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Teacher of Politics

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The department

We have an excellent opportunity for a full-time teacher of Politics to join us from September 2025.

The department is perhaps the largest Politics Department in the country – with 134 boys across the two years of sixth-form. The current members of the department are experienced teachers who would be willing and able to work both with experienced colleagues as well as those who are new to teaching. The Head of Department continues to teach at the University of Oxford – an institution with which we have close and productive links. The department is housed in the newest addition to our campus – in a light and modern building with a wall of glass in each classroom. Each classroom has Apple TV; a 75-inch monitor/TV and a state of the art PC. The History and Politics staff room – with full printing facilities - is located next to our classrooms.

Our teaching style has been refined and adapted over the years – but we continue always to innovate: we are committed to considering the latest research that will inform our teaching and learning approach, but we also know the value of finding the right person – since so much of teaching must be about building and fostering relationships.

What are we looking for?

Well, as with all good teachers, enthusiasm for the subject is paramount. A strong grounding in our subject matter is expected, but we are a department that is willing and able to nurture any candidate – to ensure that they are supported in their role. We are happy to support candidates who have experience of teaching at university – indeed, we can support those candidates who may want to dedicate one afternoon each week to university teaching. Yet, we can also support those who are new to teaching in any form. Furthermore, since we are a boarding school – candidates will be expected to commit themselves to all areas of college life: academic of course, but also the co-curricular and pastoral aspects of boarding school life.

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 always seeking 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.