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FOREST HILL SCHOOL

Dacres Road, London SE23 2XN

Boys 11-16, Mixed 16-18

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Lead Teacher of Drama & Dance

Permanent / Full or part time contract available

Start Date: April / September 2024

Salary Range: MPS-UPS £36,745 to £56,959 (inner London) + TLR2A (£3,214)

"...This combination of academic achievement, strong pastoral care and wider personal development means that pupils are well prepared for the next steps in their education or training."

Ofsted Report, January 2024

Forest Hill School is a thriving and aspirational comprehensive school in south-east London, rated 'Good' by Ofsted in January 2024. We provide high-quality education to boys aged 11-18 and we are a community that is wholly reflective of this district of London, teaching pupils from all backgrounds and of all abilities. We also have a highly successful joint Sixth Form provision (SFH6) with Sydenham School for male and female students.

A broad and comprehensive curriculum is taught in modern facilities by dedicated teaching staff who are passionate about their subjects and are experts in educating and inspiring pupils to achieve excellence.

Drama is a very popular subject at KS3, with a track record of attracting healthy numbers of students to the AQA GCSE course in KS4. There is then the potential for students to take their study of Drama further in SFH6. The well-resourced department which sits within the Expressive Arts Faculty, which adds significantly to our broad and balanced curriculum.

We are seeking to recruit an experienced teacher of Drama, who will be responsible for developing and delivering the curriculum at key stage 3 and key stage 4. Classroom practice should include using a variety of teaching methods such as play readings, demonstrations, role-play, performances and discussions, producing plays and sometimes recordings and videos, using a range of materials including music and audio-visual aids. The ideal candidate will be organising and directing drama activities and encouraging self-expression in pupils.

Additionally, we are looking for someone who can further develop our extra-curricular Drama offer for students. This will include the establishment of opportunities for students to participate in school performances and to work with external organisations such as theatres.

Our ideal candidate is

- An enthusiastic Drama teacher, with proven leadership skills, who is qualified to teach up to Post 16
- An outstanding teacher who combines a range of innovative teaching strategies with excellent relationships with young people
- A team player who works well with others and is dedicated to the success of their students
- Someone who looks for ways to improve themselves and the school and is not afraid of taking responsibility beyond their classroom

We will offer

- The opportunity to work in an established and experienced school which challenges the stereotypes of underachieving boys in inner city London
- A personalised CPD programme that offers a range of opportunities to broaden your pedagogical experience and which seeks to support you in developing yourself for future leadership roles
- Modern, state of the art facilities, including staff laptops, brand new interactive whiteboards, visualisers and the use of excellent ICT facilities with the students

"...The school makes sure that staff have access to high-quality training and development. This includes teachers new to the profession, who are very well supported."

Ofsted Report, January 2024

Please visit our website at <https://foresthill.lewisham.sch.uk/> to make direct online applications, which must be returned to vacancies@foresthillschool.co.uk

Note: we do not accept CVs and all applications must be submitted on the Lewisham Teachers Application Form which is available on the School Website.

Informal visits are welcome and should be arranged directly with Mrs Brown, the Headteachers PA.

Closing date for applications is 12noon on the 17th April 2024 with interviews scheduled for the following week. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be notified and that the interview process will include lesson observation.

Safeguarding Statement

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

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974) and is subject to an Enhanced CRB Disclosure.

Equal Opportunities Statement

Forest Hill School is an equal opportunities employer. We welcome applications from all members of the community, regardless of gender, age, marital status, disability, ethnicity, religion, belief or sexual orientation.