

GATEWAY SCHOOL

GREAT MISSENDEN

RECRUITMENT PACK

DRAMA SPECIALIST

APRIL 2027 (3 DAYS A WEEK)

Welcome **Message**

At Gateway School we are committed to providing learning experiences that holistically prepare our children for their next schools and life beyond. We empower every pupil to excel in their educational journeys today, tomorrow and for the rest of their lives.

Our mission is to provide an engaging and inspiring learning environment that encourages children to be curious and ambitious, resulting in happy, confident and real-world ready learners. We hope for every child to be happy, successful and well-prepared for their ever-changing futures.

We believe in providing opportunities to develop character and promote curiosity, flexibility, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking within our curriculum. Throughout the school, our committed and highly-skilled staff encourage pupils to challenge themselves and build resilience whilst feeling safe, cared for and supported.

This commitment extends to our staff too. We know that children thrive when the adults around them are supported, trusted and empowered. At Gateway, our staff team is at the heart of our success. We work in a culture of collaboration and kindness, where professional growth is actively encouraged and where everyone is valued for the unique perspective and experience they bring.

Our school community is welcoming, forward-thinking and grounded in strong values. Staff and pupils alike take pride in our ASPIRE values – Achieve, Strive, Participate, Investigate, Respect, and Enjoy – which underpin everything we do.

We are very proud of our pupils' learning journeys at Gateway School; they transfer to secondary school as confident individuals, with a secure sense of who they are and are well-equipped to take on their next challenges. We are equally proud of the professional journeys of our staff, many of whom take on new roles, lead initiatives and flourish within our close-knit and ambitious team.

About Gateway School

Gateway School is a thriving, vibrant and nurturing independent day school for boys and girls aged 2 to 11, located in the heart of the Chiltern Hills in the village of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

- Ages: 2–11
- Pupils on roll: Approx. 260+
- Small class sizes ensuring every child is known and supported
- Broad and creative curriculum
- Specialist teaching
- ISI Rated: Excellent in all areas
- Part of the Bellevue Education Group – offering high-quality professional development, shared expertise, and a family of schools united by a shared commitment to excellence in education. – offering global collaboration and rich CPD opportunities





The Role

Are you a passionate Drama Specialist looking for an exciting new opportunity?

Gateway School is seeking an enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Drama Specialist to join their team on a part-time basis, 3 days a week, from April 2027.

This is an excellent opportunity for an inspiring drama practitioner/teacher to nurture pupils' creativity, build confidence and bring learning to life through the performing arts.

Title Drama Specialist

Reports to Head of Creative Arts

The Role

- As the Drama Teacher, you will be responsible for delivering engaging and imaginative drama lessons to pupils across the prep school age range. You will play a key role in developing pupils' performance skills, encouraging self-expression and fostering a love of the performing arts.
- Key responsibilities include:
- Planning and delivering creative, engaging and age-appropriate drama lessons.
- Inspiring pupils to develop their confidence, communication and performance skills.
- Supporting and directing school productions, performances and drama-related events.
- Creating an inclusive and stimulating learning environment where every pupil can thrive.
- Working collaboratively with colleagues to enrich the wider school curriculum and co-curricular programme.
- Identifying talented pupils and building a potential scholarship programme

The Ideal Candidate

- The successful candidate will be a creative and enthusiastic Drama Specialist with a genuine passion for working with children in a prep school setting.
- You will ideally have:
- Experience teaching drama to primary or prep school-aged pupils.
- Strong subject knowledge and a passion for the performing arts.
- Excellent classroom management and communication skills.
- The ability to inspire, motivate and engage pupils of varying abilities.
- A collaborative approach and a commitment to creating a positive learning environment.
- Relevant teaching qualifications or equivalent drama experience.



WHY WORK AT GATEWAY SCHOOL?

- Competitive salary (up to £40k FTE - dependent upon experience)
- Supportive, professional and friendly team
- Small class sizes and excellent resourcing
- Strong focus on staff wellbeing and CPD
- Staff development and collaboration opportunities within the Bellevue Education network
- Set in a beautiful, historic village with excellent transport links to London
- Staff lunches, snacks and tea and coffee provided
- Competitive pension scheme
- Culture of trust, flexibility and empowerment – your voice and ideas matter here
- Opportunities to lead and innovate, with support for personal growth and leadership development
- A community that celebrates individuality, creativity and a shared passion for education
- Enthusiastic pupils who are keen to learn and explore their creativity.
- The chance to contribute to the school's wider performing arts provision.

APPLICATION AND NEXT STEPS

An application form is available to download from the 'About Gateway' menu on our website at www.gatewayschool-bucks.co.uk or from Mrs Helen Brown email: **pa@gatewaysch.co.uk** or telephone **01494 862407**.

Application forms to be received by midday Monday 7 December. Interviews will be held shortly afterwards.

Suitable candidates may be interviewed before the start date and Gateway School reserves the right to withdraw the position if an early appointment is made.

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SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Gateway School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All appointments are subject to enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, reference checks and pre-employment safeguarding procedures.

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