

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
A National Teaching School

TEACHER OF HISTORY
TEMPORARY ONE YEAR POST
Main Pay Scale
from 1st September 2017

History at Our Lady's Catholic High School

All pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are taught History in academic sets for three hours per fortnight. The History Department comprises of a team of three specialist teachers who have an inspirational and inventive approach to teaching, using well-developed strategies for delivering the Curriculum at Key Stage 3, with excellent schemes of work and assessment processes. The Department has a strong work ethic and believe that effective feedback, both verbal and written, is essential for pupils to progress. They have a rigorous approach to marking and demand high standards. Pupils study a full GCSE in History which consists of: Medicine in Britain, c1250 to present with the British sector of the Western Front: injuries, treatment and the trenches, Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91 and Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88 and Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39. There are no tiered papers in History and every pupil has full access to the whole range of grades 9-1.

History results have been consistently outstanding for many years and in 2016 the pupils achieved 81% A*-C.

Facilities for the teaching of History are outstanding. There are three purpose built rooms each containing an interactive white boards and projectors, in addition to storage rooms and a communal office. The History Department also run History clubs for KS3 pupils and offers trips to Poland, Blackpool Dungeons and Quarry Bank Mill.

Our Lady's Catholic High School is a highly successful oversubscribed 11–16 mixed High School of 900 pupils serving mainly the Catholic community in the north of Preston. In 2016, 77% of students achieved 5 or more GCSE A* - C grades including Mathematics and English. Behaviour and relationships in our school are outstanding as recognized by Ofsted in December 2012 when we were rated as Outstanding in all four areas of assessment. All of teachers use our highly respected and successful system for managing behaviour and relationships called 'Behaviour 4 Learning'. This is supported by a sophisticated system for rewarding pupils for being fit to learn and for commitment to school life.

In 2014 we were designated a National Teaching School and are the lead school for the Catholic Teaching Alliance which is a partnership between 56 Catholic primary and secondary schools and post-16 colleges with a shared vision and commitment to providing first class professional development for Initial Teacher Training, practising teachers and school leaders.

Potential candidates are very welcome to visit our school and see for themselves our wonderful pupils and staff. Should you wish to visit please contact Pam Bilborrow using the details below.

We are seeking a well-qualified, enthusiastic and outstanding teacher to join this very successful and highly regarded curriculum area. We are looking ideally for a teacher who can deliver History at KS4. The ability to teach Sociology would be an advantage.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Please note that under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 it is an offence for an individual who has been disqualified from working with children to knowingly apply for, offer to do, or accept or do any work in a regulated position. An individual is disqualified from working with children if he/she is included on certain lists held by the Criminals Records Bureau, or has been disqualified from working with children as part of a sentence.

Person Specification:

Candidates will be expected:

- to show commitment to upholding the Catholic ethos of our school as expressed in our Mission Statement;
- to be well qualified at graduate level;
- to be capable of teaching History throughout KS3 and KS4;
- to be committed to teaching pupils of all abilities, backgrounds and faiths;
- to provide evidence of improvements and refinements made in their own teaching based on experience and training;

Candidates might also be able:

- to provide evidence of participation in recent and relevant INSET.

Job Description:

The successful applicant will be subject to the general professional responsibilities outlined in the current Teachers' Pay and Conditions and Our Lady's Employee Attendance Policy. ***The job description for this post is enclosed.***

You should include a clear and concise letter of application with original views of no more than two sides (**printed on A4 and word processed using Arial minimum font size 11**), in which you should outline:

- your overall educational philosophy informed by experience;
- specific recent evidence of successful teaching at examination level and/or at Key Stage 3 or in the case of newly qualified teachers evidence of successful teaching of Science on teacher placement;
- details of any recent innovation for which you may have been responsible, if appropriate;
- an outline of the strengths you could bring to Our Lady's Catholic High School.

This letter replaces the need to complete the statement in the CES application form and should be attached with the form.

Short-listing will consider the extent to which you have addressed the above issues, the Person Specification and Job Description. Completed Application Forms should be returned to:

The Headteacher, Our Lady's Catholic High School, A National Teaching School, St Anthony's Drive, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire, PR2 3SQ.

Please note that only application forms obtained directly from school will be accepted.

T: 01772 326913 F: 01772 760212 Email: pbi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Candidates will be invited to interview by telephone and should ensure that a working day contact number is included in their application.

Closing date: Monday 20th March 2017 – 9.00am