

Department Information for Teacher of Classics

The Classics Department

This is a wonderful opportunity for an enthusiastic teacher of Latin and Classical Civilisation to join a thriving and successful department. The department has embraced the new digital technologies available in the subject. Innovative and creative practice is the norm in the department.

Personnel

There are currently five members of staff in the Classics Department, two are members of the Senior Management Team and three are full-time teachers. Members of the Department taking on new responsibilities and growing demand for our subjects have created this exciting opportunity to bring a new member into the department. We are now going to offer Classical Civilisation GCSE for the first time. A candidate experienced in delivering this course would be a valuable addition to the department. We work closely together, sharing resources and best practice to develop provision for pupils. All staff and students at LEH are issued with iPads, and these are a key resource in our lessons. The Department is supported by two Sixth Form subject representatives, who currently help run extra-curricular activities and events.

Curricular

All pupils begin Latin in their first year (year 7) and continue for two years, using the Cambridge Latin Course in Years 7 and 8. At the end of Year 8 they are given a choice between continuing with Latin, using Latin to GCSE Book 1, or studying a Classical Civilisation course in Year 9; just over half the year choose to continue with Latin. GCSE is offered in Greek and Latin, and the take-up is good: between one quarter and a third of Years 10 and 11 take Latin GCSE and there are currently four students studying Greek GCSE in Year 11 and three in Year 10. Next year we are introducing Classical Civilisation GCSE. In the 6th form, Greek and Latin are offered to A Level. In most years one, two to three pupils go on to read Classics at Oxford or Cambridge, and several read Classics-related courses at other universities. In 2021 three Year 13 students achieved places at Oxford and Cambridge for Classics.

Results are also excellent with 71% of pupils gaining 9 in Latin and 91% 8/9 in 2019, 100% 8/9 in 2018, 100% 9 in Greek GCSE and approximately 50% gaining A* in A Level Latin and Greek. OCR is used for all external examinations.

Extra-Curricular Classics

The Department plans to resume residential trips to Italy and Greece for years 9-13 as soon as possible. In addition, day trips are held for every year group, as well as voluntary theatre trips and lectures. Every year the Department organises lectures from visiting speakers, which are open to local schools. The Department also runs ClasSoc, a lunchtime Classics Club, jointly with Hampton.

General Teaching Job Description

- To plan, prepare and teach lessons as required by the department.
- To set homework and mark written work regularly and ensure that the correct procedures are followed if work is missing, incomplete or late.
- To set, supervise and mark school examinations and course work for public examinations.
- To assess, record and report on the development, progress and attainment of pupils and to communicate this information to parents via written reports and Parents' Evenings. To provide written information for the UCAS and other similar forms.
- To provide guidance and advice when subject choices are made.
- To review methods of teaching and programmes of work and participate in arrangements for further training and professional development.
- To contribute to departmental extra-curricular activities.
- To consult your line manager about any problems occurring over academic matters, such as aspects of the curriculum or the syllabus for GCSE or A-level.
- To keep records of attendance at lessons as required.
- To keep records of books distributed.
- To encourage as much use as possible of the school libraries and other resources.
- To invigilate and undertake administration associated with public examinations.
- To maintain good order and discipline among pupils and safeguard their health and safety.
- To consult Assistant Heads or Form Tutors about serious discipline problems or any other difficulties pupils may cause, or may appear to be having.
- To contribute to PSHE and General Studies programmes as required.
- To attend Departmental, Year, Staff, Parents' and Inset meetings.
- To attend assemblies.
- To provide cover for absent staff, especially within the department, and to carry out other duties as required.
- To act as a Form Tutor if required.
- To adhere to school policy on safeguarding and update training as required.
- To ensure the safeguarding and well-being of children and young people at the school in accordance with school policies.

	Essential	Desirable	Assessment via application form/ interview/lesson observation/written task
A strong academic background and a good honours degree or equivalent in Classics	✓		Application form
A teaching qualification e.g. PGCE		✓	Application form
The ability to teach Latin and Classical Civilisation at KS3, KS4 and ideally A level	✓		Application form Lesson observation
Very good teaching, communication and interpersonal skills, with strong subject knowledge.	✓		Lesson observation References
A willingness to participate in Classics trips and other school activities		✓	Interview References
Excellent written and spoken English	✓		Written task Interview
Good ICT skills	✓		Application form
Efficiency and reliability	✓		Interview References
Active support of the ethos and aims of the school	✓		Interview
Committed to the safeguarding and well-being of children and young people	✓		Interview

Lady Eleanor Holles School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

An application pack is available from the school's website www.lehs.org.uk Applications must be made on the school's own form and should be sent to personnel@lehs.org.uk.

CVs will not be considered and should not be submitted.

The closing date is noon on Wednesday, 24th November 2021.

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