



GSA 11-18 Day School for Girls

Appointment of Head

September 2020

"A place for curious minds; a place for debate and discovery; a place where girls become global thinkers; a place where girls take centre stage."

Redmaids' High School is the leading independent day school for girls in Bristol and one of the leading schools in the South West of England. Formed following the merger in 2016 of The Red Maids' School and Redland High School, it is the longest established girls' school in Great Britain, dating from 1634.

With over 620 girls in the Senior School (Years 7-13) and an increase to a five form entry for a record Year 7 intake in September 2019, the period since the two schools came together on one site in September 2017 has been highly successful. The Junior School (Years 3-6) has its own Head reporting direct to the Governors and operates on a separate but adjoining site with a further 140 girls.

The school provides an educational experience for girls in which intellectual development, academic success and pastoral care are complemented by high quality performance in the arts, sport and co-curricular activities.

An IB World School, Redmaids' High School has an impressive academic record. In 2008 the school led the way in Bristol, being the first to offer the International Baccalaureate in addition to A-Levels. Girls go on to the leading UK and international universities, a significant proportion to study STEM subjects. Staff and Governors are united in a vision of progressive education for girls and young women through which personal achievement is encouraged within a warm and supportive community.

Redmaids' High occupies a spacious, leafy site on the North West side of the city of Bristol. A programme of continuous improvement of facilities is in place. In 2011 a stunning new 6th Form centre was opened; in 2014 a new library, refurbished dining hall and a new reception area followed; and to facilitate the merger on a single site, the previous assembly hall was demolished and a new, highly acclaimed performing arts venue with additional classrooms opened in September 2017. Most recently a 16 acre site was acquired in order to underpin the school's increasingly high national profile in sport and to provide for all levels of participation.

The Governors now seek an outstanding candidate to follow and develop the inspirational work of Isabel Tobias, who retires at the end of the Summer term in 2020. The new Head will show dynamism, charisma and imagination, coupled with a vision for how the school might develop. Working with the Governing Body, the incoming Head will develop a strategy that takes the school forwards and builds on its current success. It will be crucial that candidates are passionate about all-girls' education and are able to articulate the role that single-gender schools such as Redmaids' High can play in the UK education system. The incoming Head of Redmaids' High will inherit a successful, large day school which has

been through significant change in recent years. This represents an exciting opportunity to lead and develop further a school that gives young women the skills and confidence truly to make their mark in the world.

Saxton Bampfylde Ltd is acting as an employment agency advisor to Redmaids' High School on this appointment. For further information about the role, including details about how to apply, please visit www.saxbam.com/appointments using reference **CAPQB**. Applications should be received by noon Tuesday 1 October 2019. Candidates who reach the final stages will be asked to complete an application form.

Redmaids' High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).