

Head of Art

Information Pack



Loretto

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We are looking for an enthusiastic and passionate Head of Art, committed to the quality of learning and teaching and to providing an engaging and inspiring experience for the pupils. You will lead a supportive and committed Art department.

Founded in 1827, Loretto has a proud heritage and a clear sense of purpose. The School combines strong academic ambition with a commitment to character, wellbeing and the holistic development of young people, all within a close-knit and values-driven community. With an established reputation and a forward-looking vision, Loretto continues to evolve while remaining true to its founding principles.

The Role

You will be able to deliver the subject to GCSE and A-level standard, and have experience of teaching Fine Art to a high level. You will convey interest and passion for the subject in the classroom.

We are looking for a candidate with high expectations of students, who will maintain the high grades achieved in recent years while also promoting a love of the subject inside and outside the classroom.

This is a full-time permanent post. Loretto has its own salary scale and salary will be determined by experience and aptitude for the role. There is also a fee remission (non-contractual) for staff with children at the School.

All members of staff have broader roles in the pastoral care of children and the extra-curricular life of the school which would include opening the Art department outside lessons. You will be a tutor to around ten tutees and will also undertake an evening duty in a boarding house once a week.



Experience, skills and qualifications

You will have a recognised teaching qualification and be registered with the GTCS or in the process of achieving this.

You will also have the following skills and experience:

- a passion for Art in general, and an ability to share this with pupils
- a high level of academic qualification in Art
- ability to teach one or more of the following specialisms Painting, Printmaking or Sculpture to a high level is essential.
- the ability to plan, prepare and deliver creative and challenging lessons to all age groups, with an emphasis on practical aspects of the subject
- the confidence to use innovative teaching methods that enhance learning and teaching
- the creativity to produce resources which contribute to teaching and departmental development
- good organisational skills and punctuality
- able to work as part of a team and to share ideas with colleagues

Application process

If you think that this is the right opportunity for you, please apply through the School Talent website. As part of the application process, you will be asked to submit a CV and provide a statement outlining why you would be suitable for the post.

If you have any questions about the application process please contact jobs@loretto.com

You must have the right to work in the UK to apply for this post.

Closing Date: Sunday 1 February 2026 at 11:59pm

Interviews are expected to will take place week commencing week beginning 9 February 2026.

The Department

The Art Department combines skilled teaching with care and nurture for students. This is reflected by many excellent performances in public examination. There is an extensive super-curricular programme of lectures and external events, as well as opportunities for pupils to participate in regional competitions and events.

Art is a compulsory subject in Years 8 and 9. OCR Fine Art is taught at GCSE and A Level and is a popular choice for our students.

There are two full time teaching staff, and support from an experienced technician. Visiting specialists are employed through the year.



Our School

Loretto is a leading independent co-educational day and boarding school, welcoming 450 pupils aged 3-18.

The leafy 85-acre campus boasts excellent on-site academic, performing arts, sport, golf and outdoor facilities, including the first golf academy established within an independent school. Located just a stone's throw from Edinburgh, Loretto is easily accessible by road, rail and air.

Taking a holistic approach to education, every child is developed in mind, body and spirit. This ground-breaking educational philosophy was introduced by the School's most famous Head, Hely Hutchinson Almond. Loretto do not seek just academic excellence, but appreciate and nurture other talents within life such as sporting, musical, creative and spiritual talents. This ethos is as historic and vital a part of Loretto as its iconic red blazer.

What truly sets Loretto apart is its close-knit community. Loretto is where relationships between staff, pupils and parents flourish. The School's small size means that pupils are genuinely known and nurtured, ensuring they find the inspiration and encouragement they need to discover their unique talents and lead exceptional lives, both at school and beyond.





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