



JOB DESCRIPTION: Teacher of Drama

The post available offers the opportunity of teaching Drama through the school from Years 7 to 11 including GCSE and A Level Drama.

THE ENGLISH AND DRAMA DEPARTMENTS

The department currently offers English and English Literature at GCSE (OCR Syllabus), and English Literature at A-level. Drama is also taught to year 7 and 8, and offered as a GCSE subject in Years 9, 10 and 11. Drama is also taught at A Level.

Drama is a special and important part of our curriculum. Each Year 7 class performs a play, and much of the rehearsal and preparation is done during English lessons. We believe the process of learning and performing plays in a relaxed and supportive environment is extremely important in our pupils' learning. It not only builds confidence, but also gives pupils a true understanding of the power and elegance of language. We also perform an upper school Shakespeare and a school musical with the St James Girls' School.

All our pupils study English for five lessons a week to the end of Year 11, when they take GCSE examinations in English and English Literature.

Drama is taught at both Year 7 and 8 once a week. In Year 7, drama lessons (and English lessons) culminate in a major performance for parents. In Year 8, skills are developed in preparation for GCSE. GCSE drama is taken from Year 9 and boys regularly perform at assembly, in external competitions and at festivals.

The School also runs 'Speech Competitions' where students perform to the whole school a variety of both modern and classic speeches.

Drama is also offered at A Level and the successful candidate will have the opportunity to teach in these lessons.

Members of the department regularly undertake visits to the theatre and special lectures to support textual study in the classroom. There are active and successful debating teams, as well as opportunities to become involved in school dramatic productions.