



Part-Time Teacher of Speech and Drama

September 2019 or before

Essential skills:

- A very good knowledge and understanding of the canon of great drama, from the Greeks to Shakespeare to Miller (for example)
- Excellent personal acting skills
- An ability to communicate well with young people and engage their imagination, earn their trust and be able to stretch their abilities beyond what the pupils themselves might think they are capable of.
- The ability to inspire and teach pupils of different abilities and backgrounds in a co-educational context whether they are an experienced teacher or an NQT.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- High professional standards and integrity
- Strong organisational skills with the ability to meet deadlines and to prioritise within a busy boarding school environment
- Inspired by the opportunity to develop virtual learning and ICT solutions within the department
- Willingness to take part in the broader life of a busy boarding school

Desirable skills:

- A working knowledge of examination syllabuses from RADA, LAMDA and other exam boards
- Some directing experience
- Possible technical skills and experience (lighting, stage management, for example)

The successful applicant will teach/offer the following:

- Speech and Drama lessons on a 1-1 or 1-2 basis, preparing individual pupils for examinations at their own level and rate in RADA, LAMDA, Victoria College and other exam boards
- Prepare lessons and use their initiative, experience and knowledge to find appropriate pieces for their pupils
- Report progress of all pupils to Director of Drama on a weekly basis
- Prepare pupils for entry in the annual Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts in May
- Be prepared to cover as reasonably necessary, additional Speech and Drama lessons in the case of absences, at the request of the Director of Drama

Outside the classroom, the successful applicant will:

- Be prepared to be fully involved in other productions, using skill-sets as needed (for example, stage management, makeup, warm-ups)

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