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SCHOOL OF THE YEAR
NORTH EAST

Teacher of LAMDA
Part Time (2/3 days per week)





Welcome to Durham High School

Thank you for considering Durham High School for the next stage of your career in education. Ours is a community where ambition thrives, talents shine, and lifelong friendships are formed.

In December, we were proud to be named The Sunday Times Independent Secondary School of the Year 2025 – a reflection of the outstanding education and care we offer.

Up until several years ago, boys attended Durham High School for their Pre-Prep and Prep education before moving onto different schools. As part of our school's journey towards co-education in the new academic year, we are excited to introduce a phased move to co-education throughout: from Nursery to Year 6 by September 2025, and from Year 7 to Sixth Form by September 2026.

While the structure of our school evolves, our foundation remains the same. Academic excellence, personal development, and our Christian ethos continue to guide all that we do. Our aim is to nurture each pupil's potential and to foster a lifelong love of learning.

In a beautiful woodland setting with excellent facilities and a dedicated team of teachers and support staff, Durham High School is a place where pupils grow in both confidence and character.

Our recent strategic partnership with Galaxy Global Education brings new and exciting opportunities for growth and international collaboration.

If you have the skills, experience, and passion for this role, we warmly invite you to apply. We look forward to hearing from you.



Mrs Michelle Hill
Headmistress



About Durham High School

Our location

Durham High School is ideally located in the heart of Durham City in the North East of England, with excellent transport links.

The school is just a few miles from Durham train station, providing direct rail connections to Newcastle, Edinburgh, and London. It is also easily accessible via the A1(M) motorway, connecting to major road networks across the region.

Newcastle International Airport is c.30 minutes away, offering domestic and international flights.

Our heritage

The school was founded in 1884 by the Church Schools' Company and in 1910 the school's governing body took over and formed an independent school for girls aged 3-18. From September 2025 we are proud to be a coeducational school.

During the 1960s, Durham High School moved to our current site, its first purpose-built premises on the edge of the city adjacent to the new Durham University colleges.

Our Aims:

- To create a friendly, caring community based on Christian principles where every individual is valued;
- To develop the potential of every pupil in all areas of their life;
- To encourage academic excellence and a life-long love of learning.

We are keen to widen access as much as possible, with means-tested bursaries, and academic scholarships, to enable as many pupils as possible to attend the school from a wide area.





The Position and Department

Due to the relocation of our existing post holder, Durham High School is seeking to appoint a passionate LAMDA teacher (part time) who is able to inspire pupils of all abilities and maintain the popularity of this valued co-curricular subject, and can work two days per week. The days can be flexible to fit your current commitments. Lunch is provided and there is free onsite parking.

The post will involve teaching LAMDA lessons to pupils of a wide age range, from Prep Department through to Sixth Form, and prepare them for graded LAMDA examinations.

The Department

The lively Drama Department currently comprises one curriculum teacher, one Performing Arts Technician, and one LAMDA teacher.

Academic standards are high and results are excellent. Colleagues employ a range of teaching methods, with a strong emphasis on performance, group work, and analysis.

There is an extensive range of teaching materials available, including texts, props, costumes, and a variety of stimuli for devising.

As part of Durham High School's rich co-curricular programme, the Department stages a major production (play or musical) every two years at the Gala Theatre in Durham. Recent productions have included "Anything Goes", "School of Rock", and "Evita". We also stage Y7 and 8 productions, such as "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe", "A Midsummer Night's Dream", "Matilda JR.", and "The Lion King JR."

Our Senior pupils have recently performed "Chicago: Teen Edition".

These productions are in addition to showcases of examination work for parents and the wider school community.

In addition, annually we perform an outreach production, working with Year 5 pupils from local primary schools across County Durham to produce a play or musical. This year's production was "Annie JR." This initiative not only strengthens links between the School and the wider community, but also provides local children with a unique opportunity to build confidence, develop performance skills, and experience the joy of working collaboratively towards a high-quality theatrical production. The sense of achievement, teamwork, and creativity fostered through this project has a lasting positive impact on all the children involved.

The School regularly takes part in the ESU Performing Shakespeare Competition and supports the local Shakespeare Festival at the Gala Theatre, working with other schools across Durham to bring Shakespeare to life.

All pupils are encouraged to play a part in the life of the Department, be it on stage or behind the scenes, supporting costume design, hair and make-up, lighting, and sound.

Each year we host a LAMDA Evening, where pupils preparing for their examinations perform their pieces and showcase their talents to an audience.



Job Description

Remuneration: £30.22 per hour

Accountable: to the Head of Drama

Key Responsibilities:

- Teach lessons in acting, devising, public speaking or speaking verse and prose.
- Teach the theory requirements according to the LAMDA specifications.
- Be responsible for all student communication and wider communications with the Head of Drama and other school staff.
- Write annual reports on every student taught.
- Provide full details required for exam entries and ensure all students are entered for relevant examinations.
- Promote the school positively and encourage the growth of the Drama Department.
- Manage efficiently, and take responsibility for, departmental resources.
- Plan speech and drama lessons in line with examination requirements.
- Source and resource interesting and appropriate learning materials such as play texts, excerpts and prose.
- Plan and teach interesting and engaging lessons in keeping with the LAMDA examination syllabuses.
- Thoroughly prepare students for festivals and LAMDA examinations in Speech and Drama.
- Monitor pupils' progress in speech and drama.
- Promote sound standards of punctuality, discipline, utilising the school sanctions and rewards system when necessary.
- Contribute to the drama evenings and run two LAMDA performance evenings, showcasing the students practical examination work.
- Assist in the promotion of the school's reputation and in marketing activities as required.
- Keep up to date with the LAMDA exam syllabus and the LAMDA text anthologies.

Matilda

THE MUSICAL JR.



Person Specification

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It is essential for the successful candidate to have the following qualifications, experience, and personal attributes:

- A degree in Drama or a qualification appropriate for the teaching of the LAMDA syllabi
- Experience of working with children and young people in an educational setting
- LAMDA teaching experience
- A thorough knowledge of the requirements of LAMDA exams
- The ability to teach across the ability/option range
- To make learning enjoyable and to encourage an atmosphere of mutual respect
- Excellent time management and organisational skills including thorough record keeping and planning
- Excellent interpersonal and oral communication skills with clear and accurate spoken English
- Excellent practical skills
- A positive and enthusiastic approach to teaching.

It is desirable for the successful candidate to have the following qualifications, experience, and personal attributes:

- To have a wide knowledge of classical texts, and an up-to-date knowledge of British, European, and American contemporary playwrights



How to Apply

Please complete the application form, available on the School's website, and submit as a pdf document, with a covering letter of no more than two sides of A4 (pdf), outlining your reasons for applying and why you will be a good fit for our school community.

Your application should be addressed for the attention of the Headmistress and sent by email to:
headmistress@durhamhighschool.com.

Closing date for applications:

1 September 2025

Interviews will be held week commencing:

8 September 2025

Safeguarding and Safer recruitment

Durham High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure and Prohibition from teaching and management check

In addition, as part of the shortlisting process, Durham High School will carry out an online search on the shortlisted candidates as part of its due diligence, as per the governments 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document (September 2024)

Equal Opportunities

The School is committed to the principles of equal opportunity, diversity and inclusion. We are committed to attracting and retaining the very best staff and ensuring that our staff body reflects the diversity of our students and local community.





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