



Queen's College, London

Established 1848



Appointment Information

Teacher of Drama (Temporary)

January 2022



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Queen's College, London is a leading independent day school for girls between the ages of 11 and 18, occupying four large houses on Harley Street in central London. Queen's College Preparatory School (QCPs), our outstanding Prep School for girls aged 4 to 11, is situated in a separate building, just around the corner on Portland Place.

Queen's has been at the forefront of education for nearly 175 years and occupies an extraordinary position in the history of education for women. Founded in 1848 with the ambition of providing a means for girls and young women to gain a serious education, it was the first institution in Great Britain to give academic qualifications to women.

We are now one of the most high-achieving, diverse and forward-looking girls' schools in London. Queen's enjoys a reputation as a friendly and creative school, where high academic standards are combined with a wide extra-curricular programme and excellent pastoral support.

Places are oversubscribed and our central location is a considerable asset; the cultural life and landmarks of central London are very easily accessible, and this is a source of real enrichment.

The College is academically selective and has been achieving increasingly strong results in recent years. We continue to invest in enhancing our buildings, such as the construction of our new sixth form centre.



The Drama department

The Drama Department at Queen's College is dynamic and flourishing, achieving strong academic results and a central role in the extracurricular life of the College.

At Key Stage 3, lessons are designed to promote a progression of drama skills using an eclectic range of resources with dramatic potential to inspire pupils, generate confidence and stimulate their intellectual curiosity. Drama has a strong tradition at Queen's and is a popular choice at GCSE and A-level. At both levels, the pupils currently follow the Edexcel syllabuses. Results are consistently very high. Many pupils have gone on to study at the top Drama schools as well as leading universities with strong Drama courses. Many former pupils are now working professionally within the industry. Casting directors and industry professionals regularly see our productions and a wide range of top practitioners have given talks and have conducted workshops. The Drama department has a dedicated Drama studio fully equipped for teaching and performing as well as use of the Somerville Hall. The Hall offers a flexible performing space, a proscenium stage and high spec computerized lighting and sound.

Extracurricular contribution of the Drama Department

The Drama department prides itself on the diversity of plays that are performed and its inclusivity ensures as many pupils as possible are given the opportunity to partake in the Drama clubs and whole school productions, whether as a performer, designer or stage management. The department has worked extensively with industry professionals writing and devising projects alongside the students. Whole school productions over the past years have included most recently 'Oliver!' In November 2021, 'The Wizard of Oz', 'The Crucible', '2112: a Fairy Tale' (full-length devised dystopian political thriller), 'Into the Woods', 'Belles of the Ball' (devised from a true story of WWI munitions workers), 'Twelfth Night', 'Cinderella', 'Jane Eyre' and 'Beauty and the Beast'. There are also House Drama productions every year. The Drama department makes frequent use of the outstanding theatre on our doorstep here in central London. Regular outings to the Barbican, National Theatre, Royal Court, West End, RSC, the Young Vic, and many other fringe companies enrich the pupils' experience and stimulate their creative and critical capabilities.



The Role

The successful candidate will be an outstanding, energetic and inspirational teacher who will have the ambition to develop the teaching of Drama and Theatre at Queen's College and encourage active participation in extracurricular activities. They will work closely with the Director of Drama. This is a part-time (0.6 or 0.7) temporary role.

Person Specification

- The person appointed is highly likely to have the following qualification and attributes:
- an honours degree from a top Drama school or equivalent BA
- very successful recent experience of teaching Drama and Theatre to A-level or recent success as a trainee teacher
- an enthusiasm to embrace departmental and whole-school teaching and learning strategies and ethos
- detailed knowledge of a wide range of theatrical styles and genres
- a very capable organiser and administrator
- a love of theatre and the willingness to commit to extensive co-curricular drama programmes outside the classroom
- the ability to develop drama as a serious art form and as a specific and discrete academic subject through an awareness of its history, conventions, moral purpose and emotional power
- a strong commitment to professional development
- a wholehearted commitment to leading and accompanying trips
- pastoral interests – all teachers at Queen's College are required to act as a Form Tutor, contributing to the work of pastoral teams



Applying for the role

Applications should be made on the Queen's College, London application form, with the names and contact details of three professional referees (to include your current or most recent head teacher if you are or have been employed in a school), and accompanied by a supporting covering letter. Please do not send CVs.

The application form, together with other useful information, can be downloaded from the College website (www.qcl.org.uk).

Completed application forms and covering letters should be sent via email to the Executive Assistant to the Principal, Ms Roisin Archer (rarcher@qcl.org.uk) by **Monday 6 December**.

Applications will be considered as they are received by the College and candidates may be invited to interview at any stage. *Early applications are warmly encouraged.*

The recruitment process will include interviews with members of the senior leadership team and other key members of staff. Further details of the process will be confirmed when candidates are invited to interview.

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

Queen's College recognises the positive value of diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination. We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds.