

# The American School in London

## High School Social Studies Teacher (temporary, March to June 2017)

**Reports to:** the High School Principal

**Hours:** full time

**Start date:** March 2017

**Salary range:** Competitive rates of pay apply

### Overall Purpose:

The Social Studies department offers a broad and challenging program; a sequential group of courses builds a body of knowledge, fosters critical thinking, and develops skills in research, writing, and oral expression. Students at ASL study the US AP curriculum. The department also sponsors and coaches students outside the classroom, such as debate and public speaking, Model United Nations, and other appropriately related activities.

### Summary of Major Responsibilities

- Teach sections of Social Studies in either grade 9, 10, or 11/12, as assigned
- Teach and lead an advisory group
- Prepare, coordinate and plan curriculum with other members of the department, and liaise with other departments as appropriate
- Monitor and evaluate students' progress, prepare for parent conferences, complete report cards, etc.
- Take responsibility for the safety and well-being of all students, while delivering an engaging and challenging syllabus
- Exhibit knowledge of current trends, pedagogy, research, and topics of importance in social studies education by applying it in the classroom and sharing it with teachers on a departmental and school-wide basis
- Organize and participate in field trips
- Participate in regular, purposeful pedagogy meetings around standards based education and in professional development sessions
- Participate actively in the life of the School, through attendance at events, committee membership and leadership of extracurricular activities
- Any other duties as are within the scope, spirit and purpose of the job as requested by the High School Principal

### Essential qualifications/experience

- A Bachelor's degree
- Substantive experience teaching Social Studies
- Evidence of significant recent professional development
- Excellent technology skills and experience integrating technology into the curriculum

- Experience in a school with a similar philosophy, teaching methods and curricula to that of ASL
- Willingness to contribute to school life outside of the classroom
- A proven commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people

**Desirable qualifications/experience**

- Advanced degree preferred
- Experience teaching an American curriculum, especially standards based education
- Involvement in service learning programs
- Knowledge and understanding of international and/or independent school communities
- Teaching experience in an international environment

**This position description is current at the date shown but following consultation may be changed to reflect or anticipate changes in the role that are commensurate with the job title and salary.**

**The American School in London is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all employees and volunteers to share this commitment. Safer recruitment practice and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before any appointment is confirmed. A disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service will be requested for all successful applicants.**

**Diversity and equality of opportunity are cornerstone values of The American School in London.**

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