



# West Kirby

## Grammar School

### **Teacher of Drama**

January 2026

MPS/UPS

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#### **Full-time, permanent. Required for January 2026**

The Governors of this exceptional Grammar School wish to appoint a well-qualified and enthusiastic Teacher of Drama for January 2026. This is a full-time, permanent post. The ability to teach Drama at both GCSE and A-level is essential. A strong degree in Drama, Theatre Studies or a related discipline is sought.

The Drama department at WKGS is a creative and dynamic team, committed to fostering a love of performance and theatre-making within our student body. The successful candidate will be dedicated to delivering high-quality teaching and learning while contributing to the department's extensive extracurricular provision. This includes whole-school productions, theatre visits, workshops with professional practitioners, and opportunities to engage with local and national festivals.

We are seeking an individual who is passionate about Drama and committed to developing students' creativity, confidence, and collaborative skills. The ability to bring innovative teaching strategies, strong subject knowledge, and a flair for engaging students in performance is highly desirable. The successful candidate will benefit from excellent performance facilities, a collaborative team, and motivated students who embrace the creative arts.

This post would be equally well suited to an experienced practitioner looking for a new challenge or an Early Career Teacher (ECT), for whom we offer extensive support, mentorship, and development opportunities. We are committed to professional growth and provide a supportive environment in which all teachers can thrive.

At GCSE, students follow the AQA specification, developing skills in devising, performing, and evaluating live theatre. At A-level, students also follow AQA, with a strong emphasis on both performance and written analysis. Drama is a highly successful subject at WKGS, with excellent results and high levels of student engagement. The department is at the heart of the school's creative life, contributing to our reputation for outstanding arts provision.

West Kirby Grammar School is a highly successful selective girls' school with a coeducational Sixth Form. There are approximately 1,200 students on roll, and academic outcomes are exceptional. In 2025, 22% of GCSE grades were awarded at Grade 9 and 44% at Grades 9–8. Students achieved an average grade of 7.15, with 66% of all grades at 9–7. At A-level, results were equally impressive, with 65% of grades at A\*–B and an average grade of B. The school was ranked 23rd nationally out of more than 4,000 state

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schools in The Telegraph's annual school rankings, placing us 1st among all state schools in Wirral, Merseyside and Chester, and 5th in the North West of England. These results reflect our exceptional standards of achievement, progress, attendance, and student destinations.

Further information and an application form are available to download from the School's website ([www.wkgs.org](http://www.wkgs.org)) or by contacting the School on 0151 632 3449. A completed application form and a letter addressing the content of the person specification (no longer than two sides of A4) should be submitted to [office@wkgs.net](mailto:office@wkgs.net) for the attention of Mr S. Clarke, Headteacher.

Closing date: Monday 6 October at 9am

Anticipated interview date: Wednesday 8 October

If you have any questions regarding the post, please contact the school for further information.

# Person Specification

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Job title: Teacher of Drama

Reporting to: Head of Drama

Grade: MPS/UPS

This person specification is related to the requirements of the post as determined by the job description. Short listing is carried out on the basis of how well you meet the requirements of the person specification. You should refer to these requirements when completing your application.

E: Essential      D: Desirable

### 1. Qualifications

Degree or equivalent in Drama, Theatre Studies or a related subject (E)

QTS (secondary phase) (E)

Further degree or related qualification (D)

### 2. Experience

Successful delivery of Drama at GCSE Level (E)

Experience of contributing to extracurricular activities such as productions, clubs or theatre trips (E)

Experience of directing or supporting school productions (E)

Successful delivery of Drama or Theatre Studies at Advanced Level (D)

Experience of engaging with professional theatre companies, festivals or outreach opportunities (D)

### 3. Knowledge and Skills

Strong understanding of curriculum design and implementation in Drama (E)

Ability to inspire students through extracurricular activities and external opportunities (E)

Effective assessment methods to monitor student progress (E)

A deep understanding of best pedagogical practice to ensure ambition and challenge for all students (E)

Effective use of interactive technology in teaching and performance work (D)

Awareness of contemporary theatre practices and developments in Drama education (D)

### 4. Special Requirements

A belief in the potential of all students to perform at the highest level (E)

Empathy with students and colleagues (E)

Enhanced DBS clearance and identity checks (E)

Willingness to contribute to the wider life of the school (E)

Excellent references (E)



West Kirby Grammar School is a vibrant and thriving girls' grammar school of more than 1200 students aged 11 to 18, including around 50 male students in a coeducational sixth form of over 350.

As a school, we believe there are no limits on a student's potential: with the right approach to learning every student can reach levels of attainment and achievement that might previously have been considered the preserve of a 'gifted and talented' few.

Our values are inspired by our school motto: *ad metam contendo* - strive towards the goal.

These six core values aren't simply words on a page – we live and breathe them every day, driven by our determination to inspire and support every child in the pursuit of their goals, whatever they may be:

### **Community**

- We're proud of our sense of community and family at WKGS, as well as our contribution to the local and wider community.
- We choose to be collaborative, caring and kind, showing empathy and honesty in our actions.
- We value our tradition and have a vibrant House system that helps to create a compassionate and caring community.

### **High Expectations**

- We are aspirational for ourselves and those around us, taking great pride in our achievements.
- Our work is goal-orientated, celebrating success in different forms while striving for excellence in our pursuits.
- We naturally have high academic expectations and challenge everyone to achieve their full potential, both inside and outside of the classroom.

### **Opportunity**

- We offer exceptional opportunities for all in a wide variety of contexts.
- Our extensive curriculum ensures that every student has the opportunity to discover their talents.
- We encourage everyone to embrace our extra-curricular provision and wide range of enrichment activities; we promote leadership at all levels.

### **Innovation**

- We strive to create the leaders of tomorrow; individuals who are daring and forward thinking and who work to inspire those around them.
- Creativity is highly valued, and we aim to find inventive and enterprising solutions to the challenges we face.
- Change is embraced as we develop inventive new practices and systems.

### **Curiosity**

- We encourage all members of our community to display a love of learning and to show an inquisitive approach to challenge.
- The ability to reflect on practices is key, along with a passion to improve. Asking questions to deepen understanding and looking beyond the confines of the curriculum is actively encouraged.

### **Endeavour**

- We work with motivation and resilience, whatever the challenge ahead.
- Determined to succeed, we challenge ourselves and those around us to improve
- We engage with our tasks and work with perseverance to achieve.



### Staff Wellbeing

The wellbeing of staff is central to the approach taken by Governors, the Headteacher and the SLT at West Kirby Grammar School.

We have an excellent sense of community within our whole staff, who work very hard as a team to support one another in their endeavours. Below are examples of some of the systems we have developed to help maintain a happy and positive staff.

- Access to a comprehensive range of health and wellbeing services offered by Education Mutual
- Deadlines well publicised and staff consulted on annual calendar
- Reduced data collections to ensure no collections for data's sake
- In-house Wellbeing Manager available to all staff, and dedicated 1:1 wellbeing discussions with the Headteacher to respond to staff needs.
- Dedicated classroom wherever possible for teaching staff
- A flexible and generous approach to family appointments and child events
- Greater PPA/Free time than national recommendation
- Complimentary tea and coffee
- Complimentary Christmas Dinner for all staff each year
- Staff Christmas Cake baking event
- Complimentary coffee and cake mornings or afternoons
- Opportunities for professional development always considered
- Considerate approach to lesson observations, drop-ins and learning walks
- Headteacher 'Open Door' Policy at all times
- On site car valeting offered

### Life in West Kirby

WKGS is a nurturing and supportive institution with exceptional rates of staff retention. Very few staff move on each year and these are largely due to opportunities for promotion or staff retirement.

West Kirby is a fantastic place to work and live. Found on the North West coast, it is regularly rated in The Times as one of the Top 10 places to live in the North West. Just half an hour by train from Liverpool, it is a beautiful seaside town with a high street full of independent shops, the Marine Lake, the picturesque Hilbre Island and miles of sandy beaches.



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