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## **Part-time Teacher of Drama (0.53)**

Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of Drama at John F Kennedy Catholic School (JFK). I hope that you find the information we have provided for you informative and useful – its aim is to help you as you begin to consider whether JFK is the right school for you in the next stage of your career development.

JFK was opened in 1967 and is a mixed 11-18 comprehensive Catholic school with approximately 1100 students on roll, including 200 in the Sixth Form. The school enjoys a very good reputation in Hemel Hempstead and beyond as a strong community with high academic achievement, excellent extra-curricular opportunities and a welcoming, friendly environment. Our fundamental aim in educating our young people is formed by considering the Latin root of the word 'educate': a 'drawing' out of the potential in each child. We believe that all of our students have their own unique gifts and talents and our task as teachers is to maximise their achievements. This means more than just focusing on exam results; personal development and spiritual development are equally important.

Last year the school underwent its most recent inspections: Section 8 in March and Section 48 in December. The headline outcomes for these inspections were all 'good'. In terms of results our Progress 8 figures so far have been: 0.10 in 2016 and 0.09 in 2017. These were achieved without a compulsory 'Progress 8 bucket-filling' policy.

Whilst the department is currently small this job has arisen as a result of the demand for drama from the students. The department runs a show each year which is hugely successful and popular with students. Students are taught in mixed ability groups in year 7 before being banded in year 8 through to the end of Key stage 4. In the Sixth Form, the subject is popular with over fifty students each year opting to study it. The school is well known for its Youth Speaks and debating activities, having successfully won competitions in both areas. Trips are frequent, both to the theatre and to areas of literary interest.

The governors are seeking to appoint a well-qualified graduate teacher to join this thriving and high achieving Drama department. The successful candidate will teach across the ability range in Key Stages 3, 4 and 5.

I hope that having read this letter and the information about the school that you will choose to apply. To do so, you are asked to complete the application form in full but instead of a supporting statement please write a letter of application which relates your experience to



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the job description and person specification. In your letter you should also outline your personal educational philosophy, your vision and the contribution that you can make to John F Kennedy Catholic School.

I am always happy to welcome visitors to the school and I encourage you to come and visit us to see the school for yourself. If you would like more information about the school please visit our website ([www.jfk.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jfk.herts.sch.uk)). If you would like to know more about the post itself please do not hesitate to contact my PA, Eva Final (email: [efinal@jfk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:efinal@jfk.herts.sch.uk)), who will be very happy to answer any questions you may have. May I ask you to return the application form to the school address. Thank you for your interest in the post.

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Headteacher

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