

**London Park School Mayfair and Sixth: Job Description for full-time Head of History and Politics**

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and dedicated Head of History and Politics to join London Park School Mayfair and Sixth Form from September 2025. This is an exciting opportunity to lead a growing department and play a key role in shaping the teaching of History and Politics.

<b>Role</b>	Head of Department – History and Politics
<b>Accountable to:</b>	Deputy Head Academic
<b>The department, and Job Summary</b>	<p>History and Politics are popular subjects at both GCSE and A-Level. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to teach both subjects, History across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5, and Politics at A- Level ensuring academic excellence and student engagement. They will also lead and develop the department as our Sixth Form expands. The ability to teach both History and Politics at A-Level is essential.</p> <p>In addition to teaching responsibilities, the department engages students beyond the classroom through academic clubs, guest lectures, and trips to historical and political landmarks in London and beyond. We are lucky to teach in a beautiful, listed building in central London, with excellent transport links (5 mins from Green Park &amp; Hyde Park Tube Stations), which makes it easy for us to make Central London part of our classroom, by running local day trips across the city. Our Sixth Form building is situated in Belgravia, only moments from Victoria Station.</p>
<b>Accountabilities</b>	<p><b>Leadership &amp; Department Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide strategic leadership for the History and Politics Department, ensuring high-quality teaching and learning.</li> <li>• Lead the design and development of curricula and schemes of work, keeping them aligned with national standards and best practices.</li> <li>• Support and mentor staff within the department to enhance teaching methodologies and promote professional growth.</li> <li>• Stay updated with educational developments in History and Politics and integrate innovative teaching approaches.</li> <li>• Develop the academic enrichment of the subject by organising external speakers, competitions, and trips.</li> </ul> <p><b>Teaching and Learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan and deliver engaging and challenging lessons, ensuring measurable student progress.</li> <li>• Foster an inclusive and differentiated learning environment that caters to students of all abilities.</li> <li>• Encourage students to think critically, engage in debate, and develop a passion for History and Politics.</li> <li>• Promote active learning strategies that involve students in independent research and historical inquiry.</li> <li>• Embed technology and contemporary resources into teaching to enhance learning outcomes.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that students are fully prepared for GCSE and A-Level assessments through robust assessment frameworks and targeted interventions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Student Engagement and Achievement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish high expectations for students in terms of behaviour, engagement, and achievement.</li> <li>• Build positive relationships with students, inspiring them to develop a lifelong interest in History and Politics.</li> <li>• Monitor student progress through data-driven assessment methods, adapting teaching strategies accordingly.</li> <li>• Foster a culture of academic excellence through extension work, super-curricular activities, and leadership opportunities for students.</li> <li>• Support students with university applications, particularly those applying for History, Politics, International Relations, and related fields.</li> </ul> <p><b>General Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share in supervisory and pastoral duties, maintaining high standards of behaviour and discipline.</li> <li>• Promote the values and ethos of the school, ensuring a positive learning environment.</li> <li>• Attend and contribute to staff meetings, INSET training, and professional development opportunities.</li> <li>• Play an active role in school events such as Open Days, Parents' Evenings, and Prize Giving.</li> <li>• Support the wider curriculum by contributing to PSHE lessons and being a Form Tutor if required.</li> <li>• Organise and participate in educational trips and extra-curricular activities related to History and Politics.</li> </ul>
<b>Review and Amendment</b>	This job description should be seen as enabling rather than restrictive and will be subject to regular review.

## Person Specification

### Skills Required

Strong leadership skills with the ability to inspire both students and colleagues.	Essential
Excellent subject knowledge in History and Politics.	Essential
Effective communicator, able to articulate ideas clearly to students, staff, and parents.	Essential
Highly organised, with strong time-management skills and the ability to prioritise workload.	Essential
Innovative and forward-thinking, keen to develop new initiatives within the department.	Essential

### Knowledge and Experience

Good honours degree in a History and/or Politics or closely related degree	Essential
Experience teaching History and Politics at GCSE and A-Level	Essential
Experience leading or supporting curriculum development	Desirable
Up-to-date knowledge of examination requirements and educational best practices	Essential

Experience of organising or participating in extra-curricular activities	Desirable
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**Attitude/approach**

Passionate about History and Politics education and committed to academic excellence.	Essential
A lifelong learner, committed to ongoing professional development.	Essential
Flexible and adaptable, able to respond to the evolving needs of the department.	Essential
Enthusiastic about collaborating with colleagues and contributing to a team ethos.	Essential
Enjoys the challenges and rewards of working in a school environment.	Essential