



Teacher of Drama

We are seeking a full-time teacher of Drama with experience of early years education who will be able to work across the 5-18 age range. The position will be a full-time two year renewable contract starting August 2018.

Drama within the Faculty of Arts

We are looking to appoint an outstanding teacher of Drama to further develop this successful curriculum area. Working alongside the Head of Drama, you will inspire and motivate learners to become skilled and reflective performers. You will be able to develop academic and performance skills with equal rigour and ensure even the most reluctant performers can engage, achieve and have fun in developing their creativity. Applied and community theatre would be specialist areas of interest.

We are working more closely with our partner primary school and you may be required to lead teaching and learning in that setting for one day per week. You will be able to demonstrate experience of primary school productions both original and adapted and be able to advise classroom teachers. We are also interested in hearing from teachers who have experience of leading programmes for students with special educational needs.

The ideal candidate will be able to offer professional experience of directing or acting and have industry links in Hong Kong/Asia and can use these networks for the benefit of our learners.

You will be a committed professional who has proven experience of teaching iGCSE Drama and IB Theatre or its equivalent and also able to teach on our Btec Performing Arts programme. The Creative Arts team offer music, drama, dance, film and visual arts throughout the age and ability range. The IB has commended us for the number of students who take an Arts course compared to other schools in this region. Our students consistently attain above expectations year on year and reach inspiring pathways at prestigious Universities.

This is an exciting time to join our community as we are moving towards the MYP over the next three years. We have an excellent suite of specialist drama rooms and performance spaces.

All teachers at West Island School are tutors to a group of approximately 15 students within a particular year group.

Working at West Island School

West Island School is a rewarding environment to pursue your career as a teacher. We prioritise professional development and are engaged in appreciative inquiry in developing our own practice as a community who learn from each other.

You will find your colleagues to be pro-active, passionate about our students, adaptable and supportive of you in both the school and Hong Kong. It is indeed, an exciting place to live and work.

Our students are well motivated, ambitious for themselves and for the whole school community. Our distinction is the diversity of backgrounds which creates an inspiring community of learners that motivates us as teachers. As an inclusive school, we cater for a number of students who have particular learning difficulties and experience success in personalised pathways.

As a result, student outcomes are excellent and they are able to access the universities of their choice, many of which will be the most prestigious. In 2017, the average IB score was 36.5, well ahead of the world average. We also cater for a cohort of students who achieve highly in Btec Qualifications.

Over the next three years, we are planning to move towards the MYP curriculum for Years 7-9, so it would be useful but not essential if you are able to make an active contribution to this change. You do not need a detailed knowledge of the curriculum, but a willingness to learn and an empathy for inquiry based learning approaches.

Finally, there are a range of extra-curricular events and activities which every teacher is expected to contribute to. Many activities are based on teacher's own interests or in support of students who are leading activities within school. We would be interested to know what you may be able to contribute to the wider life of our school.

As part of the English Schools Foundation, you will join a large and very established foundation of educators in Asia, where ideas, learning and best practice are shared in our community of schools. Professional learning and career progression is encouraged.

In return for your passion in delivering a quality education, English Schools Foundation offer a highly competitive salary, gratuity, housing allowance, passage, healthcare and school places for your children. Our strength as part of a foundation means that we offer security and the opportunities that are inherent in an established organisation of our size.

Please refer to the ESF as well as our own website for further information. Do not hesitate to contact us if you require anything further. Kerry.rochester@wis-edu.hk