

## TEACHER OF MODERN STUDIES AND HISTORY

### One Year Fixed Term Contract to Cover Maternity Leave – Commencing August 2024

Dollar Academy has been a co-educational day and boarding school since its foundation in 1818. Today, it provides an exceptional all-round education to around 1,350 pupils aged 5-18. Our focus is on encouraging the individual talents and ambitions of every young person, in a positive and supportive environment that fosters the development of transferable skills, self-confidence and strong personal values. A belief in developing the whole person is central to the Dollar ethos.

We have recently been named as the Sunday Times Scottish Independent School of the Year 2024.

The school's location is undoubtedly one of the most scenic in the country, set against the Ochil Hills and the historic Castle Campbell, but within easy reach of the major towns of the Central Belt and just 40 minutes from Edinburgh Airport. The Dollar community is welcoming and vibrant. The whole school sits within a single, stunning 70-acre campus.

We are looking for a capable, knowledgeable and enthusiastic teacher with the ability to inspire and motivate our pupils in both Modern Studies and History. The person appointed will be expected to teach the full range of courses offered from FI to FV. There is no requirement to have taught at Advanced Higher level but an ability to teach at this level would be preferred. An honours degree in History, Politics or a closely related subject is required.

We are a dynamic and innovative department teaching pupils across four subjects (History, Modern Studies, Politics and Philosophy), working to embed critical thinking, a love of the past and a keen engagement with the contemporary world in all that we do. Utilising a wide array of teaching and learning practices, from low stakes assessments, class debates, longer form writing to more complex and demanding individual dissertation projects, we make sure our pupils are exceptionally well prepared for the world beyond Dollar. Many of our pupils go on to study History, Politics, Philosophy, International Relations and Law at a broad range of universities.

There are eight members of the Department, which is housed in the main Playfair building. Classrooms are well-resourced with IWB facilities and we benefit from the services of the Academy's Archivist and our Librarian. The Department is committed both to academic achievement and to positive enjoyment of the subjects taught. There is a good learning environment, and the Department is active in all aspects of life at Dollar Academy.

Members of the department play a key role in the co-curricular life of the school, directing the whole school Debating Society, hosting weekly meetings of the Philosophy Society and organising the vibrant Politics and International Relations Society. A willingness to contribute to this important aspect of departmental and wider school life is encouraged.

The salary for the post will be in accordance with the SNCT main grade scale with the Dollar enhancement of 10% in addition. It should be noted that the Chartered Teachers pay scale does not apply to teachers employed by the Academy.

Candidates should either be registered with the GTCS, or eligible for registration.

Letters of application, accompanied by a completed application form (available on the school website [www.dollaracademy.org.uk](http://www.dollaracademy.org.uk)) should be sent to The Director of Human Resources, Dollar Academy, Dollar FK14 7DU (or by e-mail to [recruitment@dollaracademy.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@dollaracademy.org.uk)) by noon on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

All appointments are subject to receipt of a satisfactory PVG Scheme Record or Scheme Record Update from Disclosure Scotland.