



PRIOR'S FIELD SCHOOL

Teacher of History and Geography

Job Description and Department Information

Social Sciences is a high-profile faculty at Prior's Field which includes History, Geography, Psychology and Criminology.

The History department teaches the iGCSE Edexcel Specification (First World War 1905-1918, Germany 1918-45, Civil Rights 1945-74 and Changes in Medicine 1948-1948) and the AQA A Level Specification (British Empire 1857-1967, Russia 1917-53, NEA). We take the students on many day and residential trips which have included Hever and Warwick Castles, the Imperial War Museum, Weald and Downland Museum, the WWI Battlefields and Berlin in recent years.

The Geography department teaches the AQA specification at both GCSE and A Level. Fieldwork is a vital element of the work of the department, and all year groups have a day's fieldwork which allows pupils to develop their enquiry skills. GCSE and A Level Geographers participate in residential trips which have included Swanage and Snowdonia. The department also offers 'awe and wonder' fieldwork visits which have included destinations such as Iceland and China.

This role reports to the Head of Social Sciences

Responsibilities of this post:

- Teaching History and Geography across the age ranges.
- Adhering to marking and assessment policies of the departments.
- Maintaining accurate records of assessment results.
- Running at least one subject specific club/activity
- Accompanying staff and pupils on day and residential History and Geography trips
- There may be a requirement to mark examination papers during the school holidays.

Additional responsibilities of all teaching staff include:

- Supporting the ethos of a boarding school and working in accordance with the school's aims and policies.
- Maintaining good order and discipline among pupils, safeguarding their health and safety at all times when they are the responsibility of the school.
- Sharing responsibility for excellent pastoral care to which the school gives a high priority.
- Maintaining high standards of time keeping, attending assemblies, playing an active role in the life of the school, including the co-curricular activities programme, supporting school functions and attending year group social events, where appropriate.

- Carrying out supervisory and general duties as reasonably required, upholding good standards of behaviour and punctuality among pupils.
- Participating in meetings as required.
- Preparing and teaching lessons in accordance with agreed departmental and school schemes of work and teaching strategies; making sure that lessons are well organised and at an appropriate level; preparing planning schedules and resources to enthuse students in their learning.
- Knowing and adhering to all school and departmental policies.
- Setting and marking work regularly, including homework, according to school policy and in a style agreed within the department; encouraging consolidation and providing opportunities for independent study through digital learning.
- Assessing, recording and reporting on the development, progress and attainment of pupils in accordance with departmental and school policies.
- Undertaking duties as a Form Tutor (if appropriate).
- Undertaking termly boarding duties.
- Participating in arrangements for preparing and assessing pupils' work for public examinations.
- Contributing to the formulation and revision of departmental schemes of work, teaching resources, assessment materials and developing new courses.
- Contributing to the Department Development Plan and Budget by assisting in identifying key priorities for development.
- Keeping up to date with current and future developments within the subject, and attending courses and other relevant meetings as directed by the Heads of Department.
- On taking up a new appointment, participating in the school's programme of induction and review of new staff.
- Contributing to the development of ICT within the department.
- Contributing to the development of co-curricular activities.
- Participating in the school's annual appraisal programme.
- Participating in arrangements for staff development and INSET.
- Participating in administrative and organisational tasks related to all the above, including management and supervision of all ancillary staff when appropriate.
- Attending all required school functions, as directed by the Head: staff meetings, Parents' Evenings, homework duty, Open Days, Options Information Evenings etc. and preparing exhibits, demonstrations as required.

- Undertaking any other duties deemed appropriate by the Head within the context of the school ethos and the teaching programme.