



READING BLUE COAT

A Co-Educational Independent Day School for Students aged 11-18

Head of Academic Drama Full-time

The Role

We are seeking an experienced, creative and inspirational professional to join our team as Head of Academic Drama ideally for September 2025 but will consider outstanding applicants for a January 2026. This role is full-time.

About You

As Head of Academic Drama, you will be responsible for planning and overseeing all schemes of work, tracking and analysing student data, and ensuring high standards of teaching and learning across all year groups. You will line manage the LAMDA provision and play a key role in the department's expansive co-curricular programme, contributing to a vibrant culture of performance and creativity within the school.

The ideal candidate will be a passionate and visionary Head of Academic Drama to lead the delivery and development of Drama across Years 7–13. This is an exciting opportunity to continue to shape the strategic direction of the subject, inspiring pupils through a rich, rigorous, and imaginative curriculum; have a strong track record of teaching Drama at Key Stages 3, 4, and 5, with experience in curriculum planning, assessment, and leadership. You will bring energy, organisation, and a collaborative spirit, with a commitment to excellence both in and beyond the classroom.

Our School

Founded in 1646, Reading Blue Coat is a leading independent day school of circa 800 pupils from ages 11 to 18. The School is located on a beautiful 46-acre campus in the village of Sonning, just outside Reading.

The School employs more than 180 staff, of whom 50% are academic staff, and provides a stimulating, friendly and supportive atmosphere in which each pupil can realise his or her full intellectual, physical, and creative potential.

Reading Blue Coat offers an exceptional working environment and an attractive rewards package, including excellent benefits such as a pension scheme; free meals; extensive staff discounts; tax saving cycle to work and car leasing schemes; free sports and leisure facilities; Employee Assistance Programme; and a strong commitment to professional development.

Further details and an application form can be downloaded from our website:

www.rbc.org.uk/vacancies or contact the HR department, Tel: 0118 933 5813 email: recruitment@rbc.org.uk

Closing date: 09:00 on Monday 12 May 2025

Applications must be submitted to the email address above by application form (which can be found on our website) and accompanied by your covering letter. Applicants must already be eligible to work in the UK.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service enhanced check.

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