



**ROYAL
WOOTTON
BASSETT**
ACADEMY TRUST

Application Pack

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy

Teacher of Music

September 2021

Closing Date – Tuesday 13th April 2021, Midnight

Interviews – to be confirmed

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy Trust

T 01793 841900

E Enewman@rwba.org.uk

W www.rwbat.org.uk



Excellence in Education

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in working for Royal Wootton Bassett Academy. These guidance notes will assist you in completing your application form, which is the first step in our recruitment process.

The Royal Wootton Bassett Academy Trust (RWBAT) is built around the one word of 'Excellence.' Together the Schools strengthen each other, sharing good practice and building capacity for all. Within the MAT we strive to maximise the potential of each person within our community and are absolutely committed to continuous improvement. We value developing the whole person equally to the achievement of academic success.

From September 2021, we are looking for a highly motivated and engaging teacher of Music who is

- a strong, dynamic Music teacher who is capable of teaching music to all levels.
- has high expectations and a commitment to personal development and Music education
- can demonstrate excellent organisational and inter-personal skills and the ability to work as part of a team
- can deliver high quality music provision
- has clear vision, energy and commitment to all aspects of school life
- has a desire and passion to develop Music as a high-profile activity at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy engaging a large, enthusiastic and active musical community.

The ideal candidate will have superb subject knowledge and a passion for teaching Music with the ability to teach this specialism to A-Level students.

In return we can offer the full benefits of our excellent support and CPD programmes both internally and through Royal Wootton Bassett Academy Trust.

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy is an oversubscribed, very successful, reflective and incredibly proud 11-18 school with 1,761 students on roll including 365 students in our very popular and successful Sixth Form. Royal Wootton Bassett Academy is committed to developing 'Growth Mind sets' and we would welcome an application from fellow professionals who share this mind-set.

In December 2010, the school was awarded **Outstanding** in every category by Ofsted. They described our students as *"...an absolute delight."* and *"in every area of the School they carry out exemplary practice."* In November 2013, the Academy was again awarded **Outstanding** in every category by Ofsted where they stated *"Around the school, students are polite and courteous to each other, to members of staff and to visitors. Students listen attentively in lessons, and almost always respond rapidly to teachers' instructions"*. As far as we are aware, Royal Wootton Bassett is the only school in the country to be awarded this prestigious accolade in succession.

Royal Wootton Bassett is geographically situated in a pleasant location with Bath, Bristol, Cheltenham and the Cotswolds all within commuting distance.

The Governing Body and staff at the Academy are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share in this commitment.

If you believe you have the experience, vision and drive for this role, then we would like to hear from you.

Job Description

The job description lists all the main duties of the post, together with further details of the competencies (skills), experience, qualifications, knowledge and abilities required to do the job. The criteria listed within the job description detail how each of these areas will be assessed. It is important that you identify the competencies, experience, qualifications, knowledge and abilities that will be assessed by application form, as you will need to provide evidence that you meet these criteria.

This appointment is subject to the Academy receiving two satisfactory references, one of which will include your current/last employer. Please remember to check your referees are actually able to provide a reference, as failure to do this could cause a delay in confirming your appointment. Royal Wootton Bassett Academy is committed to Safeguarding and this appointment is also subject to you providing relevant documents to the Academy proving your legal right to work in the UK and clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service of an enhanced check for regulated activity.

Further details about the Academy, this post and an application form can be found by visiting our website www.rwba.org.uk or telephoning Mrs Anita Ellis, Headteacher, on 01793 841907, or emailing Mrs Sharon Lambourne at slambourne@rwba.org.uk.

We hope you will feel inspired to apply for the post of Teacher of Music at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy

Yours sincerely

Anita Ellis
Headteacher Royal Wootton Bassett Academy

Job Description

- To implement the Aims and Policies of Royal Wootton Bassett Academy and reaffirm them regularly.
- To support, encourage and challenge all students and reinforce the Royal Wootton Bassett Academy learner profile.
- To maintain high professional standards of lesson preparation and delivery.
- To promote punctuality and respect for all in the environment both in the classroom/teaching area and the wider Academy environment.
- To ensure that students' achievements are celebrated, recorded and reported within the agreed principles of Royal Wootton Bassett Academy.
- To encourage students to participate fully across the whole spectrum of their Academy experience.
- To assist the Leadership Team /Heads of Faculty / Heads of Department /Heads of Year /Lead Practitioners /Tutors and Student Managers in promoting the continuity and quality of the learning experience for every individual student across all Key Stages.
- To ensure that all lessons are differentiated sufficiently to challenge all levels of intellectual ability.
- To assess and mark students' work and give feedback necessary to bring about progress in each student's learning and understanding.
- To work with colleagues projecting a consistent corporate approach to our dealings with the students, parents and all concerned with Royal Wootton Bassett Academy.
- To work with the Leadership Team /Tutors /Student Managers and Support Staff to communicate with parents, other colleagues and appropriate agencies concerning the progress, welfare and well-being of all students.
- To work with, contribute to and be accountable to the Heads of Faculty /Heads of Department /Heads of Year /Lead Practitioners and the Student Managers or other designated members of staff regarding agreed objectives for the faculty /department and wider community.
- To contribute to or create Schemes of Work to ensure your subject area takes advantage of up to date pedagogic knowledge and skills.
- To follow all Academy procedures for Quality Assurance practices, such as lesson observations and learning walks.
- To undertake appropriate monitoring of student progress via regular assessment and in accordance with Academy policies to ensure that all students make at least good progress.
- To report progress accurately and by deadline, in accordance with Academy policies to parents and other teaching staff as required.
- To be an effective teacher and tutor who leads by example and establishes high levels of expectation.
- To maintain a high level of professional expertise in relation to the post to which appointed, and the Royal Wootton Bassett Academy approach to the Curriculum.
- To undertake additional duties including cover, attending meetings and undertaking professional development in accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Employment.
- To attend all Thursday morning Staff Meetings, Twilights and other Continuing Professional Development in accordance with Academy guidance on directed time.
- To undertake a share of supervisory responsibilities in accordance with published rosters and procedures.
- Being a member of a House, carrying out related duties.
- Due to the nature of this post, you will be required to apply for a Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau if you have been successful in your application. Disclosure will contain details of formal cautions, reprimands and final warnings, as well as convictions. The Academy will apply on your behalf and will pay the necessary fee. Having a criminal conviction will not automatically exclude you from employment; this will depend on the nature of the position, the circumstances and background of the offences committed.

Person Specification

This job description allocates duties and responsibilities but does not direct the amount of time to be spent on carrying them out and no part of it shall be construed. In allocating time to the performance of duties, the postholder must have regard to the Academy's published Directed Time Guidance.

The job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post and the Headteacher may request reasonable additions. It will be reviewed at least once per two years and may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the postholder.

Copies of documents offering guidelines on fulfilling particular roles, e.g. role of Head of House, should be considered as guides to support but not replace or contradict this job description.

The Academy will inform the individual separately on an annual basis of the Governors' review of the structure of your salary entitlement.

OTHER DUTIES

The duties and responsibilities in this job description are not exhaustive. The postholder may be required to undertake other duties that may be required from time to time within the general scope of the post. Any such duties should not substantially change the general character of the post. Duties and responsibilities outside of the general scope of this grade of post will be with the consent of the postholder

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The postholder is required to carry out the duties in accordance with the School Health and Safety policies and procedures.

RWBA Music Department

RWBA Music department is well resourced with three well equipped music rooms, one smaller classroom/practice room, a recording studio, two large performance spaces, seven practice rooms each equipped with a piano or drum kit, a student instrument storeroom, music office and music store. Music classrooms are equipped with 16 keyboards and a teaching piano. There is one classroom set of PCs with MuseScore, Sibelius and Mix Craft. Resources include a Yamaha C3, one class set of ukuleles, xylophones, djembes, guitars, amplifiers, six drum kits, a samba band and a variety of pitched, hand held and world percussion and other instruments. We have one full time Head of Department, one full time teacher of Music, two part time Music teachers and thirteen part time visiting peripatetic instrumental and singing teachers. GCSE Students follow the OCR specification and at A Level Eduqas.

At RWBA we offer a broad variety of extra-curricular activities run by music teachers and peripatetic instrumental staff. The current programme includes Senior Choir, Junior Voices, a Senior Girls Choir, Swing Band, Wind Band, Orchestra, String Group, Keyboard club, Ukulele club, Brass Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, two Clarinet ensembles and two Saxophone ensembles. Many students are currently involved in some form of extra-curricular music and the department offers an enriching and stimulating range of performance opportunities which include Autumn, Spring and Summer Concerts, Harvest Festival, piano recital and key stage recitals. Once a year we host our popular Christmas Carol Service at St Bartholomew's Church. Musical groups and bands perform at Minety Festival and Royal Wootton Bassett Arts Festival. Swing Band performed for HRH Princess Anne, at annual Holocaust Gala events and other important local events. Each year several of our musical groups perform at regional Music for Youth events with Wind Band, Senior Saxophone Ensemble and Swing Band having performed several times at Music for Youth finals in Birmingham. Covid-19 has halted many of these events. This past year we have been continuing in a virtual aspect with regular online concerts.

The Music Department work alongside the Drama Department to put on a school musical biannually with recent shows being "Beauty and the Beast", Wizard of Oz" and "Hairspray".

KEY STAGE 3

All KS3 students have 2 hours of music over a two-week timetable and follow a varied programme of study which balances performance, composition, listening and appraising.

Year 7 – Singing, Elements of Music, keyboard, ukuleles, national anthems, graphic score, the orchestra and composing a melody.

Year 8 – Calypso, Reggae band, Wimoweh ensemble, composing adverts, Blues,

Year 9 – Chasing Cars band performance, Jazz, music of the Beatles, composing for film and ensemble performance

KEY STAGE 4

In Years 10 and 11, students who have opted for GCSE music follow the OCR specification. GCSE results are consistently high with most students achieving 5-9.

KEY STAGE 5

At A Level students follow the Eduqas specification with Musical Theatre, Jazz and Twentieth Century options. Results are consistently high with most students opting to study Music at University.

How to Apply

Candidates must return a completed application form and can attach a supporting letter (no more than 1 side of A4).

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 13th April 2021, Midnight

Please be advised that any applications received after this date/time will not be accepted, candidates are responsible for ensuring their application is received. Due to the high number of applications it is not always possible to confirm receipt of applications.

Interviews to be confirmed

Completed application forms should then be sent via email to

slambourne@rwba.org.uk

Candidates who are successfully selected for interview will be informed after shortlisting has taken place.

Candidates should apply using the correct application form. CVs will not be accepted.

Safeguarding Statement

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We particularly welcome applications from under represented groups including ethnicity, gender, transgender, age, disability, sexual orientation or religion. Please note that any position that involves working with children requires declaration of ALL convictions/cautions regardless of whether these are deemed spent and a DBS check will be carried out before any employment commences. References will be obtained before interview at shortlisting stage and may be used in the interview process. If previous employment has included working with children then at least one referee must be from this employment regardless of whether this is the current or most recent employment. Any gaps in employment must be detailed and an explanation provided in the relevant section



@RWBATrust