



Gatehouse School

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Job Description

HEAD OF MUSIC

Reporting To: Headmaster

Hours: Full-time 8.00am – 4.00pm plus additional times as specified by the Headmaster

Key areas of responsibility

- To be an inspirational teacher of class Music, using keyboard, vocal and instrumental skills to promote high quality teaching and learning.
- To ensure that the classroom and display areas are an invigorating environment for effective learning, creating a stimulating atmosphere for the pupils.
- To provide piano accompaniment for rehearsals, concerts, assemblies, music exams and other events.
- To promote individual music lessons, work with peripatetic teachers and arrange 1:1 lessons.
- To lead the extra-curricular music programme.
- To work effectively as part of a staff team.
- To teach class music lessons to pupils from the Nursery to Year 6.
- To work with other colleagues to develop the use of ICT and tablets in music lessons
- To write termly academic reports, and to monitor and evaluate pupils' learning in order to ensure high standards and progress.
- To carry out all the usual duties of a teacher at Gatehouse School (supervision of breaktimes and taking occasional assemblies).
- To be the first point of contact for all music related matters and to develop open, easy and professional relationships with parents.
- To maintain and manage the physical resources of the department.
- To attend all meetings as required including subject and staff meetings, school INSET, and to attend professional courses to enhance the teaching of music.
- To support and generally contribute to the life of the school (eg contributing material to newsletters, the website and attending school events).
- To comply with all Health and Safety requirements.



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Person specification

- A passionate and dynamic music teacher who is committed to the development of music at Gatehouse School.
- Have strong keyboard, vocal and instrumental skills, who can make a key contribution both to class music teaching and to the extra-curricular musical life of the school.
- Have the experience, ability and drive to lead the department.
- A colleague who will fulfil the expectations in the key areas of responsibility set out above.
- An adaptable musician and professional colleague, with strong communication and team-working skills.
- A colleague who is wholly committed to the safeguarding, welfare and protection of children at Gatehouse School, and to its ethos of pastoral care.

We would be delighted to welcome applications from colleagues currently working in the maintained sector and from experienced primary or secondary teachers, although experience of teaching the primary aged children is highly beneficial. Understanding our high expectations, a commitment to working hard and clear evidence that you are committed to developing music at our school are crucial.

You need not have worked in a prep school before, but you do need to understand and have empathy with the ethos and spirit of independent education where subject specialist teaching is provided. You will also need to fully support the ethos of our inclusive, non-selective school.