

# Teacher of Classics

We are looking to appoint a well-qualified graduate to teach Classics throughout Years 7 to 13 from September 2021. The confidence to teach Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation all the way from beginner's level to A Level is desirable, although there is scope for tapering the precise details of the role to the skill-set of the teacher. The successful candidate will be passionate about Classics, wanting to see the subject taught to the highest standards, will be an able communicator, sensitive to the needs of the individual pupil, and will be keen to throw themselves into the department's rich program of trips and events, and the wider life of a busy boarding and day school. Clifton has a strong record in Classics, with outstanding exam results and notable Oxbridge successes in recent years. This position may appeal to an experienced teacher with a proven track-record or someone entering teaching for the first time. A PGCE may prove helpful, but is not essential, and we are able to provide mentoring towards the gaining of Qualified Teacher Status.

**Staff** There are currently four full-time teachers in the Classics department, with a range of experience and interests. All staff play a full role in the pastoral and co-curricular life of the school but appreciate that their primary role is that of teaching Classics. The members of the department offer tremendous support to each other on a daily basis, and meet formally every week to share good teaching practice, and to discuss departmental or school-wide issues.

**Facilities** The department is located in the Tribe Building, where we have spacious classrooms housing our extensive library of works relating to Greek and Roman literature, language, art, archaeology, history and philosophy, and equipped with CTouch Smartboards (flanked by whiteboards), PCs, Chromebooks and WiFi.

**Curriculum** All Year 7 and 8 students study Latin. Students then elect to study Latin and/or Greek in Year 9, and Latin and/or Greek and/or Classical Civilisation for GCSE in Years 10-11. In the 6th form, the department offers Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation.

For all qualifications we follow the OCR exam board's specifications, and our results are consistently strong, whether viewed in absolute terms or through the lens of value-added. In the last seven years, nine of our top students have gone to Oxford or Cambridge to study Classics, and we regularly send others to study Classics or related courses at other top universities.

**Activities** The department has a healthy program of enrichment activities, including our very popular annual overseas trip to Greece, Italy or elsewhere, day-trips to sites and museums for all year-groups, a Mythology Club for Years 7-8, and speaker events on average once per term. Students, particularly sixth-formers, are encouraged to enter translation and essay competitions, or to research an area of interest before presenting a paper to our Classics Society. The department caters for the needs of every pupil with off-timetable classes and clinics.

**The Post** The successful applicant will be expected to teach throughout the age and ability range, taking on a variety of Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation classes from Year 7 through to Year 13. There is always discussion before the allocation is made, and a teacher may express an interest in contributing more to one area, such as to Year 7-8 Latin or to Oxbridge preparation, than to another. Whatever the level of the teaching, an enthusiasm for the subject, the ability and energy to communicate it effectively, and the initiative and determination to contribute to the team are essential. This is an exciting opportunity to join a thriving and friendly department.

Applicants who have particular questions may wish to contact the Head of Department, Dr Tom Patrick on [tpatrick@cliftoncollege.com](mailto:tpatrick@cliftoncollege.com)

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