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Post title	Head of Drama
Permanent / Temporary (if temporary, until when)	Permanent
Hours per week	Full time
Salary Grade	TMPS/UPS + TLR2a
Date on which appointment is to commence if known	asap
Our School	
At Valley Gardens Middle School, we are exceptionally proud of our stellar reputation within the local community and across the North East. As an oversubscribed, high-performing 9–13 Middle School in Whitley Bay, we combine a warm, inclusive ethos with a relentless drive for excellence. Our pupils thrive across every dimension of school life—we boast outstanding academic outcomes and an enviable record of sporting achievement. Crucially, at the heart of our vibrant community is a deep, unwavering commitment to the Arts. We firmly believe that creative expression, performance, and cultural enrichment are vital in helping young people flourish into confident, articulate, and well-rounded individuals.	
The Role	
We are seeking to appoint an ambitious, dynamic, and inspirational Head of Drama to lead our exceptionally successful Drama department into its next exciting chapter. Our Drama department already operates at an outstanding standard, benefiting from enthusiastic pupils, dedicated leadership, and strong support across the school. The successful candidate will be someone with the vision, drive, and creative passion to build upon these foundations and take performance art at Valley Gardens to even greater heights. Key responsibilities: Inspiring Curriculum Leadership: Plan and deliver an engaging, high-quality Drama curriculum that captivates Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 pupils, nurturing both technical skill and creative confidence. Extra-Curricular Excellence: Drive a rich, inclusive extra-curricular Drama programme, including drama clubs, workshops, and theater trips. Full-Scale School Productions: Spearhead high-quality, ambitious school productions and musical shows that showcase pupil talent and bring our entire school community together. Raising Achievement: Monitor pupil progress, lead departmental planning, and uphold the highest standards of teaching, learning, and behavior.	



Who we are looking for:

We want to hear from you if you are:

An **outstanding Drama practitioner** with a proven track record of inspiring middle or secondary school pupils.
An **ambitious leader** eager to innovate and push the boundaries of what our already thriving department can achieve.

Deeply committed to the transformative power of extra-curricular Drama and capable of producing **memorable, high-quality school shows**.

A collaborative team player who aligns with our school's holistic values—celebrating artistic, academic, and athletic success equally.

What We Offer

Exceptional Pupils: Enthusiastic, creative, and highly motivated young people who love performing and engaging in the arts.

A Supportive Culture: A welcoming staff team, encouraging senior leadership, and supportive parents.

Outstanding Facilities: Dedicated creative spaces to bring your theatrical visions to life.

Professional Development: Tailored CPD opportunities to support your leadership growth and career trajectory.

Valley Gardens Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be required, along with any other appropriate pre-employment checks.

How to apply

For further details, an application pack, or to arrange an informal visit to the school, please visit our website at <https://valleygardensmiddle.org/> or contact the school office at office@vgms.uk

CLOSING DATE:

Friday 6th November 2026 at 12 noon.

Completed applications should be returned in confidence to the Admin Manager:
Mrs H Tate/Headteacher's PA/Admin Manager - Hayley.Tate@vgms.uk

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Bulletin and all free publications Gov.uk website	Yes
Closing date (minimum of 2 weeks from insertion date)	Friday 6th November 2026 at 12 noon.



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What do you want to achieve?

