



RADLEY

Teacher of Classics

Closing date: 12 noon, Thursday 6 February 2025

Interviews: Thursday 13 February

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Job Overview

Radley College is inviting applications for the role of Teacher of Classics from September 2025. This is an exciting opportunity to teach in a successful and innovative department within a friendly and collegiate school community.

The Classics Department consists of a friendly team of six teachers, all of whom are united in their enthusiasm for teaching about the Classical World. The Department is large and flourishing, playing a central role in the academic and cultural life of the school. All boys study a Classical subject in their first year at Radley, with most studying Latin and the remainder being given an introduction to Classical Civilisation. In this first year, around 30 boys are also taught Greek in small groups, according to their ability and experience.

A typical load for an experienced teacher will be six to seven sets, consisting of four or five Lower School sets and a couple of A Level classes. For someone new to the profession, it will be less. At A Level, two teachers share a Classical Civilisation set, and Latin and Greek are split three ways (Language, Prose Literature, and Verse Literature).

Radley College is committed to the highest standards of professionalism and quality in our teaching, and can provide opportunities for teacher training and development. We have an increasingly diverse pupil intake and we are looking to increase diversity within our Common Room. We therefore encourage and welcome applicants from all backgrounds. Some of our staff joined Radley straight from university, others after taking a PGCE. Some had taught in independent schools, others had not – and some had not taught before. For some, teaching has become their second (or third) career. There may be opportunities for those who don't have teaching experience to gain a PGCE during their time at Radley.

As a boarding school, we are looking for someone who is prepared to throw themselves wholeheartedly into the life of the College. Radley is a community and those who get most out of it – whether as boys or as teachers – are those who are prepared to embrace the breadth of the education that Radley offers.



Pay & Benefits

- This position comes with accommodation which is free of rent, council tax and water rates
- Radley College has its own very competitive salary scale
- Significant fee discounts for teachers who choose to send their sons or daughters to Radley College, and there are contributions towards school fees for all teachers' children from year 7 onwards
- Free meals during term time
- Electric car benefit scheme
- Reduced membership of Radley Sports Centre and access to other facilities on site
- Reduced membership of 9-hole golf course
- Professional development and training budget

About Radley College

Radley College is an independent boarding school of 765 boys situated five miles south of Oxford on a stunningly beautiful rural campus close to Radley village. The school is academically selective and offers a significant number of bursary places to talented boys from a variety of backgrounds. As a full boarding school, Radley is a vibrant and active place to work, with many opportunities for teachers to get involved in an enormous range of extra-curricular activities and contribute to the excellent standards of pastoral care offered to our students. With most teaching staff housed on the site, one of the outstanding features of Radley is its sense of community and family atmosphere. The ethos of the school is one of warmth, generosity and kindness. We care about results in all areas of College life – we believe very much in the pursuit of excellence and have high expectations of ourselves and the boys – but care even more about the development of the character of each Radleian: culturally, emotionally and spiritually.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted on the official application form which can be downloaded from our website and emailed to applications@radley.org.uk.

The deadline for applications is Thursday 6 February, but we reserve the right to consider applications as they arrive. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the vacancy please email the Head of Department, Fergus Taylor (fet.taylor@radley.org.uk).

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is at the heart of all we do in the school.

Radley College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all employees to share this commitment. Employees must, at all times, have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in line with the provisions of the Children Act 2004 and Keeping Children Safe in Education and be fully aware of, and understand, the duties and responsibilities that apply to their role in relation to these requirements.

All employees must attend appropriate training in accordance with College and local Safeguarding Board stipulations. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service. A disclosure, at the enhanced level, will be requested from the successful applicant but a criminal record will not necessarily be a bar to obtaining this position. They will also be required to produce original evidence of qualifications as well as evidence of the right to work in the UK.

