



**URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**POLISTICS AND HISTORY DEPARTMENT**  
**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **Background to the position**

We are looking to recruit a lively and enthusiastic candidate to join our very popular and highly successful department from September 2026. The successful candidate will be required to teach Politics at A Level and may be required to teach history throughout all key stages. Depending on the experience of the candidate, there may be potential for responsibility within the department.

### **About the work of the department**

The Politics department is a long established and successful one, currently comprised of 3 teachers who all teach History too. We follow the Edexcel specification, route A (USA comparative) and the number of students who opt for Politics is growing. Ursuline has a joint Sixth Form with Wimbledon College, and each year boys are part of the cohort.

The history department at the Ursuline has been directly involved with implementing the Key Stage 3 Strategy and is a lead department in the borough. The focus throughout both departments is the high standard of teaching and learning. At KS3 and 4 lessons are taught in mixed ability form groups. Teachers are required to differentiate work for all abilities.

Both departments have outstanding outcomes at A Level (and GCSE History).

The successful candidate will be expected to take a full and active part in the running of the department and the school as a whole. This includes trips and extra-curricular activities. Over recent years the department has been building ties with the Museum of London Docklands, Heritage of London Trust and the Imperial War Museum. A willingness to organise and/or take part in trips is essential.

### **Programmes of Study**

#### ***Politics***

Year 12	UK Politics and core Political ideologies (paper 1) UK Government and non-core Political ideologies (option: feminism) (Paper 2)
Year 13	Comparative Politics – USA

## **History**

Year 7      The Anglo-Saxons, Norman Conquest, Medieval Life and Religion, The Rule of Law, Henry VIII and Elizabeth I,

Year 8      Black History, The Stuarts, The British Empire, Industrial Revolution, The First World War, Votes for Women.

Year 9      The Rise of Communism, The Roaring 20s in the USA, The Second World War, The Middle East, The Cold War.

**GCSE**      **Edexcel** Migration to Britain, c800 - Now.  
                    Early Elizabethan England, 1558 – 1588.  
                    Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941 – 91.  
                    Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918 – 1939.

**A Level**      **OCR:** Henry VIII and Mary, Edward VI.  
                    Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963.  
                    The Middle East 1908–2011: Ottomans to Arab Spring.  
                    Non-Examined Assessment unit: various topics.