

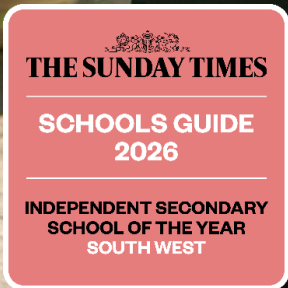


KING
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THE SCHOOL FOR ADVENTUROUS MINDS

TEACHER OF HISTORY

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES



Applications are invited for the post of

TEACHER OF HISTORY

**1 Year Fixed Term, Full Time
From September 2026**

Thank you for your interest in our 1 year fixed term, full-time role of Teacher of History at King Edward's School, Bath. This is an exciting opportunity for a suitably qualified History teacher to join the school that arises from a member of staff taking maternity leave. History is a popular choice at A-Level and a subject which flourishes at all levels throughout the School. There is also a possibility for the right candidate to teach some A Level Politics.

Founded in 1552, King Edward's School, Bath has held a special place in the city for well over four and a half centuries and is now firmly established as one of the leading schools in the South-West of England, being recognised recently as the Sunday Times Independent Secondary School of the Year in the South-West for 2026. As a family of three schools, the Pre-Prep, Junior and Senior sections of King Edward's offer an inspiring and supportive environment for children aged 3 to 18. All pupils are encouraged to be the best they can be, and all are nurtured along the pathway to leading happy, fulfilled and successful lives at School and beyond.

King Edward's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and applicants must be willing to undergo safeguarding screening, which includes successful clearance of an enhanced DBS check, receipt of satisfactory references and a pre-employment health questionnaire. We are an inclusive school and welcome applications from people of all beliefs and backgrounds.

With highly motivated and academically ambitious pupils, this role is a chance to champion History, support academic excellence and cultivate independent learning in a well-resourced environment. If you have a flair for innovation, a love of the past and a desire to make a real impact on young lives, we hope that you will consider making an application.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Boden
Headmaster



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SCHOOL BENEFITS

- Supportive CPD which can include access to further qualifications and training.
- Generous and competitive school fee remission.
- Free refreshments, fruit and a 3-course lunch during term time.
- Employee assistance packages - AIG SmartHealth and L&G Sparks.
- Recently refurbished gym on-site and access to gym membership offer for the University of Bath.
- Tax-efficient Cycle to Work Scheme.
- Pilates classes for staff, with colleagues also welcome to join the Senior School's weekly lunchtime Running Club.
- Support towards prescription glasses and eye tests.

STAFF PENSION

If eligible, you will be automatically enrolled into King Edward's School, Bath Group Personal Pension Plan ("the DC Plan") with an employer's maximum contribution of 20% of salary, to be matched by a 10% employee contribution.

We are confident that you will find working at KES inspiring, but don't take our word for it – read what some of our staff say about working at KES by visiting our website:

www.kesbath.com

THE POST

Applications are invited from energetic and well-qualified university graduates or teachers seeking to be part of a dynamic and well-resourced History and Politics faculty which teaches the subject from Year 7 to A-Level.

The successful candidate will be able to teach across the whole range of age and ability, including A-level History. The ability to teach A-level Politics is desirable but not essential.

The post would suit either an experienced teacher with a proven record of successful results, or equally an ECT, for whom a full support and induction programme will be available.

A willingness to make a wider contribution to the pastoral and extra-curricular life of the School is expected.

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THE HISTORY FACULTY

The History department currently consists of 4 full-time and 1 part-time members of staff and is run by the Head of History and Politics.

History is routinely among the most popular options for GCSE and enjoys excellent results, with over 60% gaining Grade 9s in 2025. History is a popular subject choice at A Level with around 20 pupils in both Year 12 and 13, with similar numbers for Politics. Typically, around a third of grades are at A*.

The teaching takes place in spacious classrooms. All teaching areas are equipped with smartboards and teachers are given a high-quality personal device to support with lessons. The department office is also located in the same area and houses our resources, as well as providing a base for each member of the department to work.

With a rich and illustrious heritage, dating from the foundation of the School by Royal Charter in 1552, there is much in both the history of the School itself, as well as in its teaching of History, to celebrate. In developing their appreciation of History, King Edward's pupils go far beyond the classroom. History teachers help to run the Debating Society, History Extension Club, and Model UN Club. In addition to various day trips, we run biennial trips to Washington DC (Sixth Form) and Berlin (GCSE).

As a department, we are committed to sharing our enthusiasm and appreciation of the past and its role in shaping the present.

YEARS 7-9

In Year 7, we investigate the period 1066-1485, asking questions about the nature of power and kingship, the role of religion, and what constituted 'progress' in the medieval period.

In Year 8, we focus on revolutions. Starting with the Reformation, we study the religious turmoil of England in the 1530s-1560s and again in the 1620s-1680s. We also look at the Industrial Revolution and the rise of the British Empire and slavery. Pupils finish their study of Year 8 with a project based on an aspect of 18th and 19th century history that can be explored through the lens of the city of Bath.

In Year 9, we focus on World War One and its impacts, including on the fight for women's suffrage in the UK and on the collapse of Tsarism in Russia. We then study World War Two and also look at different waves of migration into the UK in the 19th and 20th Centuries.

IGCSE

Around half the year group opts to study History for GCSE. In Years 10 and 11, we follow the Edexcel IGCSE course, allowing us to study the troubled Twentieth Century through a truly international lens. We study Germany 1918-45, International Relations 1943-72, Vietnam 1945-75, and China 1911-89.

A Level History

Pupils study the Edexcel A Level course, taking Route C. In Year 12, they study Civil Rights and Race Relations in the USA, 1851-2009, and Revolution in France 1774-1799. In Year 13, pupils complete Coursework on an aspect of the Holocaust and take the Britain 1625-1701 module.

A Level Politics

Politics is also a popular A Level choice. Pupils take the Edexcel course, studying the Government and Politics of the US and UK as well as different political ideologies.





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KATIE BARNSELY
DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER PRE-PREP &
NURSERY

JOB SPECIFICATION

RESPONSIBLE TO:

The Head of History & Politics who has overall responsibility for the faculty.

RESPONSIBLE FOR:

The fundamental expectation of a teacher at King Edward's School is that they should contribute wholeheartedly and positively to the life and work of the School. Each teacher is directly responsible for the positive, efficient and professional running of their classes, in line with agreed departmental policy; this will include following departmental schemes of work and assessment policies. Each teacher is also responsible for the good behaviour of classes and the care of departmental resources and the classroom in which they teach. Teachers at King Edward's, including those who are part-time value the importance of contributing to the School as a whole and recognise that some aspects of their duties might fall on a day when they are not timetabled for lessons (e.g. Open Day, Entrance Exams, Parents' Evenings, INSET/CPD).

All members of staff share a corporate responsibility for the welfare, good order and discipline of pupils in all school activities. It is also the responsibility of all staff to be aware of and uphold School policies, especially those relating to safeguarding, and to work to uphold budgets and sound financial control.

As part of their responsibility towards supporting the pastoral life of the School, teachers are required to carry out a pastoral role within the school as a Form Tutor, Co-Tutor or Associate Tutor.

Teachers at King Edward's School will also contribute to the co-curricular life of the School. Such contributions may take many different forms, as the School values the diverse talents and enthusiasm of staff, and could include taking a sports team (for non-PE staff), running a weekly club, being involved in significant weekend commitments such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Ten Tors or Model United Nations and termly sports fixtures. The nature of such a commitment and the time involved will need to meet the needs of the school and be approved by the Headmaster.

Teachers are expected to follow the Teachers' Standards set by the Department for Education:

1. Setting high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils.
2. Promoting good progress and outcomes by pupils.
3. Demonstrating good subject and curriculum knowledge.
4. Planning and teaching well-structured lessons.
5. Adapting teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils.
6. Making accurate and productive use of assessment.
7. Managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment.
8. Fulfilling wider professional responsibilities.
9. Demonstrating consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct.

The main responsibilities of a teacher include, but are not limited to:

10. Delivering high quality teaching to the classes and pupils allocated in the timetable.
11. Planning, preparing and delivering courses and lessons in line with agreed school and department policies, seeking and offering advice and support, as appropriate, from and to departmental colleagues and the Head of Department.
12. Preparing pupils for public and internal examinations, including maintaining a thorough and up-to-date knowledge of current examination specifications, regulations and policies.
13. Setting and marking work regularly according to school and department policy, including formal assessments and internal exams, which is

appropriate to the needs and abilities of the pupils.

14. Keeping suitable records of each pupil's attendance, behaviour and performance which will enable proper assessment, tracking and timely reporting (to both pupils and parents). In so doing, the teacher should be mindful of the need to support, motivate and encourage each pupil.
15. Writing academic checks, reports, UCAS references and other similar material.
16. Attending Parents' Evenings and meeting with parents, as required.
17. Making timely contact with parents over academic issues relating to the progress of a pupil, as well as responding to concerns and queries from parents.
18. Supporting the work of the Head of Department and contributing to the work of the department in developing new courses, materials and methods.
19. Contributing to departmental meetings organised by the Head of Department
20. Maintaining a thorough and up-to-date subject knowledge and taking account of wider curriculum and pastoral developments which are relevant to the work of a teacher.
21. Maintaining a high standard of professionalism through appropriate dress, behaviour, conduct and communication with pupils, parents, colleagues and members of the public, as a loyal ambassador for the School.
22. Actively participating in CPD/INSET and taking responsibility for his or her own professional development to improve teaching and pupils' learning.
23. Actively participating in the School's system of professional review and being reviewed by line managers and a member of the review team.
24. Fulfilling other duties expected of each teacher from time to time, such as supervisory duties

during lunch and break, examination invigilation and cover for absent colleagues.

25. Supporting and attending assemblies, Prizegiving, Open Evening and Open Day, Founder's Day and other events, as required.
26. Promoting the general progress and well-being of individual pupils.
27. Working closely with pastoral staff over the teaching and learning of pupils and keeping pastoral staff informed of academic issues, potential learning support issues and behavioural concerns.
28. Maintaining good order and discipline among pupils, both within and without the School, enforcing fairly but unequivocally the School's code of conduct and rules.
29. Ensuring that pupils respect school property.
30. Upholding the ethos, purpose and values of the School.
31. Developing a good understanding of policies and procedures within the School and, when required, contributing to policy review and development, in line with the School's Development Plan.

A teacher might also be required to undertake any other duties as reasonably directed by the Headmaster or his deputies.



PERSON SPECIFICATION

| QUALIFICATIONS | ESSENTIAL | DESIRABLE |
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| Degree level qualification in a discipline related to subject | | ✓ |
| Relevant additional subject specific qualifications | | ✓ |
| Qualifications related to teaching including QTS and any relevant PGCE | | ✓ |

| KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE | ESSENTIAL | DESIRABLE |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Deep understanding of topics covered in the subject | ✓ | |
| Familiarity with the curriculum and exam board specifications | ✓ | |
| Understanding of how pupils learn and develop, which can help in creating effective teaching strategies | ✓ | |
| Skills in managing a classroom and engaging pupils in the subject matter | ✓ | |
| Ability to assess and provide feedback on pupil work effectively | ✓ | |
| Providing support and guidance to pupils, helping them with both academic and personal challenges | ✓ | |

| PERSONAL QUALITIES | ESSENTIAL | DESIRABLE |
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| Genuine enthusiasm for the subject can inspire and engage pupils of all ages. | ✓ | |
| Ability to remain calm and patient, especially when pupils struggle with complex concepts | ✓ | |
| Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills | ✓ | |
| Flexibility to adjust teaching methods to suit different learning styles and needs | ✓ | |
| Innovative approaches to teaching that make learning interesting and enjoyable | ✓ | |
| Strong organisational skills to manage lesson plans, marking, and administrative tasks efficiently. | ✓ | |
| Ability to handle the challenges and pressures of teaching with a positive attitude | ✓ | |
| Dedication to pupils' success and continuous improvement in teaching practices | ✓ | |

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D WILLISON
ART TEACHER

SALARY

Salaries at the School are based on our own KES Salary Scale and will take into account the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

The KES Salary Scale is enhanced above the National State Qualified Teachers' Scale, ranging from £34,342 to £55,292 at a teacher level and beyond this for those with managerial responsibilities.



All staff are in a position of trust and have a duty to keep children and young people safe and to protect them from neglect and physical and emotional harm. This duty is in part exercised through the development of respectful caring and professional relationships between staff, children, and young people. Staff are expected to be familiar with the local child protection arrangements and understand their responsibilities in order to safeguard and protect children and young people.

King Edward's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and applicants must be willing to undergo safeguarding screening including checks with past employers and a DBS disclosure in accordance with the DBS Code of Conduct. All appointments are made subject to satisfactory DBS clearance. The suitability of all prospective employees or volunteers will be assessed during the recruitment process in line with this commitment.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Further details and an application form can be obtained from our website or from the School's HR Department at recruitment@kesbath.com

Applications should be made in writing, using the supplied application form and with a letter outlining the applicant's suitability for the post, including their relevant experience.

These should be **received by 9am on Monday 11 May 2026**; however, early application is encouraged as we may look to invite strong candidates for earlier interview. Applications should be sent to:

Mr M Boden, Headmaster
King Edward's School,
North Road,
BATH BA2 6HU

e-mail: recruitment@kesbath.com

Interviews are likely to be held on 15 May 2026.

Please note that we are unable to give feedback to applicants not invited for interview.

OUR PURPOSE & VALUES



OUR PURPOSE

Through an outstanding all-round education, KES pupils acquire the tools and the confidence to flourish and be happy today and to be ready for whatever the future may hold.

We explore with our pupils, helping them to find their voice, fostering a sense of adventure, curiosity, resilience and ambition, encouraging them to do their best in all things and nurturing kindness, compassion and a sense of responsibility for others and for the world around them.



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1 | OUR VALUES

BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF

We believe that everybody at King Edward's is unique, one of a kind. We see, hear and get to know them and value them as individuals. Through a rich tapestry of opportunities, we help our pupils to become self-aware, to unearth and develop their passions, talents and creativity and to fulfil their potential.



2 | OUR VALUES

LEARN TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER

Togetherness is at our core. We all belong and we all contribute in different ways to an inclusive and supportive community. We forge our own pathways, but we are also part of the team. Looking forwards and outwards, we believe that together we are greater than the sum of our parts and can make our world a better place.



3 | OUR VALUES

ALWAYS EXPLORING

Every experience in and out of the classroom has the power to enrich us. We believe that there is always more to explore and joy to be found on that journey. We want all our pupils to have a passion for discovery, to value knowledge, think critically, ask questions and challenge mindsets and to develop a lifelong love of learning and enquiry.



4 | OUR VALUES

AIM HIGH, BUT STAY HUMBLE

We have high expectations and take pride in our achievements. Through aspiration, reflection, hard work and determination come progress and success. We know that we can't always be the best, but we can always do our best. Whilst our ambitions may be lofty, our feet are firmly grounded.

Our community should be rich in opportunities and pathways but never in arrogance or entitlement. We aim high for ourselves, but we always remember to look out for and support others. We recognise our responsibility both at school and in the wider community of Bath and beyond and we embrace this with generosity and respect.

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