



MILLTHORPE SCHOOL

Teacher of History Permanent - Full Time From September 2019

We are looking to appoint a first rate energetic and innovative classroom teacher, who is able to teach History across the age and ability range. You will join a dedicated team of subject specialists and contribute to the continued development of this successful department.

History is a very popular subject at Millthorpe with over 150 students studying History GCSE in Years 10 and 11. This is a result of the enthusiastic and hard-working staff who teach high quality, engaging lessons and build excellent relationships with the students throughout the school.

In Year 7 students are taught in mixed ability tutor groups, whilst in Years 8 and 9 students are organised into sets. Teaching time is 1.5 hours per week for Years 7, 8 and 9. The KS3 course is fully specified and resourced and we believe it to be challenging and inspiring for students.

Teaching time at KS4 in year 10 is 3 hours per week and 2.5 hours a week in year 11. We currently follow AQA GCSE specification which covers Germany 1890 – 1945 and Conflict and Tension in Asia 1950 – 1975 in paper one. In paper two we cover Health and the People c1000 to the present day and the Normans 1066-1100.

Staff have worked hard to produce new, engaging and challenging schemes of work and resources for Years 10 and 11. The recent changes to the GCSE specification present an opportunity for all members of the department to contribute to the next phase of development which will involve the preparation of more differentiated resources, revision materials and streamlining the existing content.

Results at KS4 are consistently amongst the best in the city and well above the national average. Our History GCSE results for 2018 were 86% of students achieving grade 4-9 with 40% of those students gaining grade 7 or above. Our most recent GCSE results place the Department in the top 20% nationally.

The Department is well equipped and located in three adjacent teaching rooms, all with a PC and interactive whiteboard. The department office has a PC. There has been significant investment in updating resources in recent years including the purchase of new textbooks for KS4.

The inclusion of a local study unit in each year at KS3 has led to the development of various trips including:

- A walk on the City Walls for year 7;

- A visit to the Castle Museum with year 8;
- A Zeppelin trail with year 9;

At KS4 curriculum enrichment currently includes:

- A visit from a York University lecturer to develop student understanding of the Norman unit.
- A trip to the Thackray Museum as part of Health and the People.
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For many years we have run a very successful trip to the Battlefields of WW1 but we will be looking to replace this with an alternative residential visit, such as to Berlin.

The History department is a forward facing, close-knit team. We are always looking to build on our strengths and we have close ties with the History Association and actively support the Yorkshire History Forum. We attend meetings and seminars regularly and members of our department have presented at both the HA and SHP conferences. Millthorpe History department plays an active role in the city wide History support group - YorkClio and we have strong links with York University.

The successful candidate will be an inspirational teacher, committed to maintaining the high standards and profile that currently exist. S/he will be enthusiastic and keen to make a real contribution to all aspects of the department's work: schemes of work, resource development and evaluation, IT and trips. S/he will teach to all levels and abilities throughout the school.