



BEACONSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Applicant

Thank you so much for showing interest in our school and the Music teaching post. We are extremely proud of our school, our students and our staff. We are excited about our intention to appoint a new, dynamic and inspirational member of the Music team and look forward to hearing how your skills, attributes and experience can match our needs at this time.

Beaconsfield High School is a happy, high achieving and remarkable grammar school in the delightful town of Beaconsfield. The school is oversubscribed, our students achieve incredibly well at both GCSE and A level and make good progress each year that they are with us. The vast majority of our students go on to higher education but some take a gap year and then progress to university or higher-level apprenticeships.

The Music department is an outstanding department with an excellent track record of examination success. It currently consists of one full time Head of Music and two part-time teachers; they are a lively, dedicated and approachable team with a range of responsibilities outside of the Music Curriculum in addition to their teaching roles. The Department is committed to increasing the profile of Music within the school. We work closely with our Librarian to encourage wider reading and initiate a wealth of other events during the school year. We have an extremely busy concert series, including two large-scale concerts per year, an annual Music Competition as well as an annual Carol Service, Chamber Concert, Lower School Concert, GCSE recital evening and a biennial international tour. We regularly organise trips into London across all the year groups and contribute fully to other enrichment activities. At GCSE and A level we follow the Edexcel exam board and each year, we have students applying to study Music at undergraduate level. Our results are very strong and we continue to work towards even better progress. Our results this summer are below for you to see.

Summer 2018 results:

A level Music: A*-B 100%, A*/A 75%

GCSE Music: L9= 64% L9-7 = 91%

In September 2014, we became an academy and since then we have invested heavily in the school and its infrastructure.

I joined this school in April 2015 and I can genuinely say that there is so much positive energy, achievement and ‘buzz’ at Beaconsfield High School that it is difficult to give you a full picture of what goes on here. Our staff give so generously of their own time to enable the girls to have wonderful and enriching experiences, often in their holiday time, such as language trips, history trips, ski trips, sports tours (including to South Africa!!), music tours, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, to mention but a few. Sporting achievements are outstanding, with national medals being won last year by several of our teams, and dance is superb with the annual dance show being a real highlight. Hundreds of our students take part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and many students take part in debating competitions, mock trials, young enterprise competitions, drama productions, music concerts ... the list is endless.

We believe that students should feel cared for, we work very hard to support their well-being through a strong pastoral care framework, and a recently developed scheme called ‘Getting Life Ready’. We recognise that happy and confident young women are far more successful in all that they do. There is something for everyone at our school and the ethos and atmosphere is one of acceptance and mutual respect.

We have recently invested over £3,500,000 in refurbishing some of the older parts of the school. Our staffroom is completely updated and we built three new Science laboratories. We have also invested £100,000 in new servers and IT infrastructure ready for the next stages in the development of an IT vision over the coming five years to support and promote the remarkable learning that already takes place.

All of our academic faculties achieve very well; the Music Faculty has many strengths. They have helped us to ensure that our Sixth Form outcomes make us the best Sixth Form in Buckinghamshire. Now we wish to enhance the high standards already in place.

As part of your application, please write a letter (no more than two sides, font 11) explaining how your skills, creativity and passion for effective teaching in Music would best meet the requirements of the job description and personal specification.

The closing date for applications is 9am Monday 4th March and interviews will be held on either Thursday 7th or Friday 8th March. Details of whom to contact are on the advert.

This is a remarkable school and we will provide you with a vibrant, exciting opportunity to develop your teaching skills in a school dedicated to excellence.

Kind regards.



Rachel Smith

Headteacher