

RAINHAM MARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

TEACHER OF DRAMA: JOB DESCRIPTION

The Drama department is an exciting and creative place where all students feel respected and empowered to achieve. It is led by a forward-thinking Head of Department who drives the department to success both academically and in extra-curricular activities. Lessons have a strong practical focus where we uphold the values of cohesive learning and research-based pedagogy.

The quality of teaching and learning in the Drama Department is excellent and students speak positively and enthusiastically about their Drama education which is a popular option choice for students at KS4 and KS5.

KS3 Drama is currently taught as a separate subject and students have a single lesson a week in the first two years and a single lesson a fortnight in the third. Year 7, 8 and 9 students are taught in mixed ability tutor groups. GCSE Drama students follow the WJEC Syllabus with three periods a week. KS5 students have the opportunity to study Edexcel Drama & Theatre with 6 periods a week.

Extra-Curricular:

The Drama department runs a number of highly popular activities. They include lunchtime Drama Clubs for all KS3 years, participation in the Shakespeare Schools' festival and a bi-annual Musical. The department also works closely alongside the Music department in running several cross curricular projects annually. Students are also given the opportunity to work with professionals in Master Class scenarios. Visits to the theatre are carried out regularly throughout the year and are very popular. Recent productions seen include: 'The American Clock' at The Old Vic, 'Superhoe' at The Royal Court and 'The Oresteia' from Splendid Productions.

Performance venues include the Drama Studio, the Main Hall and the Recital Hall in the purpose-built Music Block.

Teaching and Learning Spaces – Drama:

The Drama Studio is purpose built and equipped with a full rig and lighting equipment. In addition to the Drama Studio a secondary space is also used for practical teaching. Recently, the school has installed state of the art LED lighting in the Main Hall.

We are looking for a creative and dynamic Drama teacher. The post will suit an NQT or a teacher with experience. The successful applicant will fulfil the following criteria:

- Be a Drama specialist
- Have a genuine passion for your subject, and be able to evoke enthusiasm and creative thinking in your students
- Have excellent understanding concerning the history of theatre and a diverse range of performance practices
- Have a sound understanding of the way the Performing Arts industry works
- Be a dynamic teacher willing to experiment with new ideas, always willing to strive to find ways of stimulating and engaging your students
- Work creatively with the Head of Drama to devise and implement new schemes of work
- Be an excellent team player with a positive and friendly attitude

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- Be willing to contribute to the extra-curricular life of the school and play a full and pro-active role within the department including the organisation of clubs, concerts, performances, workshops and visits.

Please feel free to contact the Head of Drama, Mrs Helen Macken (hmacken@rmgs.org.uk) for further information or if you wish to discuss any aspects of the advertised post.

If you wish to apply for the post, we would be very grateful if you would complete the application form and return this to the school.