



MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

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BY WILLIAM OF WAYNFLETE

WAYNFLETE ACADEMIC: Philosophy

Magdalen College School, Oxford, founded by William Waynflete in 1480 is one of the country's leading independent schools. Each year we employ a small number of graduates, doctoral and post-doctoral researchers, in a part-time capacity, to provide up-to-date, scholarly and expert knowledge as part of our Waynflete Studies programme. Recent appointees have found the role fits well alongside their current research commitments.

We are looking to appoint a Waynflete Academic in Philosophy to commence in September 2025 and to continue throughout the 2025-2026 academic year. The precise nature of the role will be shaped in accordance with departmental needs to fit the strengths of the candidate appointed.

Principal Duties

- PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY (in partnership with pupil President)
 - Arrange and schedule speakers for the weekly meeting
 - Arrange appropriate publicity, including contact with HoDs of connected subjects (Sciences, History, Art, Maths in recent years)
 - Attend (Fridays, 1.30pm to 2.20pm) and write up the meeting on the PhilSoc web-log at www.mcspilsoc.wordpress.com
 - Edit 'blog entries for inclusion in the printed *Proceedings*
- PHILOSOPHY READING GROUP
 - Choose and distribute readings for the weekly group in good time, according to schedule agreed at end of preceding term
 - Prepare brief initial presentation and study questions
 - Attend (Thursdays, 1.30pm to 2.20pm) and foster discussion, aiming for a tutorial feel.
 - Prepare list of readings for *Proceedings*.
 - For second and third terms, the reading group may become an open discussion group. In recent years this has included a series on the question 'Why is there a Philosophy of X?', where X has included Art, Science, History and Language.

FURTHER DUTIES

- In Michaelmas term: lead preparation of U6th Philosophy applicants for admissions tests and interview.
- Teach logic and critical thinking skills, for example in clinics form to 6th form philosophers in need of extra support.

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- Provide general support for A Level Philosophers, including but not limited to coordinating the Reading Group with A Level topics and general revision clinics on writing or argument.
- Run occasional Waynflete extension sessions for L6th pupils in Michaelmas and Hilary terms. Especially applicable to science students and those applying to university courses with a philosophy component but who do not do the A Level.
- Assist the HoD in fostering productive links with universities and with other departments in the School, including synchronising where possible PhilSoc and discussion group topics with relevant material in those subjects or the university admissions cycle (e.g. medical ethics in early Michaelmas for aspirant medics ahead of exams and interviews).

A willingness to contribute to the School's extensive partnerships programme is desirable.

The salary for Waynflete Academics will be £24,983 pro-rata per annum (full-time equivalent) and it is likely that the Philosophy Academic would be appointed for the equivalent of 0.15 FTE - £3,747 per annum.

Those interested should complete the online application form via the [MCS Vacancy page](#) by midday, Monday 9th June, early applications are highly encouraged. Interviews will be held the following week after the closing date, however we reserve the right to interview prior these therefore early applications are encouraged. Applicants who only send a CV will be automatically rejected.

Magdalen College School is committed to the safeguarding of pupils. Any offer of employment will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure, the receipt of satisfactory references, the school's pre-employment medical questionnaire, plus sight of relevant original ID documentation and degree certificate(s). This role will be in regulated activity and will require a children's barred list check as well as an enhanced DBS check. The enhanced DBS check is due to this role being exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

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