Head of Drama

The School

Haberdashers' Adams is a selective state grammar school with academy status situated in the small market town of Newport in rural Shropshire. It is a boy's school with co-educational Sixth Form, although it will become co-educational in Year 7 from September 2024. There are five forms of entry and currently about 1050 pupils on roll; approximately 100 of these are boarders. The Sixth Form has about 370 students of whom about 120 are girls.

Following a recent resignation in the English and Drama Department, we are taking the opportunity to create a new, separate Drama Department from 1st January 2024 and are now recruiting for our inaugural Head of Drama.

Drama at Haberdasher's Adams

The School introduced drama teaching into Year 9 in September 2017 and started teaching GCSE Drama in September 2018. AS-level Drama was introduced in September 2021. Up to now, these courses have been run by our Head of English and Drama. However, with the growth of the school from four forms of entry to five forms of entry over the last three years, and with the introduction of new courses, we have decided that the time is now right to create a new, separate Drama Department. This postholder will therefore be responsible for both the curricular Drama Courses and for Extracurricular Drama, while liaising closely with the Head of English.

Drama is timetabled for one hour per week for Year 9 students, and we run one GCSE set in Years 10 and 11 which follows the Pearson *GCSE (9 - 1) Drama (1DR0)* specification. In the Sixth Form, we have one Lower Sixth set studying AS-level Drama and following the WJEC Eduqas *GCE AS in Drama and Theatre* course.

In addition to curricular drama, there is a considerable amount of extracurricular drama at this School: there are large-scale, and small-scale annual drama productions, a day off timetable in November for an annual English, Drama and Dance day (the "Dixon Cup"), and a range of other activities including theatre trips.

Drama teaching staff will consist of this new postholder and selected member(s) of the English department.

The postholder will mostly teach Drama, but they will also teach some English, including an English set in both Years 10 and 11. The English department consists of six full-time and part-time members of staff. All pupils are taught and examined in AQA English Language and English Literature GCSE. Students are taught in forms for Years 7-9 and in seven mixed-ability sets in Years 10-11. English Literature is taught to one set at A-level. Teaching is currently delivered in the main English block and Drama is taught in a specialist performance space.

The Candidate

The School is looking to recruit an outstanding Teacher of Drama and English to join its dynamic team. Candidates must have significant experience of teaching drama to GCSE and AS-level, as well as experience of teaching English Language and English Literature to GCSE level. We are looking for a candidate who can teach effectively, lead the Drama Department, and further develop the extracurricular drama activities at this school, including running an annual senior drama club production.

Job description and person specification

Please see the attached job description and person specification that apply to all main scale teaching posts at Haberdashers' Adams.