

Education Cover Letter

I began my journey as an educator in New Zealand in 2019 while on tour with Playworks Productions performing the show '10ft Tall' by Brian Divers in secondary schools in the region of Northland. After the show we ran short workshops where we facilitated the creation of small performances based on the themes highlighted in the show.

Later that year I worked for Ignite Arts Academy in Cambridge, New Zealand as an acting tutor in one of their holiday programs. I was invited to every subsequent program and took on the roles of writer and director in addition to the acting teaching. My final workshop with Ignite was in 2022, just before I moved to the UK.

The bulk of my teaching experience however, comes from working for Shine School of Confidence in Auckland from late 2019 until September 2022. I was a speech and drama tutor in after school/ weekend classes as well as private and small group sessions at King's School, a renowned private school in central Auckland. I taught acting, mime, public speaking, poetry, sight reading, prepared reading, and improvisation. I worked in the same capacity for Cubee Kidz, Vocalize Speech and Drama and Prime Education.

I ran a successful private workshop where I taught children to play Dungeons and Dragons over the course of four days as a holiday program. The game shares many overlapping skills with my drama classes but also adds mathematics and a greater emphasis on creativity, problem solving and teamwork.

In 2022 I began expanding my work in education to include basketball coaching. I worked for Youth Basketball New Zealand where I ran training sessions, skill workshops, holiday programs and refereed a 3v3 league. I pitched to King's School to join their basketball program and they accepted me as a coach where I not only ran training sessions for up to 50 boys at a time but also got to coach many of the games.

Having returned to London this year, I'm excited to continue working on my skills as an educator and help with the growth and development of children here in the UK.