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Cumnor House Sussex

Independent Prep, Pre-Prep and Nursery

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# The post of Music Teacher

**The Role**

As a teacher in the Music School you will be expected to be a Music graduate, able to play the piano to an excellent standard sufficient to accompany grade 8 instrumental exams, choir practice and performances, and hymns during school prayers and services. You will also be able to inspire and interest young children taking first steps towards learning about music and musical instruments.

## The Department

Music is a crucially important subject at Cumnor, and one valued and embraced by all. A high proportion of the children learn at least one instrument, and there are many music groups, orchestras and choirs to sustain and develop their interest. The standard of peripatetic teaching is very high in the department, and we are lucky enough to have a dedicated administrator who is also a musician and technician. Amongst other excellent resources and facilities, we also have a superb 300-seat theatre.

## Teaching

The successful candidate will be expected to fulfil the duties and responsibilities of a teacher at Cumnor House Sussex, (see Responsibilities of a Teacher) and, in addition, the following tasks:

* Plan and prepare Music lessons suitable for children from 3 to 9 years;
* Discuss practical sessions and resources with the music administrator
* Participate in regular departmental meetings as required by the Director of Music;
* Attend outside courses, as approved by the Director of Music, to refresh and enhance your teaching; the undertaking of a PGCE qualification can be considered;
* Maintain good order and discipline among the children and safeguard their health and safety in accordance with the school’s policy, on school premises and when on authorised activities elsewhere;
* Maintain condition of all equipment, instruments and facilities, alerting the music administrator, office (e.g. for photocopiers) or Bursar as appropriate, when attention is necessary.

**Person Specification**

* This position is an ideal opportunity for a graduate with a good degree in Music with Piano, dedicated to the idea of teaching, and committed to undertaking a PGCE if required.
* You should have a buoyant and enthusiastic personality, with resourcefulness and imagination aplenty.
* You should also be well organised, independent and self-motivated – teaching has no room for complacency.
* An affinity for working as part of a team is essential, along with a sense of humour and a positive outlook on life as a whole

**Safeguarding**

All staff members have a responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children at the school, in compliance with the school’s Safeguarding policies. We provide a caring, positive, safe and stimulating environment that puts the social, physical and moral development of children first. Any concerns are reported to the school’s DSL, the Headmaster, and relevant agencies where appropriate. This appointment will be subject to a prohibition from teaching check, an enhanced DBs check, and a safeguarding interview, in addition to other pre-employment matters. Cumnor House is an equal opportunities employer.

**Application**

In the first instance, please submit your CV or completed application form to Teresa Mockridge: [tmockridge@cumnor.co.uk](mailto:tmockridge@cumnor.co.uk)

Or by post to: Teresa Mockridge, HR Manager, Cumnor House Sussex, Danehill, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 7HT.

Please note that applications will be considered as they arrive, and Cumnor House Sussex reserves the right to make an appointment before the expiry date of any advertisement.

**Benefits**

Benefits, other than a good starting salary, may include:

* Support through PGCE qualification
* NQT induction
* Free school meals during term time
* ‘Cycle to work’ scheme
* Teachers’ Pension scheme
* Temporary accommodation assistance (assessed on an individual basis)