

Bancroft's
Independent Co-educational Day School 7–18

Job pack for the position of

Teacher of Drama

(Maternity Cover)





Welcome from the Head

Thank you for your interest in joining our vibrant, friendly and purposeful Bancroft's School community. Whatever their role, all Bancroft's colleagues work in a spirit of shared endeavour to create the conditions for our pupils to enjoy their time at school, to be inspired and supported to do their best, and to be ready to thrive in their adult lives.

Bancroft's is a long-established 7-18 independent school with an excellent reputation for academic success within a holistic and nurturing educational framework. Highly regarded and much sought after in the local market, the School is financially robust with a clear and positive vision for the future. Though proud of our traditions, we are open-minded and imaginative in our approach to staff recruitment. We are especially keen to hear from applicants who would add to the ever-increasing diversity of our workforce.



On the teaching side we welcome colleagues from the state and independent sectors as well as those joining the profession as Early Career Teachers. Our teachers benefit from extensive professional development and enjoy working with bright, highly motivated pupils across the full range of academic, pastoral and co-curricular contexts and pursuits.

We recruit support staff from a wide range of professional backgrounds and are equally keen to consider candidates versed in the education sector as well as those who bring transferable experience and additional perspectives. Ongoing training of support staff is a high priority and we are proud to develop colleagues' skills during their careers with us.

Please look at our website and the information in this pack for a more detailed understanding of what a role at Bancroft's could offer you. I hope we have the opportunity to meet you at interview.

With best wishes

Alex Frazer

Alex Frazer
Head of Bancroft's



*Watch
our pupils
interview
Alex*

Our School *Values*



Balance



Kindness



Excellence



Curiosity



Integrity



Courage



BeingBancrofts



240
clubs and
activities

Co-Educational
Day School
founded in
1737



4 Houses *North
East
West
School*

250 Staff
Members

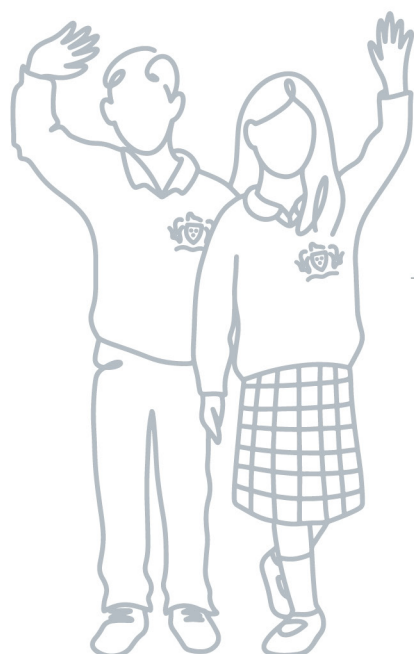
71%
of all **GCSE** papers graded
at **9-8** in
2025

A*-A
75% of **A Levels**
were graded
A*-A
in 2025

17
acres of
playing fields

511  **sports** fixtures
in 2024/2025

8200 
books borrowed from
the library in 2024/2025



Located on the border
of **London** and **Essex**
with direct access
to **Epping Forest**



1150
pupils aged between
7-18 who join at
7+, 11+ or 16+

95%
of our Year 9 pupils
participate in the
Duke of Edinburgh's Award



The *Department*

The Drama department at Bancroft's School is thriving, with increasing numbers of students taking it as an option throughout the year groups, culminating in A Level Theatre Studies. We have a flourishing co-curricular programme, including a House Performing Arts competition, weekly Junior Drama, two major productions per year for the Seniors and Juniors, alternating between plays and musicals, a playwriting club, and we support student-led productions throughout the year.

Currently, most lessons for Drama are taught in our Performing Arts Centre which is a large, flexible performance and rehearsal space with a sprung floor, split into two classrooms during the week. Each classroom has its own projector, connected to a computer with full sound and lighting capacities. This space is used for all our practical exams, enabling the students to perform in a range of audience configurations.

We have a theatre technician who oversees the tech in productions, runs tech clubs and teaches the exam classes the fundamentals of sound and lighting. We also make use of the Great Hall which has a proscenium arch stage and a lighting and sound desk, both for lessons and extra-curricular performance.





The *Person*

We are looking for an inspirational individual to teach drama in our highly successful Drama Department to cover a period of maternity leave. The successful candidate will be passionate about theatre in all its forms and be excited about joining a flourishing and ambitious department.

We take an academic approach to the subject and we would want our successful candidate to be able to stretch our high-ability cohort and, at Sixth Form level, prepare students to study Theatre Studies at Russell Group Universities. Instinctively professional, the candidate will join a thriving academic community committed to education in the broadest sense. The candidate will also be expected to fully commit to the co-curricular side of Bancroft's Drama, directing productions, taking theatre trips, and facilitating student-led projects.

The *Person*

Person Specification:

	Essential	Desirable
Education	Have a good honours degree in a relevant subject	QTS/PGCE
Experience	Experience of teaching Drama	Experience of teaching high ability students Experience of teaching Drama at A Level
Skills	The ability to develop and maintain good relationships with students and colleagues The ability to use IT appropriately to support teaching and learning Have a good understanding and awareness of safeguarding procedures Be willing to contribute to the co-curricular and pastoral life of the school Excellent communication skills	Commitment to ongoing professional development
Personal Qualities	Enthusiastic Confident Diligent Creative	

Key *Responsibilities*

Below is a summary of the key responsibilities of the Teacher of Drama (Maternity Cover).

- To deliver subject curriculum to pupils
- Teaching pupils through the School at Key Stages 3, 4 and 5, including examined groups at GCSE and A Level
- Marking, assessment and grading within the department, always setting the highest standards of personal organisation and administration
- Attending regular meetings of the department, both formal and informal, to discuss policy, teaching methods, approaches to the subject and the sharing of common problems and concerns
- Adhering to departmental policies and to meet School deadlines insofar as it applies to the department
- Contribute to the co-curricular life of the school by directing at least one production
- Engaging in ongoing professional learning

Responsibilities in relation to the pupils and to what is taught:

- Keeping abreast of developments in the subject, maintaining contacts with professional associations
- Participating in discussion, within the department, on the development of appropriate syllabuses and schemes of work at all levels
- Developing new teaching and learning resources and sharing them with pupils and colleagues
- Ensuring pupils are properly prepared for exams and entered for exams and overseeing course work
- Participating in the setting and marking of internal exams and determining appropriate grade boundaries thereafter
- Assisting with trips and other co-curricular activities in relation to the department
- Giving appropriate guidance to pupils who wish to study the subject at further levels
- Maintaining the image of the subject as an interesting and valuable one. Keeping learning environments stimulating and interesting

Key *Responsibilities*

Responsibilities in relation to the School:

- Carrying out School policy, including the School safety policy, in the context of the department
- Contributing to the co-curricular life of the school
- Communicating departmental matters to the Head of Department, discussing examination results and raising issues of concern
- Setting and marking entrance exams and interviewing where necessary
- Supporting the use of ICT within the department
- Presenting the department at Open Days etc. as the need arises and in prospectuses
- Ensuring that the facilities used by the department, including equipment and teaching areas, are maintained in an appropriate condition

All teachers are expected to contribute to our pupils' holistic development and the co-curricular life of the school, outside their timetabled day and beyond their curriculum subject. This may include events, training or rehearsals, for example, after school and at weekends, and running or staffing residential trips, as well as a standard expectation of regular clubs for both curriculum extension and the co-curriculum.



Working at Bancroft's

Bancroft's offers a generous benefits package, including:

 Competitive salaries	 Pension scheme options – TPS or our Defined Contribution Scheme	 Income Protection Insurance	 Death in Service Insurance
 Complimentary lunches	 Use of school gym and swimming pool	 Optional subsidised private health care	 Fee remission for children of staff members
 Friendly and welcoming common room , which organises regular social events	Location  Right next to Epping Forest which creates a peaceful and countryside feel whilst being so close to London and transport links. Closest Stations: Woodford (underground) Chingford (overground) Travel Options by Bus: 179 397 657 20		
 Outstanding support for ECTs	 Generous holiday allowance		
 Cycle to work scheme	Commitment to supporting ongoing professional development		

At Bancroft's, we believe that diverse teams are stronger teams and that the more inclusive we are, the more our staff and pupils will feel a sense of belonging. To enable us to make reasonable adjustments, please let us know of any physical or learning differences (including neurodivergence) when you submit your application.

In their *own words*...



Alice Grimwood

Teacher of Biology
and Junior Housemistress

Joined in 2012

"I love that I can teach much more than just Biology! My other loves have also found a home and I'm often up mountains either skiing or on gold Duke of Edinburgh."



Laura Mason

Second in Charge of English
and Head of Year (Sixth Form)

Joined in 2023

"Moving from a city 200 miles away for a relocation, I knew I had to find the right school where I would be happy as I settled into London life."



Ananthi
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Teacher of Chemistry

Joined in 2023

"Teaching here is progressive, collaborative, and forward-thinking, allowing me to hone my skills while being part of something exciting."



Nathan Bugg

Design and Technology Teacher

Joined in 2024

"I was at Bancroft's for my second PGCE placement. This was a very positive experience; I found all the staff to be open and supportive and students were engaged and keen to be challenged in their learning."

Hannah Nadasan-Mead



Teacher of Religious
Studies and Junior
Housemistress

Joined in 2016

"I feel valued at Bancroft's, and I appreciate that there does not seem to be a strong sense of hierarchy, rather the pursuit of shared goals across the staff and student body."



Tara Bird

Prep Class Teacher and
Head of PSHEE and RS

Joined in 2023

"Bancroft's Prep has a culture of acceptance and kindness. Everyone, children and staff, are considered and valued. I feel like that is what sets Bancroft's apart from other schools."



John Raw

Teacher of Biology

Joined in 2012

"I love the fantastic classroom environment - students and teachers alike have a genuine love for learning and this is reflected in the level of focus in lessons as well as the great discussions that occur both in and out of the classroom."



Daniel Siggins

Director of IT

Joined in 2011

"Bancroft's is a truly special place. The culture here is one of attentive professionalism, thoughtfully prioritising the needs of everyone in the community, while also finding joy in everything we do, even in the face of adversity."

In their *own words*...



Rachael Doogan
Head of Academic Drama
and Activities Co-Ordinator
Joined in 2022

"The culture is supportive, with strong foundations of listening and kindness. Teachers also have a lot of autonomy in the classroom which I haven't seen at other schools."



Tia
Leaver, 2024

"Not only does Bancroft's push you to be the best version of yourself academically, but it also helps to shape you as an all-rounder."



Alistair Whibley
Teacher of History, Head of Year,
and CPD Co-ordinator
Joined in 2021

"It is hard not to feel a sense of pride in being part of the Bancroft's community on a regular basis - watching performances, celebrating success, and witnessing acts of kindness."



Matthew
Leaver, 2024

"My journey at Bancroft's over the past eleven years has been nothing short of incredible. The school has consistently fostered my intellectual curiosity and provided a fertile ground for creativity across all my interests and passions."



Amanda Clark
Prep School Administration
Assistant and Lead First Aider
Joined in 2009

"The children are at the heart of everything I love about my role. Their curiosity, energy, and creativity bring so much life to the school. Each day is different, and their excitement for learning is infectious."



Cressida
Leaver, 2024

"The academic support I have received has enabled me to achieve more than what I believed I could, which I am so thankful to my teachers for."



Talk Education
2024

"Bancroft's pupils are an aspirational, hard-working bunch, with plenty aiming for and winning places at top universities including Oxbridge, UCL, LSE, Imperial College London, Durham, Bristol and Edinburgh."



The Good Schools Guide
2023

"A contemporary, forward-looking school, with traditions but without entitlement. Academic excellence a given, it is the opportunities offered outside the classroom which ultimately set Bancroftians up for life."

How to Apply

To apply for this position through **My New Term**, please submit a completed application form by following the link on the Vacancies Page.



Bancroft's School is an Equal Opportunities employer and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and expects all staff, contractors, Governors and volunteers to share this commitment.

Successful candidates will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

In line with KCSIE, Bancroft's will carry out online searches on shortlisted candidates as part of the process of assessing suitability.



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