Part Time Music Teacher

The Oratory Preparatory School (OPS) is a Roman Catholic day and boarding school for boys and girls from 2 to 13. The school welcomes both staff and pupils of other denominations and faiths. There are around 400 pupils in the school, 110 of them in the Pre-Prep Department and 290 in the Prep school. The school is set in 60 acres of beautiful countryside on the edge of the Chiltern Hills, nine miles north of Reading.

The OPS aims to provide the best possible education for its pupils. Staff are expected to maintain a very high standard of teaching and are provided with every support from the Headmaster and the Senior Leadership Team. The successful candidate must be willing to contribute fully to the life of the school and to participate in such duties as are customary for staff at the OPS.

The OPS require a part time music teacher to teach our pupils in our wonderful Music Department. The department has excellent facilities; seven individual teaching or practice rooms and two large rooms including a suite of IMacs for composition and editing and a recording studio and a rehearsal room. We have a full complement of instruments for children who start to learn individually along with class sets of violins and clarinets. Our Senior Ensembles: Orchestra, Jazz Band and Choristers are fed from three more choirs and single family training groups.

**The successful applicant will:**

* have a passion for music and a desire to share this with the pupils
* enjoy working with a large set of colleagues, both music peris and academic staff
* possess good communication and problem solving skills
* have good experience in IT and administration
* Qualified Teacher Status would be an advantage

**Duties include the following:**

* to teach lessons based on IT work in composition, film editing and CD production, music listening, theory and practical percussion
* maintain regular oversight of department admin in conjunction with the Director of Music
* management of instrumental lessons
* management of ABRSM examinations
* assisting the Director of Music with concert programming
* attendance at assemblies and concerts
* attendance at parents evening for the year groups, prep, break duty, cover etc

**Professional standards and development:**

* To be a role model to pupils through personal presentation and professional conduct.
* To arrive in class on or before the start of the lesson, and to begin and end the lesson on time.
* To cooperate with the employer on all matters concerning Health and Safety and specifically to take reasonable care of their own Health and Safety and that of any other person who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work.
* To be familiar with the School and Department handbooks and support all the School’s policies.
* To establish effective working relationships with professional colleagues and associate staff.
* To strive for personal and professional development through active involvement in the School’s staff development, and performance management procedures.
* To seek continually an improvement in professional practice, to include attendance at departmental meetings, and participating in appropriate INSET, whether organized in school or externally.
* To liaise effectively with parents/guardians.
* To train in basic first aid.
* To uphold the ethos of the school, including its emphasis on pastoral care for individual pupils.

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In any school, and particularly in a boarding school, the emphasis is on total education and we provide a wealth of opportunities for our children. The school is therefore keen to appoint teachers who would wish to be involved in activities outside the classroom, provided that their teaching duties permit this.