Sixth Form. Politics students are typically at the forefront of school mock elections, for example, and are also commonly appointed to positions of student leadership and responsibility.

The successful candidate will have a passion for political science and political history, and a desire to contribute to a strong, forward-thinking department which is one of the cornerstones of the Sixth Form. We are looking for an inspirational teacher with creativity and high academic standards, and the ability to elicit the same from their pupils. The position is suitable for both experienced teachers and those looking for their first teaching experience.

We benefit from being in an excellent location from which to study Politics and offer our students relevant trips to enrich their studies. Candidates are invited to suggest and implement an appropriate enrichment programme for subjects taught.

Full time teachers are allocated a form tutor role, and all teachers are expected to play a full part in the life of the school community to support its distinctive ethos and encourage and ensure staff and students follow this example.

Candidates appointed to the role on a part-time basis would teach approximately 10x40 minute teaching periods of Politics. Full time teachers teach 32 periods out of a possible 45 period week.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITION

- We are seeking a well-qualified candidate to teach Politics A Level. The capacity to teach some Economics A level or History to either GCSE or A Level would be welcome but is not essential.
- Enthusiasm for political science and political history.
- The successful applicant will be expected to promote the departments both inside and outside the classroom.
- Willingness to contribute to the co-curricular life of the School.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Candidates are required to submit an application form with supporting letter and details of two referees. One reference should be from a current or last employer and should comment on the teaching skills of the candidate. References will be taken up prior to interview.

The closing date for applications is **5.00pm on Tuesday 14th September 2021**

Short-listed candidates will be contacted by telephone and interviews will take place **the following week.**

Candidates who have not heard from the School by the end of October should presume that their application will not be taken further.

Candidates will be required to teach a short lesson on a topic to be decided, complete a relevant task and attend an interview. They will also meet with key staff and be offered a tour of the School.

All appointments are made in accordance with our equal opportunities policy and applicants should let us know of any special needs they may have.

The School 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.

