



## Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys Drama and Theatre Studies Department

The Drama and Theatre Studies Department is seeking a third, well-qualified graduate and highly motivated drama specialist to join us in delivering and developing the curriculum and a diverse extra-curricular programme. The Langton is a high achieving school which has 600 boys in the lower school and 500 students in our very popular mixed Sixth Form.

The Department is run from the well-equipped, purpose built drama studio which is housed in the A Block alongside our excellent Art Department. This modern building is also ideal for after school rehearsals, examination presentations and for running a wide range of smaller performance events. Larger scale projects are presented either in the School Hall which has a lighting rig and sound equipment or in the outdoor amphitheatre. A professional theatre technician supports the school on a freelance basis.

Drama and Theatre Studies is taught at each Key Stage. All students at KS3 receive an hour a week in smaller class groups of around 23 students. The Department runs both the AQA GCSE Drama and A Level Drama and Theatre Studies courses and there is currently one class per year. Results are good with outstanding success in the practical performance units. Each year several students attain places at Drama Schools, Dance Schools or at Universities to study Drama. Theatre visits are run in curriculum time and in the evenings. They are popular with students and we are fortunate to have both The Gulbenkian Theatre and The Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury as well as opportunities to visit Margate Theatre Royal and the wide range of theatres in London, accessible to us by train and/ or coach.

Each year a different programme of extra-curricular projects are planned. This year included a senior school play, *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* and a cross-curricular European Theatre evening with the Languages Department. The Department encourages students to develop technical theatre skills and each year a number of student are entered for lighting, set, costume or sound design. The school is a centre for the Arts Award programme and extra-curricular LAMDA lessons are available to a number of pupils after school.

The post would suit a drama teacher who wishes to develop his/her career in an academically focused school with able and highly motivated students working across the whole age range. The Department is currently developing technical theatre design, dance opportunities and playwriting. An ability to contribute to any of these areas would be very welcome. The successful candidate will join a committed and highly qualified staff in a school which is fully supportive of the Arts.