

## TEACHER OF DRAMA

### from September 2020

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#### The Post

What we are looking for is an enthusiastic, committed, well-organised and inspiring teacher to ensure that all Key Stages are taught by specialists, and who will commit with drive and energy to developing the extra-curricular programme which adds so much to our students' enjoyment of school, and social, moral, cultural and spiritual development.

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#### The Department

Drama is a vibrant, busy and popular Department.

The subject is taught across Key Stage 3, covering a range of skills from Greek to Musical Theatre and from Technical to Physical Theatre. Drama has healthy take-up at GCSE and Theatre Studies is now established at A-level. At GCSE, students follow the Drama AQA specification. At A-level students follow the Edexcel Drama and Theatre Studies specification. Results have been excellent at GCSE and A level, which is down to the enthusiasm and commitment of both students and staff.

The taught curriculum is enriched by a range of extra curricular opportunities, including drama clubs, a senior drama group and a physical theatre group. We stage at least one whole-school production annually, ranging from drama to musicals.

Theatre trips are organised to enable students to experience live theatre from a variety of genre, and to ensure that enrichment is inclusive we invite theatre companies and practitioners into school to share their expertise and run workshops.

GCSE and A level students also perform their exam work to an invited audience as well as a visiting examiner. This provides the opportunity to showcase their work, and students perform in at least one national festival annually. They have premiered work from local playwrights and participated in the National Theatre's "New Connections" cycle, being invited to transfer the production to professional venues across the Northwest, The Lowry, HOME Manchester, West Yorkshire Playhouse and Sheffield Crucible.

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#### Facilities & Resources

Our fabulous facilities consist of a flexible Blackbox studio/classroom with sprung floor mirrored down one wall. We are fully equipped with lighting and sound facilities which are integral to all lessons and teaching. Many pupils are fluent in the use of technical equipment in both the Studio and the Hall, for exam performances and productions.

Currently there are two Drama specialists who teach all the Key stages, there are detailed SOW in place at KS3 and our expertise allows flexibility to tailor the needs of the upper school cohorts.

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