

# TEACHER OF ENGLISH & DRAMA



SAXMUNDHAM  
FREE SCHOOL

## JOIN US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SUFFOLK

Opened in September 2012, we are a small, growing school and ambitious for our students, seeing each individual as unique with their own strengths and needs. Saxmundham is a confident and happy place. Our students receive excellent pastoral care and support in a small school setting. Our staff members know each of their students as individuals.

We are seeking a talented Teacher of English and Drama to join us from September 2018. You must be committed to raising the standard of our students by creative and engaging teaching.

There is also an opportunity to get involved in Enrichment which takes place on Wednesday afternoons, where you have the opportunity to help enhance the students' learning with an extra-curricular activity. Some current examples are horse riding, computer coding, debating and CCF.

You will help nurture the potential in every student, inspiring and developing them to ensure they succeed. If you are passionate about your subject, and want to work in an environment where you will really make a difference, Saxmundham Free School is the place for you.

### Why join us?

We provide a happy and supportive work environment, with high expectations of staff and students, together with a competitive salary based on skills and experience;

You will have access to promotion opportunities and superb professional development across all of our Free Schools;

Suffolk is a beautiful county, with access to London for the occasional night out or theatre trip. Very close to the coast, with countryside walks and excellent food and drink.



We encourage visits to our school. To arrange a visit during the school day, please call 01728 633910 and visit the website [www.saxmundhamfreeschool.org.uk](http://www.saxmundhamfreeschool.org.uk)

Please return your completed application form and a formal letter of application to [hr@seckford-foundation.org.uk](mailto:hr@seckford-foundation.org.uk) or by post to HR Dept, Marryott House, Burkitt Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4JJ.

**Closing date: 9 am on Wednesday 23 May 2018**

**Interviews: 24 & 25 May 2018**

**We reserve the right to appoint before the closing date for the right candidate.**

*The Seckford Foundation Free Schools Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).*

# WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



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I am proud and privileged to lead Saxmundham Free School. My team and I are absolutely dedicated to the development of a safe, vibrant, successful and student-centred place of learning; we believe that our young people are capable of truly fantastic things and we expect them to strive to achieve their very best whilst studying with us. Working with parents, carers and the local community, we look to provide a range of opportunities for our students to enjoy their learning and excel.

Our students tell us that they value the way lessons are delivered at Saxmundham and the strong relationships that exist in school between students and staff. This is only possible because of our small size.

We offer a traditional curriculum that enables our students to flourish academically and lay the foundations for their successful

progression into post-16 learning. Our strong pastoral support system and wide range of enrichment activities help our students to develop and contribute positively to the local community. As an inclusive school we celebrate the successes of all our students together as a community and we have aspirations that everyone will make progress over and above the national average. Full details on our curriculum and our enrichment activities are available on our website.

At the heart of our success will be a strong and positive partnership between parents/carers, students, teachers and wider friends of the school. Our '6Cs to Success' underpin how we expect every member of our school community to approach learning and behaviour. To facilitate excellent communication we encourage open dialogue between home and school. To read more about our vision and ethos, please visit <http://www.saxmundhamfreeschool.org.uk/us/vision-ethos/>.

I invite you to visit us and meet our students to find out more about our offering. Please contact us to arrange a visit.

Thank you for your interest in our school, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well in your application.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Lees', enclosed within a simple oval border.

David Lees  
**Headteacher**

*"Outstanding leadership has resulted in the creation of a highly cohesive school community. They communicate a sense of ambition that is reinforced, and shared, by all." Ofsted, 2014*

# NOTES TO APPLICANTS

Applications will only be accepted from candidates completing the application form in full. CV's will not be accepted in substitution for completed application forms in the absence of good reason, although you may refer to the CV in the relevant section of the application form.

Interviews will be offered to those applicants that best demonstrate how:

- skills, abilities and experience match the person specification and job description; and
- you evidence your commitment to the needs of the role in the Free School.

**Closing date for applications: 9am on Wednesday 23 May 2018;** we reserve the right to appoint prior to closing date so please submit your application early to avoid disappointment.

**Interviews: 24 & 25 May 2018**

We do encourage you to make an appointment to look around the school; to arrange a visit please contact the school on 01728 633910.

## Any questions?

If you would like an informal discussion about any aspect of the role, please contact HR on 01394 615167 in the first instance.

## Applying

If you decide to apply for this position please return your completed application form ([www.sffst.org.uk](http://www.sffst.org.uk)) and formal letter of application by:

**e-mail to:** [hr@seckford-foundation.org.uk](mailto:hr@seckford-foundation.org.uk) (preferable)  
**or by post to:** HR Dept, Marryott House, Burkitt Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4JH

*All appointments are subject to the usual pre-employment checks to meet vetting and barring requirements. For more information about the application and vetting process please refer to the Explanatory Notes provided on the website.*

