

YARM SCHOOL

TEACHER OF LATIN AND CLASSICS

Applications are invited for the post of Teacher of Latin and Classics. This is a full-time maternity cover position and will commence at the beginning of the summer term (Monday 25th April). The timing of the maternity leave means that this position will bridge two academic years. The duration of the position will last until the end of the full maternity leave and our preference, in the first instance, is for an appointment that would like to take on that extended commitment. However, we would also have an interest in strong applicants who might only be able to take on the summer term commitment, or a proportion of the overall maternity cover, in the first instance.

If you have any further queries about the role, please raise them in the first instance with the Head of Latin & Classics, Mr John Hall (jsh@yarmschool.org).

Latin and Classics at Yarm School

The Latin & Classics Department is currently staffed by two full-time teachers who bring an enthusiastic and multi-faceted approach to their teaching. Each teacher has their own well-equipped classroom, adjacent to the departmental office.

When pupils enter the Senior School in First Year (Year 7), they all experience Latin as part of a language carousel alongside German, which means that each Year 7 form group has 2ppw Latin for half the academic year. In Second Year (Year 8) pupils choose whether to continue with Latin or German – they then receive 2ppw of their chosen language for that year. In a typical year, we would expect to run two to three Latin groups. In Third Year (Year 9), Latin becomes one of a portfolio of subjects available as option choices – in a typical year, we would expect to run a single Latin group. In addition, Classics is also available as a new Third Year option subject and we would expect to run a couple of classes. At KS4, Latin (OCR) is a popular and successful option subject: the three-year average is 88% 9-8 (A*). We also typically run a Classical Civilisation (OCR) group at GCSE level and as a three-year average over two thirds have achieved 9-7 (A*/A). Both Latin and Classical Civilisation are offered as separate options in the Sixth Form (OCR). Uptake tends to be modest but the students who choose these subjects are committed and enthusiastic. The historical pattern of results in both disciplines is excellent: no candidate has received lower than an A grade in either subject in the last four years. The department expects to see a number of pupils moving on to top-rated universities for further study of the subject.

At an extra-curricular level, the department often runs an ‘Introduction to Greek’ as part of the school’s activity programme. It also organises the performance of a Greek play with 4th Year (Year 10) pupils. We benefit from our proximity to the universities of Durham and Newcastle as regards cultural trips and guest speakers. In normal times, trips abroad are a feature of the enrichment provision in place: in recent years, the department has taken pupils to Greece, Rome and the Bay of Naples. The department encourages a cross-curricular approach to learning and has historically played an active part in the independent learning projects that we run in the lower school. Support for the continued development of the department’s profile in school will be an important part of the role for the appointed candidate.

The Candidate

We seek to appoint a well-qualified full-time maternity cover Teacher of Latin and Classics who can teach across the full 11-18 age range. This position would suit either a recently qualified teacher or a more experienced candidate. The successful candidate should be an inspirational teacher and must be exemplary in carrying out his/her professional responsibilities. He or she will wish to work collaboratively in ensuring that pupils have an engaging experience of the subjects, provoking intellectual curiosity and developing academic rigour. Aside from a passion for teaching Latin and

Classics, applicants should be keen to contribute to the broader life of the school through cultural, sporting or other extra-curricular activities.

Criminal records check

Yarm School is required to seek a Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) in respect of successful applicants for all posts at the School where staff may come into contact with children. A criminal record will not necessarily be a bar to working in the School. Applicants who are invited to interview will be asked to submit a self-declaration form, before attending the interview, in which they will answer a number of targeted questions about any criminal history or information that would make them unsuitable to work with children. More information about this can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-filtering-guidance/dbs-filtering-guide>. A copy of the School's policy on Vetting and Suitability Checks and the DBS Code of Practice may be obtained from the School Manager. Before an appointment is made routine checks will be undertaken to confirm identity and qualifications etc.

This post is a pupil-facing role, and is therefore exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. This means that you will be required to confirm that you are not on the DBS Children's Barred List or disqualified from working with children and further to declare any convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings that are not "protected" as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013 and 2020) or other Orders of the Courts made against you, even if they would otherwise be regarded as 'spent' under this Act.

Equal Opportunities

Yarm School is committed to ensuring that all job applicants and members of staff are treated equally, without discrimination because of any protected characteristics as defined in law. We welcome applications from anyone who considers that they meet the requirements of the job advertised.

Appointment Procedure

Applications will only be accepted on the application form provided by the school. This should be completed electronically. All questions must be answered. The candidate may also submit a Curriculum Vitae if he/she wishes but this is not a requirement. Applications should be submitted by email with an attached covering letter explaining why the candidate and post are mutually suited.

Applications should be e-mailed to the Headmaster, Dr Huw Williams, **as soon as possible and no later than 09:00 Friday 4th February**. The school reserves the right to interview and appoint before the closing date if appropriate to the context of the field. Applications should be submitted to: head@yarmschool.org

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Further information about the school, together with an application form and job description, can be found on our website under "vacancies." Please email if you have any difficulties or queries.