

## Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) at Newstead Wood School



Following the promotion of the Head of Politics and Head of Religion Philosophy and Ethics (RPE) we are seeking an inspirational colleague to join our school in a newly created faculty of PPE. This post presents an exciting opportunity for an inspirational teacher to challenge our highly able students in a faculty which attracts large Alevel numbers.

The successful candidate will play an integral role in shaping the new faculty and leading the team forward in this new team. Ideally, you will be able to teach two of the three subject disciplines, and the successful candidate will play a key role in shaping the faculty ready for September 2021. Current staffing allows for a degree of flexibility for this appointment.

### Economics

Economics is our most popular subject area for study at University. With five or six groups at Key Stage 5 each year, this successful department is an important part of our Sixth Form. We currently follow the Edexcel specification studying the 4 themes of:

- Theme 1: Introduction to markets and market failure This theme introduces students to the microeconomic nature of economics, looking at economic problems and the ways economists think and work.
- Theme 2: The UK economy – performance and policies This theme is one of two in this qualification that focuses on macroeconomics. This theme introduces the key measures of economic performance and the main instruments of economic policy primarily in a UK context.
- Theme 3: Business behaviour and the labour market This theme builds on the content of Theme 1: Introduction to markets and market failure and focuses on business economics.
- Theme 4: Introduction to markets and market failure This theme builds on the knowledge and skills gained in Theme 2: The UK economy – performance and policies, and applies them in a global context. Entry requirements Students need at least a Grade 7 in GCSE Maths along with a Grade 7 at GCSE in English or one humanities-based subject, such as History, Religious Studies or Geography.

### Politics

Our students are ready and able to become world leaders. Mock elections and referendums are an important part of our school year and the Politics team work alongside the Mathematics department to 'run the analysis' following each of these. Following in the footsteps of their forbearers, our young people are acutely aware of the need to have their voice heard. At Alevel our Politics students. We currently follow the Edexcel specification studying the Government and Politics of the USA option for Component 3: Comparative Politics.

90% of our Politics students achieved grades A\*-B at the end of Year 13 in 2019. Past students have gone on to read Politics at Oxford, Cambridge, Exeter, Warwick, Bath, Leeds, Manchester and Birmingham.



### **Religion, Philosophy and Ethics**

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE) is taught as a compulsory subject at Key stage 3 and 4 and is a popular choice for A level study. We currently follow the AQA specification at GCSE, with all students completing the full course and studying the Islam and Christianity units. At A Level, students complete the OCR specification and study the Developments in Christian Thought option.

For a more detailed overview of our curriculum in each subject, please see [our website](#).

In summary, we are seeking to appoint someone who is an excellent classroom practitioner and an experienced or aspiring leader, with the ability to translate rigorous academic standards into practical and successful classroom outcomes. Above all, we are looking for a teacher who has the ability to motivate and inspire students of great academic potential, including Oxford and Cambridge candidates, while bringing an equal level of enthusiasm to teaching across the school.