



## **Job Description: Head of Classics at Aysgarth School**

### **The School:**

Aysgarth is a traditional boarding prep school for boys. The staff team is very committed, talented and work closely together.

Boys at Aysgarth go on to some of the most selective senior schools in the country, including Eton, Harrow and various other well known national boarding schools.

Class sizes range from 7 to 15 (with the average being 12), the classrooms are well equipped and resourced, and expectations are high. The boys are well disciplined and are keen to learn and progress. The school offers a very full curriculum including sports, performing and creative arts, and a wide range of hobbies and activities.

### **Purpose of the Role:**

To lead the Latin Department working closely with other colleagues from within the Languages Department. To teach Latin and to nurture a joy and love of Latin across the Prep School (Years 5 to 8) and especially to Scholarship and Common Entrance.

### **Reports to the Director of Studies and the Headmaster.**

### **CORE DUTIES - TEACHING AND FORM TUTORING**

- To plan and review periodically the Latin syllabus in line with the ISEB Common Entrance syllabus and scholarship requirements, and to ensure that the department is appropriately resourced.
- To manage the development plan for the learning of Latin in the school and the annual budget.
- To provide support and guidance to any other teachers involved in the teaching of Latin.
- To teach Latin to Years 5 to 8; ensuring that the boys have the skills and knowledge for the Common Entrance and Scholarship syllabus whilst developing a love for and enjoyment of the language and classical civilisation.
- To monitor and assess the progress of the boys to ensure that their potential is recognised and developed, and that any issues are identified and addressed.
- To keep staff and parents informed of the progress of each boy through the School's assessment and reporting systems.
- To liaise with the SENCO to understand the learning difficulties of boys in your classes and to ensure that they are appropriately addressed.
- To be the first point of discipline in the event that boys in your form misbehave.
- To be a Form Tutor, providing pastoral care and guidance across all aspects of a boy's life at the school and agreeing with them targets for each period.

**Additional duties:**

- To carry out the regular daytime, evening and weekend duties/ activities on a rota basis – typically one evening per week and 2 Sundays per term.
- There are a variety of other roles which the jobholder could undertake depending on their experience and interests and the ability to contribute to the extracurricular programme would be beneficial.

**Key Skills, Experience and Qualities:**

- A graduate with a teaching qualification although we are willing to appoint an exceptional NQT or untrained individual
- An enthusiasm for working with children and an appreciation of time spent in their company
- Ambition for themselves, their department and their school
- The ability to develop good relationships with boys of varying backgrounds, interests and personalities
- Confidence and sensitivity in dealing with parents
- An understanding and enthusiasm for boarding education
- Interests and hobbies that can be shared with the boys

**Remuneration:**

- The School has its own generous salary scale which is at a premium to the national scale, with additional responsibility and performance allowances. The salary for this role will depend on the skills and experience of the successful candidate.
- Teaching staff are members of the Teachers Pension Scheme.
- Staff benefit from the use of the excellent school facilities and grounds (including staff gym and swimming pool) and meals are provided for staff when working.
- Staff discount for children in the school.