

**Job Title:** Teacher of Politics  
**Responsible to:** Head of Politics  
**Faculty:** Humanities, Art and IT

We are a dedicated and enthusiastic department, passionate for the subject and committed to the teaching and learning of Politics. The department has witnessed a significant expansion in student numbers since 2015 and our 2018-19 cohort consists of 232 Politics students and 12 Politics classes. Since September 2017, we have offered the Pearson Edexcel A-level Politics specification including Global Politics on the optional Paper 3.

All students have the opportunity to visit Parliament and the Supreme Court to reinforce their first year studies and the Department intends to offer a second year trip to Brussels to tie in with the NATO and EU elements of the Global Politics component of the course. We also attend first- and second-year student revision conferences in London. Many of our students participate in the popular PPE group, which offers weekly opportunities for students to extend their learning, including lectures by university academics and other outside speakers. Every year, many students progress to read Politics or Politics-related subjects at university, including Oxbridge. Politics draws students from all faculties and this is one of the reasons for its popularity and diversity.

We are a team of 4 full-time members of staff. Together we have a wealth of expertise, including Principal and Chief GCE A level Examiners and authors of published textbooks and journals. Each member of the department has unique skills to offer and there is a great emphasis on sharing good practice to improve the quality of our delivery. There is a strong team ethos, which encourages experimentation and collaboration, including team teaching and shared resources, whilst also giving the individual teacher and student the scope to pursue their own strengths and interests.

The use of IT is fundamental to teaching Politics here and our classrooms are equipped with a smart board, data projectors and laptops for student use. The College has excellent IT and intranet facilities, and a well equipped Learning Resource Centre. Our department intranet site is well resourced and utilised by all students.

We are looking for a teacher to join the team. You should:

- have a good honours Politics or related degree
- have a lively and enquiring mind
- have successful experience of teaching the subject at A-level or be able to demonstrate this potential
- have a PGCE or equivalent qualification or commitment to obtain QTS
- be equally able to teach UK or Global Politics, managing successfully a wide range of approaches in the classroom
- have the enthusiasm to develop interactive course materials for the Pearson Edexcel Politics specification, both for classroom and intranet use
- be skilled in the use of IT in the classroom
- have a rapport with the 16-19 age group (staff also have a tutor group of about 24 students).

This high performing College offers good opportunities for career development. The College organises and supports internal INSET opportunities, and encourages staff to attend relevant events organised externally. There are opportunities via the Activities programme to contribute to other areas such as sport and everyone is involved with the delivery of the Symonds Lecture programme.

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