



### **Wootton Academy Trust**

Wootton Upper School and Kimberley 16 - 19 College (in the nearby village of Stewartby) are operated by Wootton Academy Trust [WAT]. The two institutions are 3 miles apart and linked by a shuttle bus. WAT is ambitious and its vision is to provide outstanding education in all of its component parts.

Wootton Upper School was inspected in November 2017 and received a very positive report. The school was judged to be good in all areas. Wootton Upper School, with 900 students across Years 9 - 11, achieves results across the core subjects which are very high. Our GCSE English and GCSE Science results in 2017 and 2018 were well-above the national average. In Mathematics, results are above the national average and improving.

Kimberley College 16-19 STEM College opened in September 2013 and has 500 students. The College was inspected in January 2017 and judged good in most areas and outstanding in personal development and well-being. For the last two years the College has been in the Sunday Times list of the top 20 Sixth Form Colleges in the UK based on the proportion of students getting 2As and 1B or better in facilitating subjects.

### **The Drama Department**

We are committed to expanding our arts provision moving forward recognizing the amazing potential the arts have to develop lively enquiring minds in our pupils as well as being a great vehicle to encourage creativity and ingenuity.

Our arts facilities include a Theatre Hall and a Drama Studio; there is also a Dance Studio and two Music Rooms within the immediate arts accommodation [McKeown Performing Arts Block]; the art studios are located nearby. Our team of arts teachers are all specialists and all work hard for our pupils. They work closely together to share best practice.

Wootton Upper School focuses its teaching on pupils in Year 9-11; virtually all the Trusts' Sixth Form teaching takes place at Kimberley College. However, in Drama, Dance, Art, and Textiles virtually all sixth form teaching remains at Wootton Upper School. Drama is popular at A Level with a group in both Year 12 and Year 13

All pupils in Year 9 study those elements of Drama found in the English National Curriculum KS 3 Programme of Study, approximately one hour per fortnight. Additionally, Year 9 pupils may select Drama as one of their three option choices. Year 9 options are popular with pupils; all pupils choose an arts subject as part of their options – one of Art, Dance, Drama and Graphics; we encourage pupils to choose a technology subject too in Year 9.

Music is part of the core curriculum that all pupils study for an hour per week.

In Years 10 and 11 pupils may choose Drama as one of their GCSE subjects. There are normally three or four classes of Drama. Over the two-years of the GCSE course pupils have on average four and a half hours per two-week cycle. In the sixth form, each 'A'-level block is allocated nine hours per two-week timetable cycle along with a further double study period.

There are currently two teachers in the Drama Department - one of whom is the SENDCo - who teaches a limited number of lessons and the other is Subject Leader. If the person appointed to this position

is an NQT the teacher's timetable will be almost exclusively Drama teaching. If a teacher, other than an NQT is appointed the ability to offer a small number of lessons in another subject would be helpful.

We already know that we will need some additional periods in the following subjects: Music, Dance, Art, Media amongst others.

Our Arts teachers work closely together supporting each other in many different projects the Trust participates in. Therefore, we are looking for a really enthusiastic Drama specialist to join an amazingly, dedicated and committed team of Arts teachers who make a real difference to the lives of the young people they teach. Some of our most outstanding staff teach in the Arts area. The successful candidate will be joining a superb team and get lots of support.

The Arts transform children's lives; our Arts team is committed to offering a wide range of enrichment activities for all children; we would want our new appointment to share that commitment, energy and zeal. Our enrichment curriculum includes working with partners locally and further afield including links with European schools as well as internal Trust productions.

If you would like any further information on our Drama Department or arrange a visit, please send an email [recruitment@wootton.beds.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@wootton.beds.sch.uk).