



Teacher of History and/or Modern Studies

Department:	History & Modern Studies
Hours:	35 hours per week
Working Pattern:	Monday – Friday
Salary:	Salary will be according to the High School of Dundee salary scale.
Contract Type:	Temporary, 1-year
Reporting to:	Head of History & Modern Studies
Direct Reports:	N/A
Location:	Bonar House, Bell Street

The Role

Job Purpose:

The High School of Dundee is seeking to appoint effective from August 2025 (and for one year) a qualified, enthusiastic and effective Teacher of History and/or Modern Studies. Applications are welcomed from newly qualified teachers seeking to complete their Probation year. The successful candidate will be part of a friendly, committed and high-performing department.

The History and Modern Studies Department is a thriving department, with many pupils opting to study these subjects beyond school. The department currently comprise five members of staff (including the Rector and a member of our Pastoral Care and Support team).

All pupils in Forms 1 and 2 (S1/S2) have two 40-minute periods of History each week. There is a healthy up-take for certificate courses with pupils presented at National 5, Higher, and Advanced Higher in History and Modern Studies.

The successful applicant will be expected to teach a range of classes from Form 1 to Form 6 including the preparation of pupils for SQA courses in History and Modern Studies. There may also be the opportunity to teach other subjects on offer within our school curriculum. They will be required to contribute fully to curriculum development whilst also participating in the full range of wider activities related to both subjects, e.g. lectures, and local, national and international field trips.

Key Outputs & Responsibilities:

The main responsibilities of the role include:

- The teaching of History and Modern Studies
- Development of curricular initiatives and teaching programmes
- Preparation of pupils for internal and external examinations
- Closely monitoring pupil progression
- Ensuring that pupils receive high-quality feedback and have a clear understanding of their progress in learning and what they need to do to improve
- Pupil discipline within the department
- Meeting with parents and colleagues as required
- Being a strong voice for the place of History and Modern Studies in the curriculum

In addition, all teaching staff at the High School are expected to contribute to our co-curricular programme and to participate in whole school events and the broader life of the school.

Person Specification

Candidates should have a degree or equivalent in a related subject and be registered with the GTC Scotland. They should also have experience of teaching History and Modern Studies across all ages and stages and be able to demonstrate initiative, teacher leadership and a commitment to excellence. The candidate should be GTCS registered to teach at least one of the subjects and be willing to gain GTCS registration in a second subject if applicable.

The successful applicant should have a passion for the subject(s) and a deep interest in how to deliver this in a meaningful and engaging way, as well as a drive, an enthusiasm and a dynamic approach to the profession. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are essential, as is the ability to interact positively with pupils, parents, and colleagues. A positive contribution to curricular development initiatives will be expected. Candidates must also show evidence of Continuing Professional Development and be literate in ICT.

The School requires all newly appointed staff to undertake a check with the Scottish Criminal Records Office in line with the Protection of Vulnerable Groups ('PVG') Scheme. Offers of employment are conditional upon satisfactory registration with the PVG Scheme.

Please note we are unable to provide sponsorship for a work visa so candidates should ensure they already have or are able to obtain the right to work in the UK before applying.

The job description is written as an indication of the nature and scope of duties and responsibilities. It is not intended as a fully descriptive or definitive list and jobholders will be expected to carry out other duties assigned which are appropriate to the role.

How your information will be used

To progress your application, for administrative purposes, High school of Dundee will record, keep and hold the personal data which you have provided in this application stored in our HR files. Your data will not be transferred to any third parties outside of High School of Dundee. If you are successful High School of Dundee will retain this data as part of your employee record which will be stored based on our [Staff Privacy Notice](#). In the event your applications is unsuccessful, we will hold the application and the data contained for three months in case of a future vacancy which we may invite you to apply for, following which we will delete it.

If you have any questions about High School of Dundee's use of data please contact us.

