



URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL

POLICTICS 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

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| 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.