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History & Modern Studies
Part-time (0.5FTE) from September 2020

Information for Candidates
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School Information for Applicants

Welcome

Set in 153 acres of magnificent rural Perthshire, yet easily accessible from anywhere in the UK, Strathallan is an outstanding place to learn. We've invested heavily in our estate to create a superb campus with excellent academic, sports, residential and recreational facilities. We also make the most of our great outdoors: sports fields, golf course, trout-stocked pond with canoe slalom training area and the only professional clay pigeon shooting range in a Scottish school.

Where learning comes to life

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This has profound educational benefits. The bonds built up on the sports field, in the theatre or in music flourish in the classroom and it's no surprise that many of our pupils move on to top universities and successfully pursue a wide range of careers thereafter.

Where everyone is involved in the life of the School

Strathallan School has always celebrated individuality. Our pupils have the freedom to develop their own skills and attributes within a close and caring community.

The majority of our pupils are boarders, which ensures there is a thriving and dynamic atmosphere seven days a week. This is also an advantage for day pupils and their parents – as day pupils have the flexibility to stay well into the evening and to be fully involved in the myriad of activities available on campus and in their boarding houses. Our day pupils are integrated within the boarding houses as “day boarders” and have their own individual rooms from 4th form upwards.

Where Scotland meets the world

Strathallan has a great blend of local, national and international pupils and staff. We welcome diversity and celebrate the different interests and cultures of everyone who makes up part of the school community. 20% of our pupils are international and represent twenty five different countries from five continents.



Where talent turns to achievement

In sport and the arts, we have a strong track record for talent development. All our pupils take part in an extensive range of sports and physical education and we also run a comprehensive programme to help elite athletes make the most of their sporting careers. The level of participation from year 4/P5 (age 9) right through to Upper Sixth is extremely high – 100% of pupils aged 9-16 represented the school in sport last year, 88% of the sixth form - and this all-inclusive approach is something we strongly endorse. In recent years, our pupils have enjoyed international representation in over twenty sports and recent leavers include an Olympic silver medallist in swimming, Team GB members in swimming, canoeing and skiing and many rugby internationals.

In the Expressive Arts, all pupils have opportunities to develop their performing and creative talents. We have our own theatre and a new state-of-the-art dance and drama studio. More than half our pupils play a musical instrument in a multitude of different ensembles and there are numerous opportunities to perform to very high standards in the various contemporary, folk and pipe bands available in the School.

Where pupils enjoy a truly all-round education

Strathallan provides an exceptional and holistic educational experience for children aged 9 to 18. It's a school where effort is rewarded and where pupils are given the time and encouragement to grow into capable, confident young men and women who are ready for the challenges that lie ahead of them beyond school.

Our location

Located in the small village of Forgandenny near to Bridge of Earn, our nearest town, Perth, is just twenty minutes away. Perth was the ancient capital of the Kings of Scotland and retains its historic atmosphere as well as providing a convenient cultural centre with its world-class concert hall and theatre. Perth is also on the main Edinburgh/Inverness train line.

Surrounding the School are miles of green fields and rolling hills which are excellent for cycling and walking. We are just an hour from the ski slopes of Glenshee and at the gateway to the magical Highlands. The thriving and dynamic cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, both with their world famous festivals (Celtic Connections, Jazz Festival, Edinburgh International Festival and Fringe) are around an hour away, Dundee, with its new Tate Gallery is around 40 minutes drive and St. Andrews, with its miles of sandy beaches and famous golf courses just a little further.



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Our Ethos

At Strathallan we believe that there are opportunities for all to excel. What this means in practice is a focus on the whole child, the entirety of their experience under our care. Academic work is, of course, the main priority; we take great pride in our academic performance and results. Alongside this there are other priorities: we believe in offering outstanding opportunities in a wide variety of areas – the school offers over 80 sports, activities, societies and CCF. We are proud of the pastoral care that we offer and believe passionately in all aspects of the well-rounded boarding/day school experience. Most staff live on site; almost every member of staff is linked to a boarding house and a group of tutees within that house. The simple fact that staff contribute significantly to the wider life of the school underpins our strong sense of community and creates the special ethos of support, challenge and trust that gives all members of the Strathallan community the best possible chance to thrive.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide an outstanding all round education, academic, social and extra-curricular, cultural and supportive, which gives opportunities for all pupils to excel, developing their abilities to benefit themselves and others for the common good of all.

Our Vision

Our vision is to support, motivate and inspire young people to shine during their time at school and beyond, by making the most of their individual abilities and unique potential and raising them to distinction through their educational and personal development and to be the best version of themselves.

Job Details

The History and Modern Studies Department is a thriving and successful department housed in a newly refurbished suite of classrooms in the main teaching area of the school. All classrooms are fully internet linked with interactive whiteboards. There are currently two full time members of staff. We run the GCSE and A Level courses alongside SQA Highers and Advanced Highers; take-up is strong as both History and Modern Studies are popular subjects at A Level and Higher.

The school is looking to appoint a part-time (0.5FTE) History and Modern Studies teacher from September 2020 to join a dynamic team in the delivery of a wide and varied curriculum. Interest amongst the pupils is high and there is scope for someone with imagination and drive to challenge pupils benefit from and enjoy the subject, whilst delivering to a high level. There is room and opportunity to innovate and contribute to the future direction of the subject at Strathallan. The successful candidate should be prepared to teach through to Higher / A-Level and have a broad skills base. He or she should also possess appropriate IT skills and be able to demonstrate a love of the subject outside the classroom.



The History and Modern Studies Department is an exciting place for both teachers and pupils to work; this is an ideal opportunity for someone with real flair and enthusiasm to join the team.

For further information please contact Sean Hamill, Deputy Head Academic, via dha@strathallan.co.uk

The Successful Candidate

We seek an enthusiastic, committed and reflective teacher who relates well to all children in the age range 9-18 and is passionate about effective learning and teaching.

The successful candidate will be an enthusiastic, skilled teacher with excellent subject knowledge and demonstrable rapport with pupils. An ability to teach throughout the age range from 10 to 18 (GCSEs, Highers and A Levels) will be an advantage; a lack of experience with different examination codes is less important than a willingness and an ability to develop expertise and embrace new specifications with enthusiasm and energy. We expect the successful candidate to be a well-organised classroom practitioner who is keen to develop and improve under the guidance and direction of the Head of Department and to work closely with colleagues. All Departments run clubs and societies to inspire pupils and foster academic ambition; all teachers are expected to contribute to these initiatives in some way.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to buy into the special ethos of the school by becoming fully immersed in the role of the tutor attached to a house and by contributing enthusiastically to the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities that are on offer. We believe passionately in the all-round, balanced education that we offer and work extremely hard to balance the main priority of academic work with the social, extra-curricular and sporting opportunities that are on offer. This is not always easy, but it is central to what we do and a willingness to engage with this ethos is essential.

Personal Skills

- High level of accuracy and attention to detail
- Strong interpersonal skills with the confidence to build rapport
- High order creative and presentational skills
- Excellent organisational, time management and administrative skills
- Ability to work as part of a team, as well as being a highly motivated self-starter with the ability to use own initiative and creatively problem solve.
- Ability to, prioritise and work calmly under pressure



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Please note, the successful candidate will be required to complete Disclosure Scotland's PVG application and must be either General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCS) registered or eligible for registration.

The Appointment Process

The closing date for receipt of applications will be **Friday 6th March, 2020 at 12.00 Noon**. Further details of the School and this vacancy can be found on the School website www.strathallan.co.uk/vacancies.

A completed application form, including the names of two referees, letter of application (of no more than two sides of A4) and a full CV, should be submitted to the HR Officer via recruitment@strathallan.co.uk or by post to: The HR Officer, Strathallan School, Forgandenny, Perthshire, PH2 9EG.