



FOREST SCHOOL

Preparatory School Music Subject Leader

Person Description

Experience and Qualifications

The successful candidate must be a graduate of a recognised university and, ideally, have a teaching qualification. Further professional qualifications and experience are desirable.

Qualities

The successful candidate must have vision and charisma, with the capacity both to lead and to work as a member of a team. Evidence of integrity, stamina and sound judgement are essential, as well as a commitment to and a real interest in education. A sense of humour is highly desirable, with patience, warmth and sensitivity. The successful applicant also needs to have a love of music of many different forms, a desire to encourage pupils to perform music and to respond to it with enjoyment and understanding and motivation to work with pupils and young people.

Skills

The successful candidate will be recognised as an outstanding teacher and musician: dynamic and imaginative. Essential skills include the direction, conducting and development of choirs and orchestras/bands. Good keyboard skills are a minimum requirement. Excellent communication skills are essential, as is the ability to get on with a wide range of people and to support and encourage musicians of all abilities. Well-developed organisational and IT skills are expected, and an understanding that the work of the Music Subject Leader is not limited to the hours of the school day.

Job description

In addition to the standard responsibilities of a teacher, the successful applicant will be able to:

- Introduce Forest Preparatory School pupils to a wide range of music and musical forms
- Inspire a life-long love of music in Forest Preparatory School pupils
- Teach music from Foundation Stage to the end of Key Stage 2
- Lead a vibrant and varied extra-curricular programme of musical activities
- Bring musical performance into the daily life of the school

- Make best use of existing facilities
- Lead hymn practice; building and rehearsing repertoire
- Lead music in assembly
- Liaise with Drama department
- Provide music for drama productions
- Be part of the wider Music department of Forest School
- Liaise with the Music School Secretary and Director of Music regarding the deployment and teaching location of visiting music teachers
- Work and liaise with the Director of Music to ensure the development and progression of this subject as part of the whole school curriculum
- Lead the development of school policy in music to ensure an interesting, well- planned approach which is consistent throughout the school and addresses continuity and progression
- Participate in the budget process in conjunction with the Head of Preparatory School
- Encourage pupils and advise parents in the choice of instruments
- Encourage suitable pupils towards taking music scholarships
- Such other comparable duties as the Head of Preparatory School or Director of Music may require from time to time