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OPPORTUNITIES AT IPSWICH SCHOOL

Teacher of Drama

Job Title: Teacher of Drama

Location: Ipswich School, East of England

Salary: Competitive

Contract: Part time, 0.5FTE

Start Date: September 2025

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ABOUT IPSWICH SCHOOL

Ipswich School is a prestigious independent school located in the heart of Ipswich, Suffolk, providing a world-class education to children from 3 months - 18 years.

We are seeking to appoint a subject specialist, with a full, secondary school teaching qualification to join the highly successful Drama Department at Ipswich School. The role involves the delivery of stimulating and challenging lessons to pupils ranging from Year 7 to Year 13, as well as full involvement in all co-curricular areas of the subject. We anticipate the role to be a 3 day per week commitment during term time which will include some after school/evenings during production time. There are also very occasional holiday/weekend commitments.



The Person



KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The vacancy has arisen as the current member of staff moves onto a new Head of Department role in a local school.

The ability to teach A Level Drama and Theatre Studies is important, although there will be an expectation to teach across the age range. The vacancy is for 0.5FTE.

You will be expected to contribute towards the department by directing school productions and having full involvement in a department where close teamwork is vital. We are therefore very keen to appoint someone who can demonstrate the following:

- Excellent and profound knowledge and love of the subject, particularly with regard to the Edexcel A Level syllabus.
- A capacity to deliver high quality, dynamic and diverse drama lessons across Key Stages 3-5, which meet the needs of all pupils.
- A commitment to supporting pupils' endeavour to fulfill their potential.
- An ability to be part of an effective team, with a willingness to share good practice and continue learning from others.
- Outstanding interpersonal skills, in particular the capacity to communicate effectively with pupils, parents and colleagues.
- A passion for Drama, both as an academic subject and as a co-curricular activity that is enjoyed by many of our students.
- Participation in the provision of clubs that fall under Drama, with an ability to produce and direct performances to a high standard.
- Contributing towards the department's vision for future development, building on the already successful foundations established.



Drama at Ipswich School

The Department

At Ipswich School, Drama is taught by two department teachers: one Full-Time and one Part-Time. In addition, over one hundred pupils are involved in the Lamda Speech and Drama programme, and this is taught by a visiting tutor with great success and pupil interest. The School is fortunate to have a part time Wardrobe and Costume Lead who has a keen interest and experience in theatre, as well as support from a part-time administrative assistant. The technical aspects of theatre are taught during afternoon activities to a keen group of students. Alongside this a high quality external production team assists in the running of our productions which attract high pupil participation levels. Any experience in this area will be a fantastic addition to the department.

Our pupils

Staff new to the school invariably note that Ipswich School pupils are responsive, motivated and a pleasure to teach. It is possible, therefore, to be imaginative and bold when planning and delivering lessons and productions; this is one of the many benefits of teaching in a school where pupils enjoy a very positive and good-humoured relationship with staff and, consequently, where learning flourishes.

The curriculum

Lower School

In Years 7 and 8 pupils are taught in their mixed ability forms. All Lower School pupils will receive 3x40 minute periods of Drama per fortnight. Schemes of work are developed to teach a combination of skills, literacy, text and issue based drama. Current projects include: Blood Brothers, Grimm Fairy Tales and Shadow puppetry, Richard III, Commedia d'ell Arte, Greek Theatre and Devising.

Drama in Year 9 is a new venture and is evolving. It builds skills in preparation for GCSE study. Students receive 8x40 minute lessons per fortnight with a combination of single and double periods. Areas of study include Devising and script work on various texts including DNA. This year's full class production was a promenade performance of The It.



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GCSE

We teach the Edexcel syllabus for GCSE and usually have 10-20 pupils opting to study Drama each year. They receive 7x40 minute lessons per fortnight with a combination of single and double periods. Assessments take place during year 10 and 11.

Sixth Form

The School is proud of its growth at A Level, achieving 100% A*-B every year since its implementation in 2015. We currently follow the Edexcel course and the students are passionate and responsive about all areas of the course. They also look forward to performing in a Sixth Form Play every other year.

Community Service Drama

The Community Service Drama group is part of the Thursday afternoon activities programme. Pupils create drama to tour residential care homes, hospitals, special needs schools and primary schools. Over the last two years they have re-created a version of Alice in Wonderland and devised a play based on workshops run with local primary schools.

Resources

There are superb facilities, including a 300-seater auditorium with permanent stage and a 100-seater auditorium with good sound and lighting facilities. Both offer flexibility of layout and, if required, tiered seating. There is a comprehensive costume and prop store. The main Drama teaching room is located next to the larger performance spaces, and has recently been converted into a Black Box studio with fully integrated sound and light systems. There is an additional classroom teaching space with breakout room on the corridor above for theory work. We have access to, and are ably supported by, the School's impressive Library which stocks an exceptional range of support and related material. In addition, we maintain our own bank of current texts and DVDs. The School's ICT facilities are superb and teachers are able to book classes into one of the four computer suites. We are keen to enhance and promote our subject by use of online and social media resources and have recently set up a Department Twitter account @ipswichdrama.



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School Productions and Co Curricular

We are very keen to encourage and foster pupils' cultural awareness and organise trips to local and national theatres to see a range of plays. We liaise closely with the English Department on this and many other aspects of the crossover between subjects.

Ipswich School has a strong record of involving large numbers of pupils in performance. There is a mix of small and large scale productions each year which involve a variety of year groups, a highlight being the biennial collaboration with the Music department. A glance at the programmes for the last four years gives an idea of the range of productions:

2024/25

Nora: A Doll's House

The It (upcoming)

Wendy & Peter Pan (upcoming)

Drama Sharing Evening

2023/24

Return to the Forbidden Planet

The Mobile Phone Show

The Boy Who Fell Into A Book

Drama Sharing Evening

2022/23

The Welkin

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Are We Good Enough- NT Connections

The Terrible Infants

Drama Sharing Evening

General Information



- As the September 2022 report by ISI Inspectors confirmed, Ipswich School has a fine record of academic success, which is placed within the context of an extensive range of activities outside the classroom. The School operates a five-day week, with representative sports on Saturdays. Games, CCF, Community Service and a variety of other activities take place on Thursday afternoons. All who teach at the School make some contribution to school life outside their own specialisation, as well as to our programme of pastoral support.
- The School is fully co-educational and, with its own Preparatory School and Day Nursery, caters for pupils from 3 months to 18 years.
- The School has a salary scale which mirrors but is more generous than that of the maintained sector. There is generous remission of fees for children (aged 5 and above) of teaching staff providing there are vacancies and the children fulfil the usual entry requirements. Free lunch is provided during term time when the School kitchen is in operation. We have free on-site parking for staff and we are located within easy walking distance of Ipswich town centre.
- The School takes seriously its responsibility to provide opportunities for continued professional development. The Government-accredited Induction Scheme for Early Career Teachers is available in independent schools and at Ipswich School we have a very well structured programme of support and guidance. All new teachers receive induction and guidance from the Senior Deputy Head (Academic and Co-curricular) and other senior colleagues, in particular Heads of Department.
- In addition to internally organised staff training, teachers at Ipswich School are encouraged to attend courses and conferences which will further their expertise and career.
- Ipswich is the county town of Suffolk, with nearly 150,000 inhabitants. The town has a lively theatre, a renowned football club, a multiplex cinema and a film theatre, a strong musical life, and clubs and societies catering for many sporting and cultural interests. In the summer the Aldeburgh Festival enriches the musical life of the area. Road and rail links to London, Cambridge, the Midlands and the North are excellent, with Liverpool Street being just over an hour away. Also within easy reach are many attractive and historic small towns and villages. The coastline is a special feature, offering large unspoilt areas of beach and estuary for recreation.

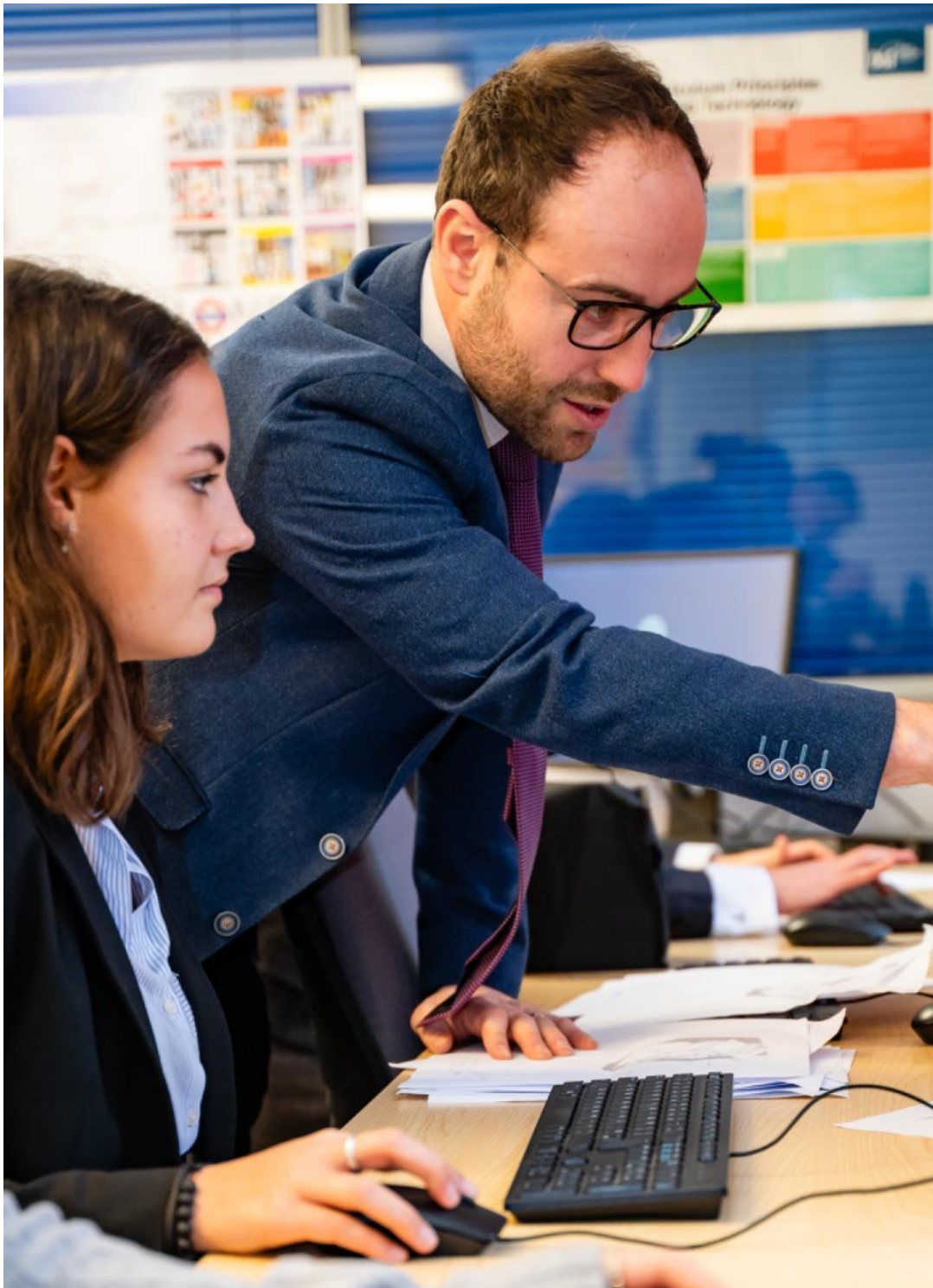


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“Working at Ipswich School has enabled me to grow and develop both personally and professionally. I’ve been able to learn new skills, gain new qualifications and reach my full potential within my role.”

CURRENT MEMBER OF STAFF





Applications and Interviews

- Application forms can be downloaded from www.ipswich.school/vacancies or by emailing hr@ipswich.school or calling 01473 408300.
- Please advise us of any special requirements you may have if you are called for interview. If your special requirements mean that you need to submit this application in a different format please contact us.
- Completed application forms, with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees, should be emailed to hr@ipswich.school to arrive by noon on **Thursday 8 May 2025**.
- Interviews will take place in School in the week commencing **Wednesday 14 May 2025**.



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HOW TO APPLY

Ipswich School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.

Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The Ipswich School Policy on the recruitment of ex offenders and the Code of Practice relating to the Disclosure and Barring Service are available on request.



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