

BISHOP WORDSWORTH'S SCHOOL
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HEAD OF HISTORY

- ▶ **Required: 01 September 2026**
- ▶ **Full Time (0.8 fte would also be considered)**
- ▶ **Salary: MPS / UPS and TLR2b**
- ▶ **Pension: Teachers Pension Scheme**
- ▶ **Contract: Permanent**
- ▶ **Deadline for Application: Sunday 17 May 2026**

Bishop Wordsworth's School is seeking to appoint an ambitious, reflective and intellectually curious Head of History to lead and further develop our History department. This is an exciting opportunity for a strong classroom practitioner and academic leader to shape the direction of the subject within a high-performing grammar school environment where scholarship, curiosity and high standards are central to the School's ethos.

We are looking for a teacher with strong subject knowledge, excellent classroom practice and the ability to inspire highly able and motivated students across Key Stages 3 to 5. The successful candidate will provide clear leadership for a team of 4 historians, bringing consistency and coherence to teaching, curriculum delivery and assessment across the department. They will be expected to articulate a clear curricular vision for History at Bishop Wordsworth's School and to lead the ongoing development of engaging, rigorous and intellectually ambitious teaching.

The role includes oversight of curriculum development, enrichment opportunities and departmental quality assurance, alongside a significant proportion of A Level teaching. We are therefore seeking a candidate with the academic depth, organisational clarity and leadership skills to invigorate the department and promote a culture of high expectations, reflective practice and continual improvement.

History remains an important part of the curriculum at Bishop Wordsworth's School, with students who are thoughtful, articulate and capable of engaging with challenging historical concepts and debate. The department works closely with our Politics provision, with several colleagues teaching across both subjects, creating valuable opportunities for collaboration, academic discussion and curricular alignment at Key Stage 5. The successful candidate will work with a supportive team and will play a key role in strengthening the profile, consistency and long-term direction of the subject. The successful candidate will also be expected to contribute fully to the wider life of the School, including educational visits, enrichment opportunities and the promotion of History beyond the classroom.

Visits to the school are warmly encouraged.

We offer:

- A welcoming, supportive team
- Teachers Pension Scheme
- Cycle to Work scheme
- Access to on-site gym and sports facilities



For further details and an application form please visit the school website

<https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/main-school/the-school/staff-vacancies/>. If you wish to have the opportunity of an informal discussion prior to submitting an application form, please contact Mrs Annie Lloyd-Gilmour (HR Manager) alg@bishopwordsworths.org.uk. Applications are accepted by post and email.

Bishop Wordsworth's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check, as well as other relevant re-employment checks including satisfactory references and medical clearance.

All shortlisted candidates will undergo social media checks prior to interview in order to provide the appointment panel with any information that may be relevant to their suitability or have an impact on the school's reputation.