

TEACHER OF MODERN STUDIES

One Year Contract to Cover Maternity Leave – Commencing August 2021.

Dollar Academy, the world's oldest co-educational day and boarding school is seeking to recruit a Teacher of Modern Studies to cover a period of Maternity Leave. Situated at the foot of the Ochil Hills in the small town of Dollar, the Academy stands in around 50 acres of grounds, amidst delightful scenery. Centrally located, Dollar is only 20 minutes' drive from Stirling, 30 minutes from Perth and under an hour from Edinburgh and Glasgow. The school is a 25-minute drive from the world-renowned Gleneagles resort and an hour from the famous beaches and golf courses of St Andrews.

With approximately 1300 pupils the school is renowned for its innovative approaches to teaching and learning. Continuous development of staff and facilities is also paramount at Dollar.

Modern Studies is introduced in Form II, where pupils study the nature of the British Political System alongside an international unit focused on Modern China. It is offered thereafter at National 5, Higher and AH levels. Initially pupils in Form II study Conflict and Resolution, Politics in Scotland and Human Rights. In National 5 we select Crime and the Law in the Social Issues unit, cover Democracy in the United Kingdom and look at the World Power the USA as the final unit option. In the Higher syllabus, along with the units on Democracy and the Inequalities in the UK, we offer a global study on terrorism. Candidates at this level consist of pupils who have already taken National 5, but it also remains popular as a crash Higher. Our present AH course covers the Law and Order option. We also offer Higher Politics to Form VI pupils. All our courses are enhanced by a range of visiting speakers from MPs to criminologists. As part of the Higher course we also attend and run pupil conferences in order to build on exam expertise and specialist knowledge. We visit a variety of places from Parliament to prison. The department also runs a very successful Politics and International Relations Society, which meets weekly, discusses major domestic and international issues as well as welcoming a whole host of visiting speakers from the world of politics, media and international diplomacy.

History is also taught by the department to all pupils in Forms I and II. The period covered spans the seventeenth to the twentieth century; in content we look at social history in 17th and 18th century Scotland, an examination of both the causes and impact of the French Revolution, an in-depth study of the causes and consequences of the Second World War followed, finally, by a study of the Cold War era. In National 5 at present we select Migration and Empire 1830-1939, the Atlantic Slave Trade 1770-1807, and Hitler and Nazi Germany 1919-1939. Teaching at Higher covers The Impact of the Great War 1914-1928, The Cold War 1945-1989 as well as Britain 1851-1951. In Form VI, at Advanced Higher, we the option of Russia from 1914 - 1945

All our Pupils also have the opportunity to travel and learn outside Europe with China, Cuba, Russia and Vietnam being visited in recent years. Close links with Scottish universities further enhance the learning experience of pupils.

There are eight members of the Department, which is housed in the main Playfair building. Classrooms are well-resourced with IWB facilities and we benefit from the services of the Academy's Archivist and our Librarian. The Department is committed both to academic achievement and to positive enjoyment of the subjects taught. There is a good learning environment, and the Department is active in all aspects of life at Dollar Academy.

It is expected that the successful applicant will hold a good degree in Politics, International Relations, History or a related subject. An awareness of the latest curricular thinking in Scotland and a passion for the subject will be expected. The new member of staff will be encouraged to develop his/her own interests within the framework of this lively, popular Department.

The academic standard throughout the school is high. We believe that we have retained what is best from traditional approaches, while incorporating the most effective modern strategies and key principles from the Curriculum for Excellence. Individual, class and group teaching methods are used; we have a well-resourced Support for Learning Department which ensures continuity of support throughout the Academy.

The Academy has a rich co-curricular programme in which all members of staff are expected to participate.

The salary for the post will be in accordance with the SNCT main grade scale with the Dollar enhancement of 10% in addition. It should be noted that the Chartered Teachers pay scale does not apply to teachers employed by the Academy.

Candidates should either be registered with the GTC Scotland, or eligible for registration.

Applicants must provide a covering letter, and complete the Academy's Teaching Staff Application Form which may be downloaded by clicking the link to the right of this page. A CV is optional. These should be emailed to recruitment@dollaracademy.org.uk

The closing date is 5pm on Monday 8th March 2021.

All appointments are subject to receipt of a satisfactory PVG Scheme Record or Scheme Record Update from Disclosure Scotland.