



Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School

**Teacher of Drama (part time)**

Information for Applicants

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### General Information

We are a mixed grammar school with 1200 students, the overwhelming majority of whom are well motivated, hard working, committed learners. Our examination results have improved steadily over the past five years (from 45% A-A\* to 64% at GCSE and from 50% A\* -B to 77% at A level). We seek an enthusiastic and dynamic person to lead the teaching of drama within our outstanding performing arts faculty. In addition to enjoying classroom teaching, the successful candidate will be well organised, enthusiastic and well motivated, as well as able to communicate effectively with others.

Our most recent Ofsted graded as outstanding in every respect – the first time that the school has received this judgement. We were excited by that but are still keen to carry on improving and are building networks with other schools that we feel we can learn from. The school is growing in popularity. This year we are having two building projects to provide extra accommodation and have we are increasing our admission number.

Our focus in recent years has been very much on improving examination results but we are fortunate that large numbers of staff and senior students give up their time to run extra-curricular activities. We run a "Freshers Fair" at the start of each year where all lunchtime and after school activities are promoted to new students. This year we had over seventy clubs and activities attending the fair.

The appointee will be joining a successful school with a distinctive ethos. Being mixed and selective is relatively unusual in the current climate, and so this post offers a rare opportunity to join a staff team committed to excellence and high academic standards in a supportive environment. Pupils of both sexes work hard and are positive about their studies, while enjoying a natural working atmosphere in which civilised and thoughtful behaviour is the norm.

We are looking for:

- A well-qualified graduate with a love of the subject and a determination to support every student in achieving his/her best.
- A teacher capable of teaching throughout the age range.
- A person with an interest in applications of ICT, target-setting and value-added analysis within the teaching of drama
- Someone capable of working effectively within a large team, co-operating in the construction and sharing of resources.

### The drama department

The drama department sits within our performing arts faculty. There are currently seven other members of the team who work closely together to promote

performing arts throughout the school, including full time administrator and a full time theatre technician.

Drama is a high status and popular subject for both GCSE and A Level. We also offer theatre studies as part of our International Baccalaureate Diploma programme. The school is fully committed to the value of arts education.

A Level results in drama are strong with 100% of students achieving A\*-B in the most recent public examinations. At GCSE two groups follow WJEC EDUQAS Drama and at Key Stage 3, pupils are taught in tutor groups and have one lesson of Drama each week.

The performing arts faculty is very well resourced and keeps up to date with developments in drama teaching, including the use of ICT. The faculty frequently performs at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, with more than 1,000 audience members enjoying high quality productions in this professional venue.

The drama department is housed in the purpose built and state of the art Performing Arts building. The department comprises of a large studio with lighting rig, sound system, heated floor and retractable, raked seating. The building also contains three dance studios, some small music practice rooms, an IT suite and two music classrooms.

During the academic year, it is the Performing Arts faculty's aim to put on at least one production for pupils of all years to be involved in. Every other year we produce a large musical show (Phantom of the Opera, the Wizard of Oz are two recent productions) where staff from all three disciplines collaborate to create a public performance. In alternate years we produce a drama piece. (Benjamin Zephaniah's "The Face" was our most recent play.) The productions are very well supported by parents, staff and governors.

We aim to inspire our pupils with a wide range of strategies and activities, both curricular and extracurricular, to stimulate an interest in drama. The successful candidate will have a love of Drama and an interest in development of the subject. In addition to enjoying classroom teaching, he / she will be well organised, enthusiastic and well-motivated, as well as able to communicate effectively and lead others.

If you wish to apply for the post then please complete the enclosed application form to Mr Stephen Box, Headteacher at Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Oxford Road, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP21 8PE by 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017.