

Head of Performing Arts
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Required for September 2019



King Ethelbert School is an 11 – 18 mixed, non-selective school with 870 students on roll, situated in the lovely seaside resort of Birchington.

The school is part of a federation with Dane Court Grammar School in Broadstairs. Our federation with Dane Court has meant that although we are officially an 11 – 16 school we were able to start a Sixth Form in September 2011. We are offering the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (CP) which offers a unique balance between practical / vocational study, academic rigour and global and cultural diversity. The school was part of a special pilot to introduce this qualification worldwide and Thanet has become a world focus for the IB organisation. Performing Arts is one of the key subjects in the IBCP at King Ethelbert School.

The Performing Arts department is an outstanding one at King Ethelbert with a dedicated and talented team. Level 2 and Level 3 Performing Arts courses are offered in music, drama and dance and are hugely popular with students. The examination results are excellent in all disciplines and at all levels. There is a culture of excellence in performance as well as high academic achievement. The department focuses on providing quality performance experiences throughout the year with a large number of our young people. There are numerous and varied links with local theatres and professional practitioners which has put our Performing Arts department very much in the heart of the community.

The school is a partnership school with the Royal Shakespeare Company which has brought in numerous opportunities in both the teaching and performance of Shakespeare, as well as providing unique and exciting opportunities to work with the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury. The school has an ethos that encourages all students to be involved in performance at all levels and fully recognises the massive impact performing arts has on the development of young people.

King Ethelbert School was part of Building Schools for the Future with dedicated spaces for learning including two drama studios, a dance studio and a large music suite with spacious practice rooms. Performing Arts is hugely valued at King Ethelbert and is a central and key department to a whole host of future developments across the school.

We, therefore, seek to appoint a dynamic, innovative and capable practitioner who will lead this strong department and contribute to enable further developments in Performing Arts generally but specifically in musical theatre/drama. It is essential the successful applicant is excited about developing Performing Arts across the school and are able to participate fully in extracurricular activities.

A comprehensive induction programme is provided into the work of King Ethelbert School, and a specific mentoring and guidance programme operates for all new entrants. Ofsted have recognised that guidance and support given by staff for students is outstanding. It is expected that all potential members of staff will have a passion and a commitment to each child achieving their personal best.

King Ethelbert School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This position is therefore subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service application.

The successful candidate may also hold a pastoral responsibility as a tutor within a year system. Salary TLR (negotiable depending on experience).

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