



# FRANCIS HOLLAND SCHOOL

## SLOANE SQUARE

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### TEACHER OF CLASSICS

**Part-time (approximately 0.3 – 0.4) position from January 2021**



### GENERAL INFORMATION

Francis Holland School Sloane Square is an independent selective school for over 650 girls aged 4 to 18 (HMC, GSA and Society of Heads). There are around 160 Juniors and 500 Seniors, including usually about 100 in the Sixth Form, with the school recently having grown from 3 to 5 form entry in Year 7. The School is located on a spacious site in a quiet area of SW1, very close to Sloane Square. The staffing ratio is generous and the School has its own attractive salary scale. Interest free travel loans are available and assistance with removal expenses is also offered for new appointments.

Pupils come from all parts of the London area with many of the Junior School pupils choosing to stay for the Senior School. Each member of staff is involved in the pastoral

life of the School, normally as a Form Tutor, the Junior School having one form throughout and Years 7 to 11 having four or five forms per year. The Sixth Form girls are placed in tutor groups of about 8 girls. A very wide range of co-curricular opportunities are offered to the pupils, and all staff contribute to this vibrant dimension of the School.

Academic standards are high throughout the School and on leaving, after A Levels, girls proceed to a wide range of prestigious higher education courses, sometimes after a gap year.

## THE CLASSICS DEPARTMENT

Classical subjects are enjoyed by many Francis Holland girls and under the current Head of Classics recruitment is rising at GCSE and A level. The successful candidate will join a vibrant and exciting department composed of the Head of Department and 1 part time members of staff, with further teaching provided by 2 colleagues in the English department.

Latin is a compulsory subject in Years 7-9 and is taught on a lesson allocation of 1 period in Year 7, 2 periods in Year 8 and 3 periods in Year 9. The school has just transitioned to using the new *Suburani* course in Year 7, with Years 8 and 9 using the Cambridge Latin Course. The department's long-term aim is gradually to phase out use of the Cambridge Latin Course by 2022, so we would welcome any applicants looking to pioneer new methods of teaching Latin in Key Stage 3. We are firmly committed to the ethos of Latin reading courses which foster an understanding of the civilisation, values and achievements of the Romans as well as a rigorous, engaging and stimulating approach to the Latin language.

At GCSE level Latin, Classical Greek and Classical Civilisation are all offered (following the OCR specifications). Currently a healthy number of Year 9 pupils opt for one or more Classical subjects at GCSE level. In the Sixth Form Latin and Classical Civilisation are offered (following the OCR specifications), and the department regularly sends pupils to study Classics and related subjects at top tier universities both in the UK and abroad.

The Classics department also has a healthy relationship with the Junior School attached to the site. In September of 2020 we have begun a programme of enrichment in the Junior School where pupils in KS2 are taught classical mythology, classical Greek and Latin in Years 4-6.

The School's location is a tremendous asset, and students readily benefit from ease of access to a range of museums, London theatres and study day venues. A Senior trip to Athens happened in September 2018, and there is a plan to visit Sicily once foreign travel becomes available.

## PERSON SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Essential qualities:

- a good graduate degree or higher
- an evident passion for the subject
- good interpersonal skills and the desire to work closely within a team
- ability to teach across the age range (Years 7-13)
- willingness to become involved in the many activities the department arranges, such as lunchtime clinics and clubs and accompanying students to local lectures
- ability to take on other delegated responsibilities when appropriate, such as writing schemes of work for individual year groups and taking responsibility for the organisation of some trips

## THE APPOINTMENT

We are looking for a passionate Teacher of Classics to join the department from January 2021. The successful applicant will be a committed and dynamic teacher of Classics who can proficiently teach Latin from KS3 to A level as well as A level Classical Civilisation. It would be advantageous if the applicant could teach the Greek Art component of the Classical Civilisation A level.

Completed applications should be emailed to [jobs@fhs-sw1.org.uk](mailto:jobs@fhs-sw1.org.uk) by the closing date: **10.00 am, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020**. Interviews are scheduled for the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.