

Directors/Playwrights in Residence Required between November 2017 & February 2018

FURTHER PARTICULARS

The Drama Department seeks applications from directors and playwrights who might wish to take up one of a series of short residence posts which we are offering this year. The subsidy will cover a 2 week period which will involve sharing techniques in timetabled lessons as well as enriching the vibrant extra-curricular programme. There are several full-scale and smaller-scale productions held every year in both our 350 seat Performing Arts Centre and our Black Box Studio. Students explore directorial techniques as part of the curriculum and there has been a growing team of students working as Assistant Directors in the staging of full-scale productions. Last year, a popular series of playwriting sessions was held. This is a wonderful opportunity for practising theatre-makers to work with highly-motivated and creative students from across the school. Applicants might help see a project through from start to finish, or maybe the beginning stages of work which will take longer to come to fruition.

This commission would suit a practising director/playwright who would like some experience in the classroom and who would benefit from our facilities and a short period of subsidy.

At present the Drama Department is housed in a suite of rooms including: two drama studios, the larger is equipped with fully computerised lighting and sound capabilities and a full-sized cinematic screen with professional standard projector which can be used to show students' work as well as playing DVDs and computer a/v; a storage room; a props room; a wardrobe and the Drama office. In March 2007, the school opened the Performing Arts Centre. This outstanding facility includes a 350 seat auditorium, a flexible stage (including an orchestra pit) and professional lighting and sound facilities.

Drama is taught within the curriculum throughout the school. Years 7 and 9 have a 70 minute double period per week, with Year 8 receiving a single period per week. There are currently 70 students in Years 10 and 11 studying GCSE Drama. There are good sized groups taking A level and IB.

Terms and Conditions

Each two week residency will be paid £750.

Applications

Applications should be made in writing to the Headmistress, Mrs Alex Wilson with a letter of application, completed application form, a project proposal and the names and contact details of two professional referees.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment as part of their duties. The successful candidate will be asked to apply to the Disclosure and Barring Service for an Enhanced Disclosure.

The closing date for applications is Monday 25th September 2017 at 4.00 pm.