



# FRANCIS HOLLAND SCHOOL

## SLOANE SQUARE

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### HEAD OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION REQUIRED FROM JANUARY OR APRIL 2018



#### **General Information**

Francis Holland School Sloane Square is an independent selective school for about 540 girls aged 4 to 18 (GSA and Society of Heads). There are 166 Juniors and about 350 Seniors, including 80 in the Sixth Form. The School is located on a spacious site in a quiet area of SW1, very close to Sloane Square.

Francis Holland School is enjoying considerable popularity and is heavily oversubscribed. Our warm, vibrant and nurturing atmosphere is coupled with an

innovative and creative culture. Our pupils are not valued on academic performance – notwithstanding high achievement - and we recognise the many different types of intelligences which can manifest themselves in a variety of gifts and talents. Community service and enterprise are also highly valued, and we seek to build resilience and courage through our wide range of sports and co-curricular opportunities and our expeditions programme. Girls are encouraged to take considered risks and to learn that failure is simply a work in progress. This brave and aspirational attitude informs the School and produces young women of character and flexibility.

Pupils come from all parts of the London area with many of the Junior School pupils choosing to stay for the Senior School. Each member of staff is involved in the pastoral life of the School, normally as a Form Tutor, the Junior School having one form throughout and Years 7 to 11 having two or three forms per year. The Sixth Form girls are placed in tutor groups of about 8 girls. A very wide range of co-curricular opportunities are offered to the pupils, and all staff contribute to this vibrant dimension of the School.

Academic standards are high throughout the School and on leaving school, after A Levels, girls proceed to higher education courses, sometimes after a gap year.

### **Religious Studies Department Information**

The ethos of the RS Department at Francis Holland School is one that seeks to foster an academic study of religious, philosophical and ethical ideas in order for our students to come to their own opinions about a range of spiritual and moral questions. This is always done in a spirit of mutual trust and dialogue. In Years 7 and 8, the focus of this work is found in material that covers a range of topics concerning the lives of the followers of the six major world religions. From Year 9 onwards, students follow the GCSE AQA Short Course with its stress on the moral and philosophical dimensions of life. We use the teachings of Christianity and Judaism as our primary material for this course of study. At A level, students engage with the Eduqas Religious Studies syllabus, and we follow the units on Philosophy of Religion, Ethics and Buddhism.

There are three part time teachers as well as the full time head of department. The current Head of Department is taking on the role of Director of Spiritual Care to nurture the spiritual lives of pupils and staff and will reduce his timetable accordingly.

The Department has an extensive library of resources. We are committed to using a range of media in our teaching, and are always keen to embrace new technological developments. It is vitally important that students are encouraged to engage with complex material in a fun and engaging manner. Discussion, debate and concern for others and the world around us are central to the ethos of the Department. The Department seeks to benefit from all a city such as London has to offer in relation to trips, lectures and other educational excursions.

## **The Appointment**

We are seeking an enthusiastic and experienced teacher to lead the RS Department. Religious Studies is one of the most popular subjects in this happy and dynamic school, and the successful candidate will play a full part in directing and energising all aspects of the life of the Department.

Completed applications should be emailed to [jobs@fhs-sw1.org.uk](mailto:jobs@fhs-sw1.org.uk) by the closing date: 10.00 am, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Early application is advised. Interviews are scheduled for the week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. However, applications will be assessed in order of receipt, and interviews may occur at any stage after applications are received.