

# THE WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL

## TEACHER OF HISTORY AND POLITICS TO A LEVEL

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Wallace High School is a co-educational, voluntary grammar school founded in 1880. The annual intake of pupils into Year 8 is 170 and there are some 300 pupils in the Sixth Form. The school draws its pupils from Lisburn and the surrounding area. In 1976 it moved from its original site to a new building in Clonevin Park which also houses a Preparatory Department of approximately 120 pupils.

### THE HISTORY AND POLITICS DEPARTMENT

The department consists of the Head of Department and four other specialist teachers. The school follows the CCEA specification for History at GCSE and A Level. The Edexcel specification is followed for A Level Politics.

### MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

**The school wishes to appoint a teacher who can offer History and Politics to A Level; History to GCSE; Citizenship to KS3 and Learning for Life and Work to GCSE with the ability to contribute to at least one other extra-curricular area offered by the school.**

- To be responsible to the Principal through the Head of History and Politics for the effective teaching and learning of History and Politics to A Level
- To contribute significantly to the LLW programme.
- To teach History and Politics in accordance with school policies and practice, and in pursuit of high standards of pupil achievement.
- To act as Class Tutor to an assigned group and carry out duties in accordance with school policies and practice.

The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the statement of conditions of appointment.

This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed regularly and may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after due consideration.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

#### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

Applicants must (as at 1 September 2010)

- have a good honours degree (2:2 minimum) in which History and/or Politics is a major component or an equivalent qualification
- be a qualified teacher recognised by the Department of Education and GTCNI
- show ability to teach History and/or Politics to A Level
- show ability to contribute significantly to the LLW programme
- show ability to contribute significantly to an extra-curricular activity offered in school (see list)
- possess good interpersonal skills

#### DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

Preference may be given to applicants who (as at 1 September 2010)

- have a 2:1 minimum honours degree in which History and Politics is a major component or an equivalent qualification
- show experience of teaching History to A Level for one year or more (ie academic year)
- show experience of teaching Politics to A Level for one year or more (ie academic year)
- show experience of teaching one or more strands of the LLW programme to KS3/4
- show experience of involvement in a subject related extra-curricular club/society
- possess an appropriate qualification in an extra-curricular area on enclosed list

The Board of Governors reserves the right to enhance the above criteria at shortlisting.

### APPLICATIONS

**The completed application form should be returned by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 23 February 2010 to the Principal, The Wallace High School, 12a Clonevin Park LISBURN BT28 3AD**

**Applicants should ensure that they indicate clearly on their application form how they meet the criteria. Those applicants who are short-listed will be invited to visit the school after which it is anticipated that interviews will be held in week beginning 8 March 2010.**

**In order to comply with DE guidelines on Child Protection short-listed applicants should bring an original birth certificate and/or marriage certificate (if appropriate) plus photographic ID to their interview.**

**NB It is an offence for an individual who is on either of the Departments' Lists (UP List and/or List 99), or who is the subject of a disqualification order from the courts, to apply for, or offer to do any work, paid or unpaid, in a regulated position.**