



VISITING MUSIC TEACHER (WOODWIND)

FURTHER DETAILS AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Music is thriving at King's and the Music Department has a local and national reputation, built up over many years, based on high quality participation, commitment and enthusiasm. Music is compulsory in the Junior School and in Years 7 and 8, and is a popular choice at Year 9, GCSE and A Level. Large numbers of pupils take instrumental lessons on a weekly basis and are encouraged to work towards ABRSM, Trinity and RockschooL examinations.

The department is staffed by the Director of Music, an Assistant Director of Music, one full-time and one part-time Teacher of Music; the department also has a Head of Strings, a Head of Brass, a Music Administrator and a team of 15 visiting music teachers.

Participation in concerts and other extra-curricular activities is a real strength of the department and the school. There is a wide variety of choirs, bands, orchestra and other ensembles in which pupils regularly rehearse and perform. Our current provision includes:

Small Ensembles:

Jazz Cats; Soul Band; Brass Group; Clarinet Choir; Troubadours

Large

Chamber Orchestra; Big Band; Senior String Orchestra; Wind Band; Concert Band
Concert Orchestra

Choirs:

Schola Cantorum; Show Choir; 6th Form Choir; Voz Nueva; 6s & 7s Choir

THE VACANCY

We are seeking an experienced and extremely well qualified Visiting Music Teacher to plan and deliver outstanding woodwind lessons to individuals of all standards. These lessons will take place across both junior and senior schools. The successful candidate will be paid to run a series of taster lesson, usually run as paired lessons; as a consequence, we expect that the role will grow into something more significant.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

The successful applicant will be expected to:

- Plan and teach well-structured, engaging and effective lessons that motivate, inspire and improve pupil attainment. Lessons will normally be on a one-to-one basis but may occasionally include small groups or ensembles;
- Demonstrate performance skills with competence;
- Adapt their teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all students;
- Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge students;
- Prepare students for ABRSM and Trinity Examinations (where appropriate);
- Promote and encourage students to attend the ensembles on offer to them at King's;
- Liaise closely with the Music School administrator regarding timetables;
- Maintain up-to-date records of pupil attendance;
- Communicate effectively with parents on an informal basis regarding pupils' progress (e.g. by telephone, using students' Practice Books to communicate in writing);
- Attend and support school concerts/events during the year as agreed with the Director of Music;
- Assess (including writing formal reports) and set targets for students on a regular basis.
- Attend an annual meeting at the start of the academic year
- Attend an annual parent's meeting, usually in mid-January

Personal qualities:

- Creative, enthusiastic and inspiring;
- Ability to command respect from pupils;
- Able to work as part of a team;
- Understanding and recognition of the principles of equality and diversity;
- Commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all students.

SALARY AND CONDITIONS

Visiting Music Teachers engaged by The King's School, Chester are self-employed. The school will introduce pupils to you who have expressed an interest in taking music lessons. The hours you work will depend on the number of pupils who formally enrol for music lessons with you. The school will provide you with a room suitable for the sole purpose of you teaching music lessons to the school's pupils. You will be responsible for creating your own teaching timetable (weekly) and communicating this both to the school and to individuals (guidance and assistance will be given).

The current rate for peripatetic music lessons is £16.85 per 30-minute lesson. Individual Visiting Music Teachers are expected to invoice parents directly. 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. There is a specific contract that applies to this role.

APPLICATIONS

If you wish to discuss the post, informally, with the Director of Music, Mr Tim Harvey, please telephone 01244 689 530. In order to pursue your application further please fill in an application form and submit to recruitment@kingschester.co.uk

We hope to interview for this post during the week commencing **14th January 2019**.

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