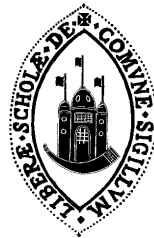


# Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School

*West Street, Horncastle, Lincs LN9 5AD*

*Headteacher*

*Mrs H Payne*



**POST OF**  
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We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well qualified historian to teach on a full or part-time basis at all levels, including possibly A level, and to contribute to the further development of the subject within the school. This is a temporary post to cover the long-term sick leave of a member of the department.

The History department is part of the Humanities Faculty and currently consists of 3 members of staff. It is allocated 5% of curriculum time at Key Stage 3. At GCSE we follow the Edexcel SHP syllabus: (Medicine Through Time, American West and controlled assessment on the Vietnam War). At A level we also follow the Edexcel syllabus: Russia, 1881-1953; Henry VIII, 1509-1540; Germany, 1900-1945; and coursework on American Foreign Policy, 1890– 000. History at A/AS level is a very popular choice in the Sixth Form – there are normally three sets in each year group. Academic standards are high and a significant number of students go on to read History or related courses at university.

It has all the usual facilities including a small staff resources area and shared use, with the Geography department; of a sixth form study room where pupils have access to 5 fully networked computers. Information Technology within the school is well resourced. There is a laptop trolley of computers stored in Humanities for use with groups when required and both rooms have digital projectors and whiteboards.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The post is subject to enhanced CRB disclosure.

Duties will commence with effect from September 2010. The closing date is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Completed application forms, together with a letter of application should be sent to the Headteacher, Mrs H Payne, as quickly as possible.



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### **Background Information**

Horncastle is a market town with a population of some 6,300, situated about 20 miles from Lincoln and a similar distance from Lincolnshire's east coast holiday resorts. The school serves the town and a wide area of surrounding countryside, stretching northwards to the Wolds and southwards into the Fens. The RAF station at Coningsby and the small town of Woodhall Spa are both within the catchment area.

The original Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, which was granted its charter in 1571, moved to its present site in 1908. It was granted Voluntary Controlled Status in 1951 and during the period 1964 - 1976 underwent an extensive programme of building and modernisation. Successful experience of financial delegation under LMS led the Governors to seek full delegation of the school's finances. It became Grant Maintained in April 1992 and acquired Foundation Status in September 1999 and has grown in size to become a mixed 4-form entry selective grammar school with 900 pupils on roll and 280 in the Sixth Form. The teaching staff consists of 47 full-time and 15 part-time teachers, with support from 9 teaching assistants, numerous technicians, part time administrative assistants and library staff.

The school is unashamedly traditional in its attitude to work and to discipline. Academic standards are high, but the aim is to provide a broadly based curriculum which caters for the individual needs of pupils and extends beyond examination requirements. There is a strong Sixth Form and a high proportion of students complete a full A level programme before proceeding to university or other forms of higher education. Although selective, the school encourages an "open access" policy in the Sixth Form, and a number of pupils from nearby secondary modern schools transfer each year at 16+. Our most recent OFSTED inspection described standards and achievement in the school as Outstanding. The Sixth form was also viewed as Outstanding. In an earlier inspection the school was said to have many strengths and no major weaknesses. In particular, the ethos for learning provided by the school was described as excellent.

Extra curricular activities are well represented and members of staff give voluntarily of their time and expertise to help with, for example, sport, music and drama. The school organises trips and holidays and runs various schemes such as Young Enterprise, a Talking Newspaper and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The school is short of accommodation but, in recent years, capital improvements have included the acquisition of four new classrooms. A new Arts Centre was opened in July 2000. A bid to become a Joint Specialist Science College was successful in September 2003. This has involved working in partnership with the other secondary school in the town, Banovallum School, and has enabled a number of exciting new initiatives in Science, Mathematics and Information and Communications Technology. We received notice of re-designation for 2007 to 2010 in our own right. In addition, as a high performing specialist school (HPSS), we have chosen Modern Languages as our second specialism. Other collaborative work currently involves working with our 14 -19 Learning Entitlement Cluster to deliver the new Diploma in Engineering from September 2008. We also participate in the Lincolnshire Coastal School Sports Partnership. The school gained Healthy School Status in 2009.