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Teacher of Music – September 2017

Thank you for your interest in this post. Below is a brief description of the department. Further details about our school, including our most recent Ofsted report, the school Prospectus, and the “School Background” document, can be seen under “School Information” on our website (www.kennetschool.co.uk).

To apply please complete and submit the school application form. Your application may, if preferred, be emailed to office@kennetschool.co.uk. You are reminded that the closing date is noon, 22 March 2017 and you are encouraged to send in your application as early as possible. ***Please ensure we have appropriate daytime telephone numbers so that we can contact you speedily.***

Kennet School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Please complete the attached form.

I look forward to receiving your application and can assure you that the successful candidate will be joining a school which brings both great challenges and rewards to teachers on the staff. Our progress in recent years has been remarkable, but we intend to set ever higher standards and to lead our pupils by example.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P G Dick'.

P G DICK
Headmaster

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Accommodation

There are three large and well-equipped teaching rooms which provide excellent accommodation for Music lessons, two of these classrooms have two integrated practice rooms. Each of the classrooms are equipped with electronic keyboards, Smartboard, integrated PZM microphones and PA and provide an exciting and stimulating environment in which pupils are highly motivated towards learning and being creative. The dedicated music ICT Suite has 32 iMacs (Sibelius 7 and Cubase 6.5 software) with M-Audio 'Axiom 25' keyboards attached. The Department boasts a dedicated Sixth Form teaching room which has a further 12 iMacs and Smartboard. There are four instrumental teaching rooms which support the peripatetic teaching from Berkshire Maestros. The Department boasts a fully operational digital Recording Studio and with all classrooms and practice rooms routed into the studio, this provides GCSE and A level pupils with the finest facilities in the area. There is an extensive range of teaching resources and texts available in the department to support class and performance work.

Courses Offered

At Key Stage 3, the Music department has well-documented, rigorous and challenging schemes of work. Pupils experience one 70 minute lesson in Music each week and class sizes are between 11 and 32. There are over 250 pupils taking peripatetic tuition on site in strings, woodwind, brass, voice, electronic keyboard, guitar, and piano.

At GCSE and A-level Music the department offers AQA syllabus, and Edexcel for Music Technology at A-level. Music is a popular option at KS4 with over 60 pupils currently working towards GCSE Music and 20 pupils currently studying A level Music and Music Technology. Many of these students continue to follow Music courses at Music College, Conservatoires or University. GCSE results are continuing to improve (86.36% A*-C Summer 2016) and A Level results remain high in both Music and Music Technology (100% A*-C Music and 100% A*-C Music Technology, Summer 2016).

The department maintains an ethos of high expectations, co-operation and respect for all. There are five specialist Music teachers in the department and a full time technician. The department works in a collaborative and open way to evaluate our own practice and extend opportunities for learning. Pupils respond very positively to the demands placed on them, resulting in challenging, ambitious work and high standards of achievement. Music is a thriving area of the school curriculum and respected as a form of inquiry and personal development by both pupils and staff alike.

Extra-curricular Activities

The Music department at Kennet School has a vibrant and inclusive extra-curricular programme and as such there are numerous ensembles; Orchestra, Lower School Choir, Senior Choir, Boys Choir, Soul Band, Brass Ensemble, Flute Choir, Samba Band, Garage Band Club, Guitar Ensemble and a variety of Rock Bands. There are a minimum of three major concerts each year, a superb House Music Competition as well as public performances external to the school.

The Post

The Music department is a popular and powerful part of school life, its public concerts are of high quality and are very well supported. The Music department is relentless in the pursuit of providing an outstanding musical education to the pupils of Kennet School. The department has fantastic music technology facilities and there is scope to further develop these specific skills at KS3 through to KS5.

Mr P Griffiths
Head of Music

March 2016