



TEACHER OF DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

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Be part of a challenging and exciting learning environment, within lessons and beyond.

We are looking for a passionate and dedicated Teacher of Drama and Theatre Studies who has the expertise, enthusiasm and energy to join an already successful department.

As a Teacher of Drama and Theatre Studies, your teaching excellence, dedication to your subject and commitment to diversity and inclusivity are your most valuable qualities. You will have the skills required to teach Year 9 through to A Level. You will be a part of a dynamic and industrious department and will contribute to the smooth running and creative flourishing of the subject across the school. **In addition to teaching Theatre Studies, you will also support with teaching in another area of the academic curriculum.**

Reporting to the Head of Theatre Studies, you will promote the smooth interweaving of drama both inside and outside of the classroom.

As an avid theatre goer and passionate director, you will contribute to the co-curricular programme by supervising theatre visits, assisting with the theatre society and directing house or school plays outside of lessons.

Eton has an excellent reputation for drama. Every year, over 200 students will appear in productions as well as assist back stage. Often this number is far higher.

We are an equal opportunities employer and are seeking applications from suitably qualified candidates from all backgrounds. There is no 'typical' Eton teacher; we value individuality, difference, teamwork and the contribution everyone makes to the life of the school.

The depth of experience and expertise within our Drama department means that we are equally as comfortable in developing and supporting recent graduates or new entrants to the profession as we are in welcoming more experienced teaching colleagues to the team.

THEATRE STUDIES AT ETON

We believe in an enriching curriculum that is a source of pleasure, where pupils seek academic excellence for its own sake, within and beyond the classroom.

The drama department is led by the Director of Drama and, in addition to this role, consists of the Head of Theatre Studies and one part time teacher. It is supported by a professional theatre team. The school has a large, purpose built theatre as well as two studio spaces and a rehearsal room.

In Year 9 every pupil studies drama on a 'carousel' rotation alongside other creative subjects before making their GCSE choices. We currently have two classes in each of Y10 and 11 at GCSE level and one class in each of Y12 and 13 at A Level.

A handful of pupils often go on to study drama at university. The department currently follows the AQA GCSE specification and the Edexcel A level qualification.

Classroom learning is enhanced by participation in the theatre society and involvement in the wide range of drama opportunities on a co-curricular level, including school plays and house plays directed by members of the teaching staff and independent plays produced and directed solely by pupils.

There are two whole school plays each year and one play for Years 9 and 10 only. In any given school year, there are approximately twenty productions in total. The school also regularly holds its own play festival, showcasing new writing by pupils and teachers.

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QUICK FACTS

- Three different theatre spaces, staffed by professional theatre practitioners
- High profile and respected subject within the school
- Approximately 20 productions every year
- Two whole school plays and numerous other productions are performed annually
- GCSE and A level classes

At the heart of the school is a talented, motivated and happy body of staff with a shared vision and ethos, who have a voice in defining that vision and ethos and feel genuinely valued for what they do.

SIMON HENDERSON | HEAD MASTER



The school has a generous salary scale and benefits of service, including:

- *Teachers' Pension Scheme*
- *Bike-to-work scheme*
- *Counselling and legal advice services*
- *Eyecare plan*
- *Free use of sports and leisure facilities, including: 25m indoor swimming pool, gym, tennis courts, squash courts and Dorney Rowing Lake*
- *Discount at local shops and amenities*
- *Subsidised Masters' Common Room*

We believe that all our staff deserve the fullest support in achieving their own potential and unlocking that of their students.

LIVING IN ETON

All members of our community are encouraged to participate fully in the life of the school and to enjoy the beautiful grounds and facilities. Windsor is just across the river, with a tangle of pretty lanes, chic shopping streets, green spaces, an ancient castle and picturesque tea shops. There is plenty to see and do. Windsor hosts the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world as well as one of Britain's oldest and most prestigious repertory theatres. 20 miles of beautiful and historic waterway meanders through the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, leaving historic villages and iconic attractions waiting to be discovered, such as the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham, Windsor Guildhall, Maidenhead Heritage Centre and LEGOLAND Windsor. Central London is also easily accessible by rail or motorway.

THE ETON COMMUNITY

There is enormous collegiality at the school. As one new teacher said: "This is my fourth school and I've never been made to feel so welcome". Colleagues are genuinely interested in the scholarship of their subject and enjoy a level of autonomy in their teaching that allows them to develop their own effective style.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our staff are at the heart of our success. We have developed a strong culture of collaboration and best practice, with professional development and career planning at its centre. We invest in our staff with support, coaching, mentoring, and a wide range of top-quality training programmes delivered at every level, from new entrants to the profession to senior leadership.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

In addition to the opportunities for career progression, training and development, we also offer an excellent remuneration and benefits package. Our starting salary guide is £39,798- £50,244, depending on experience. Free accommodation is a very substantial benefit enjoyed by our teaching staff. They also have free use of our sports and leisure facilities which are currently being extensively upgraded.

ACCOMMODATION

Many of our teaching staff are accommodated in flats and houses around Eton. Accommodation is provided free of rent, buildings insurance, and general maintenance costs.

The Eton College of the 21st century is focused on the future while valuing its heritage.

ACCESS

Eton has made places available free of charge since its foundation in 1440 and we remain committed to making an Eton education accessible to talented students from all backgrounds. We offer over £8,000,000 annually in means-tested fee remission as part of our financial aid projects, with 90 students currently attending Eton on free places. For pupils in receipt of 100% bursaries, attending the school can be a life-changing opportunity. We work with specialist organisations such as Royal SpringBoard to provide these transformative experiences.

INNOVATION

Today's school is a forward-thinking and increasingly diverse community. We are always seeking to work at the forefront of developments in teaching and learning. The Tony Little Centre for Innovation and Research in Learning (CIRL) is a dedicated centre that allows the school to work alongside partners to explore the latest pedagogical research findings and new technologies and to conduct research projects.

PARTNERSHIP

We work with numerous state schools on activities of mutual benefit as part of the 'Eton Connect' programme, with a particular focus on our enriching partnerships with Holyport College, the London Academy of Excellence, the Thames Valley Learning Partnership and Star Academies. We have a growing catalogue of online EtonX selfstudy courses which cover a wide variety of areas including leadership skills, university preparation, career education, and the academic curriculum. These courses are used internally as well as made available for free to pupils and teachers at partner schools and the broader UK state sector.

Our partnership programme encompasses a wide range of activities, including; teaching provision, sharing sports facilities with local schools and community groups, student mentoring in numeracy and literacy, a Summer School programme, an annual Community Fair fund-raising for charities, and voluntary service in the local community. We encourage all our people – students and staff alike - to engage actively with service to their local communities.



CIRL FACTS

- Full-time Head of Research and Impact
- Full-time Head of Digital Teaching and Learning
- Observation classroom and self-observation tools
- Creative and flexible teaching spaces
- Innovative educational technology
- Publishes Eton Journal for Innovation and Research in Education
- Staff and pupil-led research projects

Eton's willingness to innovate and evolve is a tradition which has seen the school thrive for almost six centuries.



"When a boy leaves Eton, he will have experience of academic, sporting, dramatic, artistic, musical and, perhaps most importantly, personal growth to look back on."

DEPUTY HEAD (PASTORAL)

We believe that our pupils learn as much, if not more, outside the classroom as within it.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The school was founded by Henry VI in 1440, and is today the largest boys' boarding school in the UK. In keeping with the charitable intentions of our founder, we welcome pupils from all backgrounds. This year, pupils joined us from over 120 different schools from across the country. Around 10% of pupils come from overseas.

The school provides outstanding pastoral care for its pupils. Eton is a 24/7 boarding school with 25 boarding houses, each home to around 55 pupils aged 13-18. The houses are the heart of life at Eton. Each house is run by a dedicated team, including a House Master and 'Dame' who live on-site, and a team of support staff. Each house also has a Deputy House Master and two assistants attached to it. Together, they help to ensure that every pupil gets the best out of their time at Eton.

Pupils are also tutored in small groups by a dedicated Tutor, who meets with them regularly, thus ensuring that at least two adults have oversight of each pupil's academic progress and welfare.

THE CO-CURRICULUM

Individual development and personal achievement are as important as academic results. Our diverse and busy co-curricular programme enables pupils to identify and develop skills and strengths outside the classroom, through a wide variety of activities including sports, societies, outdoor education, arts, music and theatre. We are able to deliver this range of experiences and opportunities, because of the skills, experience, and commitment of our teaching staff.

While music and art are delivered by specialist practitioners, there is tremendous scope for our teaching staff to contribute to our vibrant co-curriculum.

Life at Eton is rich, varied, exciting, challenging and immensely rewarding – for pupils and staff alike.

SPORT

Sport is central to Eton's curriculum, not just because pupils enjoy it, but because it helps to develop many of the qualities in which the school believes. Opportunity is key: pupils play for school teams and in house competitions for all major sports including football, rugby, hockey and cricket, and a broad array of other sports such as fencing, squash, rackets, martial arts and water polo are available. Every pupil is offered a full sporting programme and almost all members of the teaching staff are involved in delivering sport in some form or other.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Outdoor education provides opportunities to develop practical skills and offers physical and mental challenges that encourage problem solving, resilience and teamwork. We offer a variety of activities, including mountaineering, climbing, kayaking, channel swimming, and the CCF. The latter is the first continuous school corps of its kind, and is run by a dedicated team of former officers as well as teaching staff, support staff and volunteers.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Often run by students but with the support of teaching staff, there are around 90 clubs and societies. These encompass a wide range of interests and inclusion forums: LGBTQ,

Feminism, Disability and Accessibility Awareness, African and Caribbean, Debating, Model UN to name a few. Pupils also have the opportunity to hear world class speakers - from activists and explorers to sports persons and television personalities, as well as experts in all sorts of academic and professional fields.

MUSIC

Music thrives at Eton and many pupils join an orchestra, ensemble, choir or rock band. There are currently 122 Music Scholars and Exhibitioners and more than 1,000 music lessons are taught each week by Visiting Music Teachers.

ART

Our Drawing Schools have facilities for painting, drawing, printmaking, computer graphics and digital photography. There are also two purpose-built 3D studios that have facilities for ceramics and sculpture in wood, metal and plaster.



"We care about the individual and pride ourselves on the warmth of a community in which all our pupils feel valued. "

SIMON HENDERSON,
HEAD MASTER

CANDIDATES

We value individuality, difference, teamwork and the contribution everyone makes to the life of the school.

ABOUT YOU

You will:

- be an inspiring teacher and a passionate advocate for your subject;
- **be able to teach a second subject, in addition to Theatre Studies;**
- be able to communicate with, enthuse and motivate young people;
- be excited to join a high-achieving and reflective academic culture;
- have an outstanding record of academic engagement and achievement;
- share Eton's holistic vision of education and be excited to contribute whole-heartedly to the co-curricular and pastoral aspects of boarding school life;
- be committed to your own professional development;
- embrace developments and innovations in teaching and learning and be open to a range of approaches in your professional practice.

SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- A honours degree (ideally 2:1 or above) and/or a further degree in a directly related subject;
- A teaching qualification is desirable but not essential;
- Demonstrable subject knowledge to deliver engaging, imaginative and varied lessons across the age and ability range of students at the school;
- A solid understanding of, and commitment to working within the principles of equality, diversity and inclusion;
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to build relationships and collaborate with a wide range of people;
- Highly motivated and can work independently as well as within wider teams;
- Demonstrable interest in the welfare and pastoral well-being of young people;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- A positive attitude, an optimistic approach to change and development, a balanced sense of perspective and a good sense of humour.

We believe in equal opportunity for everyone, irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation or socio-economic background.

ABOUT THE ROLE

We are looking for candidates who will bring new perspectives and skills to enrich the learning of our students inside and outside the classroom.

ACADEMIC

You will:

- teach across the age and ability range, accommodating the most able, and those who find the subject challenging;
- ensure the best possible academic outcomes, by planning, preparing and delivering well-structured, and creative lessons which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils;
- assess, mark, record and report on the development and progress of pupils in line with the school's assessment and reporting processes, ensuring challenging goals are set and achieved;
- provide timely, detailed and supportive feedback to pupils;
- ensure your subject knowledge and skills as a teacher are up-to-date;
- cover lessons when required;
- contribute more widely to the department through, for example, enrichment activities, administering internal examinations, interventions to support individuals or groups of pupils or partnership activities;
- be expected to teach non-examined curricular subjects, including SPHERE (the College's PSHE programme);
- seek to develop your own professional practice in conjunction with your Head of Department;
- attend parents' meetings as required;
- carry out administrative and other functions related to the smooth running of the department.
- be available to rehearse in the evenings and on Sunday afternoons in the lead up to practical exams, and when directing co-curricular productions.

CO-CURRICULAR

You will:

- contribute to the co-curricular life of the school as agreed with your Head of Department. This will include personally directing up to two productions per year;
- assist students in charge of the Theatre society in organising events;
- accompany students on visits away from the school, subject to risk assessment;
- support other members of staff with co-curricular productions and events;
- actively contribute to the staff duty rota, by eg: exam invigilating and supervising meal times;
- contribute to the school's wider social programme, including workshops, seminars, chapel services, competitions, trips, open days, and so on.

PASTORAL

You will:

- be committed to the safeguarding of all young people;
- manage pupil behaviour to ensure a positive and safe learning environment;
- treat pupils with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect and observing boundaries appropriate to a teacher's professional position;
- tutor up to twelve pupils (typically in groups of 6), taking an interest in their academic progress and well-being;
- assist on a regular basis in a boarding house, supporting the House Master and getting to know the pupils.

We are dedicated to creating and sustaining an environment that values individuality and difference and celebrates the diversity of both staff and pupils by fostering perseverance, tolerance and integrity.

This list is not exhaustive and is subject to change. The successful candidate will be expected to fulfil any reasonable request made by the Head Master or their Head of Department.

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YOUR APPLICATION

To discuss the role, please contact the Head of Theatre Studies, Miss Holly Hale
h.hale@etoncollege.org.uk

We are looking for outstanding individuals who can bring new life experiences and skills that will inspire and motivate our community. We believe in collaboration, encouraging innovation and sharing best practice to offer a transformative education to all our pupils. If you share our holistic vision of education and are keen to embrace the challenges and rewards of life in a full-boarding school, we'd love to hear from you.

Please apply online at jobsearch.etoncollege.com.

Please ensure that you fill out your personal details, career history and reference details in full as part of your online candidate profile, in addition to completing the application form for the post in its entirety.

We will also require the names and contact details of two referees, at least one of whom is a current employer. You must ensure your referees can provide references shortly after you apply for this role. We cannot accept testimonials.

Closing date for applications: Thursday 4th May 2023

First stage zoom Interviews: Week commencing 8th May 2023

Interviews: Tuesday 16th May &
Wednesday 17th May 2023

Start date in post: January 2024

Eton College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including, but not limited to, reference checks with past employers, an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (including Barred List information), an online search and, where applicable, Prohibition checks. If you are successful in your application, you will be required to complete a DBS Disclosure Application Form. Any information disclosed will be handled in accordance with any guidance and/or Code of Practice published by the DBS. The College is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore all convictions, cautions, reprimands and final warnings (including those which would normally be considered as "spent" under the Act) must be declared, subject to the DBS filtering rules. It is a criminal offence for any person who is barred from working with children to attempt to apply for a position at the College.

If you have any queries about the application process or any problem with submitting your application online, the Recruitment Team will be happy to help. Should you require any reasonable adjustments to be made or facilities provided to enable you to apply online, please do not hesitate to contact us on recruitment@etoncollege.org.uk so we can make adjustments accordingly.