

ALLEYN'S SCHOOL

TOWNLEY ROAD, DULWICH, LONDON SE22 8SU

Independent day school for boys and girls aged 4-18

TEACHER OF DRAMA

for September 2017

Alleyn's is one of the country's leading co-educational independent day schools, committed to developing excellence within an ethos of strong pastoral care and a vibrant co-curriculum. Our holistic approach aims to nurture every pupil, enabling them to develop their potential while making friendships and enjoying life to the full.

Tracing our roots back to Edward Alleyn's College of God's Gift, founded in 1619, we moved to our own 30-acre site on Townley Road in 1887 and were one of the first such schools to go fully co-educational, back in 1976.

We believe that learning together in a supportive environment provides the best framework for boys and girls to excel at school, to discover new ideas, skills and enthusiasms and to prepare for university and the multi-gendered world of work and life in general. Links with local and overseas schools, universities and charities provide further opportunities to enrich that learning in different contexts and to make new and lasting friends.

Our community is warm, caring and inclusive. We are able to offer a range of bursaries and scholarships to support boys and girls most able to benefit from an Alleyn's education, irrespective of financial means.

We are proud of our pupils, who leave us with excellent examination results, places at some of the world's top universities and specialist centres of higher education, and also with a sense of confidence, mutual respect and social responsibility.

We also greatly value our committed and hard-working staff, whose dedication makes possible the achievements of our pupils.

Dr Gary Savage, Headmaster



Our Co-educational Community

Boys and girls at Alleyn's genuinely enjoy and appreciate each other's achievements and contributions and it is satisfying to see them grow in confidence as our co-ed community offers them a fabulous variety of ways to develop skills and cement lifelong friendships.

The Junior School is a member of IAPS, with pupils aged from 4 to 11. The Senior School is an HMC school with pupils aged from 11 to 18. This year there are 1008 pupils in the Senior School, of whom 301 are in the Upper School (Sixth Form). Our main intake to the Senior School is at 11+ and there are further new places at 13+ and at 16+. We currently have six year 7 classes of 22/23 children, with smaller classes common at GCSE. Upper School teaching sets are never larger than 14 and are usually sized 8-12.

Exam Results

At Alleyn's we have a proud record of outstanding examination results, and in 2016 our pupils continued that tradition. At A level, 91% of grades were A*, A or B, and 72% were A* or A grades. 34% were A*. Over half our students achieved at least 3 A* and A grades and there was a 100% pass rate. At GCSE, 67% of grades were A*, 92% were A* or A, and 99% were A*, A and B. 24 students gained 10 or more A*s and over 60% achieved all A*s or As.





Facilities

The School has approximately 30 acres of grounds with extensive playing fields. There is a recently resurfaced all-weather astroturf sports area, a Sports Hall, and cinder running track. In 2009 a £13.5 million extension was completed providing additional facilities for teaching, pastoral care and the performing arts. More recently the swimming pool has undergone a £1.2 million re-development (completed in September 2014) and in 2016 a £3.5 million project to add a new wing to the Science building was completed. A major capital programme over the next decade includes a new Lower School (which is underway), and plans for additional facilities in the Junior School, a new Library, Archive and Sixth Form centre as well as a new Dining Hall.

The library is very well stocked and well used and individual Departments are all extremely well resourced. Networked computers are available throughout the school, with broadband internet access and WiFi across the full site.

Curriculum

There is a common curriculum in Year 7. Subjects taught include Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Design Technology, Food and Nutrition, Dance, Drama, English, Geography, History, Latin, Learning about Learning, Maths, Music, PE, Physics, Religious Studies and Spanish. These subjects continue in Year 8 where there is some setting in Maths and a second language choice is introduced. There is a wide choice of subject options in Years 10 and 11. The current GCSE curriculum includes English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, a Modern Foreign Language and the three Sciences (the vast majority do the Triple Award) alongside a wide choice of options available to all students. The Sixth Form options system offers immense choice and flexibility. All pupils currently take 4 subjects in Year 12 and 3 or 4 subjects in Year 13, in addition to PSCE and Enrichment

Pastoral system

Pupils have the same Tutor for their time in the Lower School (Years 7 and 8) under the care of the Head of the Lower School. In Year 9, they move to the Middle School where they join one of eight houses. The eight Heads of House are responsible for pastoral welfare from Years 9 to 13 in conjunction with the two Assistant Heads responsible for these years. Team games, music, debating and other inter-house competitions are organised through the House System.

The School has its own Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain and there are also two fully trained counsellors available to pupils.

All members of the teaching staff are expected to play a full part in both the enrichment activities within their own department and the school co-curriculum more broadly.



Co-curricular

Alley's Sport offers opportunities at all levels. The PE/Games curriculum throughout the School is varied, encompassing a wide variety of team games and individual sports. School teams run in a large number of major and minor sports. We encourage pupils to represent the School at one or more sports at any age group, so that during the course of a year well over three-quarters of the pupils in the School will have taken part in competitive sport.

In Music there are over thirty performing groups including orchestras, choirs, wind bands, a jazz band and numerous chamber groups. In Drama there are usually three or four main productions each year, with additional pupil-led *Bearpit* productions. Drama clubs are offered.

The vast majority of pupils join the CCF, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme or the Volunteering programme in Year 10. In addition there is a very wide range of clubs, societies and other activities.

Academic Enrichment

We are committed to academic enrichment, both inside and outside the classroom, providing opportunities for pupils to learn new things, extend their horizons and develop a lifelong love of learning and a keen appreciation of the life of the mind. To this end, we have introduced an integrated course in meta-cognition at Key Stage 3, increased the number and quality of visiting speakers coming into school and created new opportunities for pupils to develop their ideas in extended project work. We shall continue to extend this work over the coming years, providing intellectual stretch, challenge and enrichment for the entire Alley's community without compromising the co-educational warmth and co-curricular balance which makes us the successful and happy school that we are and wish to remain.

THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT

The successful applicant will join a team consisting of the Director of Drama and two other full-time teachers (one of whom is also the Director of Dance). The department shares the teaching of Drama throughout the School, and is responsible for an extensive programme of co-curricular Drama. We work closely with the Dance department, sharing a combined Year 7 and 8 curriculum.

Curriculum offered

Drama and Theatre is taught as an A level subject using the AQA syllabus and is timetabled for twelve periods per fortnight in Year 12 and fourteen periods per fortnight in Year 13. Teaching of the syllabus is shared between all members of the department. There are usually one or two sets in each of Years 12 and 13; sets are up to 14 students, but are often between 6 and 8. Results are excellent at A level, and the theoretical and practical elements of the syllabus are supplemented by regular theatre trips and professionally-run workshops, taking advantage of the opportunities that are available in London.

Drama is also taught as a GCSE subject, following the AQA syllabus with two or three sets in each of Years 10 and 11, each of around 15 pupils. Drama is a discrete subject in Year 7 and 8 with each tutor group having one period a week, taught by members of the department, over two 10 week courses. They also spend 10 weeks studying Dance as a separate and distinct discipline. In Year 9, Drama is taken as an optional subject and there are currently six sets of around 15 pupils.

Co-curricular

The School stages annual productions for each section: Lower, Middle and Upper School. The Upper School Production takes place at the end of the Advent term; this year it was *Cabaret* and in 2015 it was *Henry V*. A Middle School play takes place in the Lent term and recent productions include *Lovesong* and *Disco Inferno*. Recent Lower School productions have included *The Jungle Book* and *Oliver Twist*. To supplement these productions there are weekly Drama Clubs and the vibrant programme of 'Bear Pit' productions produced and directed by senior pupils under the guidance of the department. The department also organises an annual trip to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with a devised show performed in a central venue. We run a thriving programme of LAMDA lessons with four LAMDA teachers and a cohort of 250 pupils from Years 7 to 12. There is also an annual Dance show including pupils from all year groups and established dance companies who rehearse weekly.



Facilities and Resources

In 2010 the School opened its performing arts venue within the £13million Edward Alleyn Building. Inside, there is a 350-seat, state-of-the-art performance space (the MCT) that cements our dramatic heritage from Edward Alleyn, our 1619 founder, who was the pre-eminent actor/theatre owner of the Early Modern stage. There are dressing and green rooms attached and on the top floor there is the National Youth Theatre studio. There are also three spacious and well-equipped Drama teaching spaces next to the central Drama office, one of which is a multi-purpose Drama and Dance studio.



POST OUTLINE

We are seeking to make a full-time appointment and this post could suit an experienced teacher, someone seeking NQT status (full induction programme in place) or an aspiring teacher wanting to enter the profession (full training and induction programme in place).

We are looking for an excellent, committed and dynamic person who will:

- contribute to the high-quality teaching and assessment of Drama across the ability range, up to and including A level. The ability to teach Dance at KS3 level would be desirable;
- work closely with the department to further develop the already excellent teaching and learning;
- contribute to the department's co-curricular activities in directing, producing and designing major productions and managing smaller 'Bear Pit' shows;
- participate in the wider School programme of co-curricular activities;
- promote and protect children's welfare in all aspects of their contribution to School life and follow School Health and Safety guidelines.

Alleyn's has its own competitive salary scale and accommodation may be available. If you have any questions for the Head of Department, please contact the personnel administrator (personnel@alleyns.org.uk).

Short-listed candidates will be asked to plan and teach a lesson. Candidates selected for interview will be contacted with further details.

Safeguarding

Alleyn's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Equal Opportunities

Alleyn's School is an Equal Opportunities employer and welcomes applications for all posts from appropriately qualified persons regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, religion or belief.

For further information, including the latest news and exam results, please visit our website
www.alleyns.org.uk

Applications

A letter of application, a completed application form, a full CV and names and contact details of three referees should be sent to the Headmaster:

**Dr Gary Savage, Alleyn's School, Dulwich SE22 8SU
by Wednesday 22 March 2017**