Head of Social Sciences (Sociology and Politics)

Required for Easter or September 2027

Pay Scale: MPS/UPS + TLR 2C (£3761)

Oakwood Park Grammar School – Strive and Serve

Are you an ambitious, inspirational and committed teacher ready to take the next step in your leadership career?

Oakwood Park Grammar School is seeking to appoint an outstanding Head of Social Sciences to lead our highly successful Sociology and Politics departments. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and forward-thinking leader to build on the considerable strengths of both departments, ensuring that they continue to deliver exceptional outcomes and an outstanding educational experience for our students.

Both Sociology and Politics achieve exceptional results, reflecting the quality of teaching, high expectations and strong academic culture that underpin our provision. We are looking for someone who can sustain and further develop this success, bringing energy, vision and ambition to the leadership of both subjects.

The successful candidate will:

- Provide inspirational leadership and strategic direction for Sociology and Politics.
- Sustain the exceptional academic outcomes achieved by both departments, ensuring that students continue to make excellent progress.
- Lead the development of an ambitious, engaging and challenging curriculum which inspires highly able learners.
- Support and develop colleagues, promoting excellent teaching, professional learning and collaborative practice.
- Use assessment, performance information and quality assurance effectively to secure consistently high standards.
- Promote a culture of intellectual curiosity, academic ambition and a genuine enthusiasm for the Social Sciences.

At Oakwood Park Grammar School, we are committed to providing an exceptional education for our students. Our ambition is to be a school of choice, delivering inclusive excellence, where high expectations, excellent teaching and opportunities beyond the classroom enable every student to thrive.

This is an excellent opportunity for an experienced subject leader or an ambitious teacher ready to take on their first middle leadership role. We are particularly interested in someone who combines strong subject knowledge with the ability to motivate colleagues, inspire students and lead continued improvement.

We offer:

- Highly motivated, able and enthusiastic students.
- Two successful departments with a strong record of exceptional outcomes.
- A supportive and collaborative professional environment.
- Opportunities for professional development and career progression.
- A school committed to continuous improvement and academic excellence.
- A Well-being Charter to ensure the work-life of all staff is protected.

The post is available from Easter or September 2027, depending on the successful candidate. Apply by Friday 20th November, 12:00pm using the Application Form on our website and include a letter addressed to the Headteacher outlining suitability for the role. Please email the documents to abaker@opgs.org.

If you are passionate about the Social Sciences and have the ambition and expertise to lead two successful departments, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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