

## **DRAMA/ENGLISH TEACHER**

From 1 September 2018, we are looking for a part-time (0.5fte) Drama specialist to join our PACE faculty. A full-time appointment is available as we are looking for a colleague who has the ability to teach English for the other half of the post.

The Physical and Creative Education Faculty (PACE) draws together the interrelated subject areas of Music, Dance and Drama and Physical Education. The faculty is very well accommodated within four large teaching rooms within the school and a commercial dance studio within Henbury Leisure Centre. In addition, the school hall is fully equipped with lighting and sound for school productions and provides ample space for an array of other activities, including fitness, orchestra rehearsals or presentation evenings.

### **Drama Department**

In Years 7 and 8, students at Henbury School will be taught drama twice across a fortnight. They will experience three blocks of drama throughout the academic year and have the option to continue with drama as a discrete subject in Year 9. We aim to provide students with a deep knowledge & understanding of the subject and how it is devised, performed and appreciated.

Students are encouraged to develop their dramatic and expressive skills through a range of concepts and techniques and will refer to professional performance pieces. Students learn to express themselves creatively and imaginatively and to communicate with others confidently and effectively.

At Key Stage 4, students have the opportunity to study BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts. The course will give students a taste of what it is like to be a professional actor across different styles.

### **Additional Extra Curricular Activities**

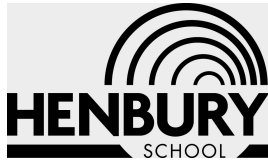
In addition to the lunchtime activities already outlined, PACE also runs the Production Club as a weekly after school activity. The club offers the students the opportunity to develop their skills in theatre and performance and works towards two annual school productions. At Henbury School, we embrace the versatility of our student actors, where we prepare a fully staged 'West End' musical production and a traditional play. The performances are very high profile, with the musical having a live orchestral band. In the past, performances have had technical support from music students from the University of the West of England. Rehearsals for the production have been supported by a professional Musical Director and are directed and choreographed by faculty staff members.

### **Performing Arts Residential Camp**

The pinnacle of the performing year is the Henbury Residential Performing Arts Camp which takes place in July. The trip is open to all students who are interested in Dance, Drama and Music and has been a well-established Henbury School tradition. It gives students the opportunity to explore the Performing Arts and perform a wide range of material in a professional setting. The summer camp involves intense work and a structured sport and team building programme which concludes with the high-profile Summer Showcase where musicians, actors and dancers perform the material they have prepared during the course of the week to parents, friends and the wider community.

### **The Henbury Arts Evening**

The Henbury School Arts Evening is a twice-yearly event on the school calendar, which enables both the Performing and Expressive Arts faculties to join together in the production of a large public



performance/exhibition. Faculty staff encourage students to prepare pieces of work for public performance giving students the opportunity to perform before an audience of parents, peers and members of the local and wider community.

PACE faculty is deeply committed to inspiring students and offering them a broad range of performance opportunities and supporting their learning through the development of transferrable learning and interpersonal skills.

### **English Department**

Our English and Languages Department make up our Communications Faculty.

The English department operates innovative teaching and management practices with the belief that we can and will raise standards of student attainment.

Ofsted recognised considerable strengths:

- High expectations
- Subject knowledge
- Good teacher questioning
- High expectations of behaviour – very good management of classrooms
- Effective use of learning objectives
- Sound improvements in styles of writing and presentation
- Clear policies which are improving student motivation
- Students speak highly of the support they receive which has helped them progress

We work in a dedicated suite of English classrooms, with multimedia projectors. We are a close-knit, enthusiastic department, with strong links with other departments in school, such as SEN and the Library. We have well-resourced schemes of work and a highly focused KS3 system of assessment.

The successful candidate will be enthusiastic, innovative and up to date with current developments in the teaching of English, with a strong commitment to raising student achievement.

We look forward to receiving your application by midnight on Tuesday 24 April 2018.