

Head of Creative Arts (Drama Specialism)

Dates:	Apply by Wednesday 5 th May 2021
Location:	Rickmansworth
Contract type:	Full Time
Contract term:	Permanent
Salary:	Academy Trust Payscale based on skills and experience, plus additional Reach Points
Start Date:	September 2021

The Reach Free School is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed Head of Creative Arts, who is also a drama specialist, to join our team of talented, energetic and visionary teachers.

The Creative Arts department incorporates the disciplines of Drama, Music and Art and Design. All three subject areas have their own extensive, bespoke and modern facilities. The Head of Creative Arts would be responsible for overseeing the three disciplines, with subject leaders of both music and art taking responsibility for their individual subjects. This position is specifically for a Drama specialist who has experience of teaching across all the key stages.

As is the case with a number of our subjects at Key Stage 3, the creative arts subjects are delivered on a half termly carousel ensuring that pupils have the depth of study in each discipline. At Key Stage 4 Drama and Art are popular options and we have recently launched Drama and Theatre A level as a sixth form option.

As a school we actively encourage public performances of key practical work and examination material and will often draw upon our examination pupils to support assemblies or the portrayal of key messages in presentations or public events. We also hold annual productions or musicals and we would expect the Creative Arts department to work collaboratively to devise performance material.

This position is a new role in the school with great scope and potential to further elevate the subjects which fall under this remit. This is an excellent career opportunity offering valuable leadership and management experience that would provide the ideal preparation for future promotion in the school.

We are looking for an expert practitioner with successful teaching experience across the age and ability range, and someone who demonstrates a good understanding of the potential of technology to enhance learning.

You will have a passion for the creative arts and a track record of excellent teaching, collaboration and creativity. You will hold and embody the highest expectations of your pupils and will have the drive and ambition to create an outstanding environment for learning and beyond.

The Reach Free School is looking for its Heads of Department to:

- Be passionate about their subject area, and learning as a lifelong skill
- Be outstanding practitioners who inspire pupils and colleagues
- Be creative in delivering a rigorous, academic curriculum
- Believe that every child can and will succeed
- Be committed to securing the best outcomes for all pupils at the school with an understanding of how data can be used to maximise progress
- Have a passion for education and be open to innovative approaches in everyday aspects of school life
- Offer enrichment and extra-curricular experiences related to their subject area and beyond
- Contribute to the overall development of the school
- Be flexible, collaborative and resilient

In return we will offer you:

- The opportunity to be a key member of staff and help build on the school's successes to date
- A happy and supportive working environment with high expectations and standards
- Access to the latest technology to assist in developing your teaching and learning
- Competitive salaries, based on skills and experience
- Potential further leadership opportunities
- A network of outstanding practitioners to collaborate with and learn from
- The chance to be part of a pioneering team, further developing a fantastic school to serve its local community
- Access to a BUPA cash plan to contribute to medical care

The Reach Free School is a successful and rapidly growing secondary Free School, which opened in September 2013. The over-subscribed school is a popular choice for local families. In September 2018 the school moved into a brand new purpose built building right in the heart of the community that it serves.

If the challenges of working to develop a local school appeal to you, then we would like to hear from you.

Further information is available from our website: www.thereachfreeschool.co.uk

Potential candidates are encouraged to contact The Reach Free School with any questions on 01923 711517 or via email to Mrs S Berman, Headteacher's PA at sberman@reachfree.co.uk

Closing date for applications:	Apply by Wednesday 5 th May 2021
Interviews to take place:	Week commencing Monday 10 th May 2021

The Reach Free School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all staff to share this commitment. In accordance with our Safer Recruitment Policy we are unable to process applications without a fully completed application form. The successful applicant must obtain DBS clearance at enhanced level. The school will also carry out a prohibition from teaching check. Non-disclosure may lead to termination of your employment.