



JOB DESCRIPTION
FOR
Director of Jewish Music and Ruach

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

JFS is embarking on an innovative new approach, where Jewish music will be championed as a core dimension for embedding Jewish values and meaning into everyday school life.

Growing up, where meaning is attributed to the number of social media followers, we feel it imperative that we instil a sense of awe, wonder and spiritual engagement for our students. Providing opportunities to assemble through music is at that heart of tefilla and celebration in Jewish life.

The Director of Jewish Music and Ruach will create intentional moments for students to have the time and space for personal reflection and growth. Through music, Tefilla and a thoughtfully designed school environment, our students will be immersed in values and identity, not through instruction alone, but through constant, subtle exposure.

This role will be responsible for creating a vibrant musical culture where Jewish, Israeli, and contemporary music are championed, providing students and staff with meaningful opportunities for spiritual engagement and creative performance.

LINE MANAGEMENT

Reporting to the Directors of Jewish Life.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Establish and lead a newly formed school choir/musical ensemble. You will curate a repertoire that blends traditional Jewish liturgical music with modern Israeli and contemporary styles.
- Ensure all school events are enhanced by high-quality musical performances and recitals, maintaining a clear and overt emphasis on Jewish and Israeli cultural identity.
- Work with the Jewish Life team to embed Jewish music into the curriculum, supporting and training staff to see Jewish music and song as an important expression of Jewish practice.
- Coordinate and execute a calendar of musical performances to take place in the week leading up to every Chag, fostering a celebratory and spiritual environment.
- Design and facilitate at least one immersive Jewish music workshop for every student in Key Stage 3 to deepen their connection to Jewish heritage through music and song.
- Organise and lead at least one musical Tefilla session per term, ensuring inclusive access for all.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

- Proven ability to lead vocal or instrumental ensembles; a skilled musician with a passion for Jewish and Israeli genres.
- Experience working with teenagers in a secondary school or youth movement setting.
- Highly organised and flexible educator. Capable of managing rehearsals, event logistics for performances.
- A commitment to making Jewish music accessible, cool, and spiritually uplifting for a modern secondary school audience.
- Experience in curriculum development would be an advantage.

OTHERS

- The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The postholder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons, for whom s/he is responsible or with whom s/he comes into contact, will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy at all times. If, in the course of carrying out the duties of the post, the postholder becomes aware of any actual or potential risk to the safety or welfare of children in the school, s/he must report any concerns to the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- The school will endeavor to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.
- Undertake additional duties which may reasonably be required or delegated by the Headteacher, from time to time. The duties may be varied to meet the changing demands of the school.
- This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed as and when necessary and it may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the holder of the post which will include but are not limited and must undertake such responsibilities as may from time to time be assigned to you by your line manager.

NOTES

- The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the statement of Conditions of Employment.
- This job description allocates duties and responsibilities but does not direct the particular amount of time to be spent on carrying them out and no part of it may be so construed.
- This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed at least once a year and it may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the holder of the post.
- The duties may be varied to meet the changing demands of the school at the reasonable discretion of the Headteacher
- This job description does not form part of the contract of employment. It describes the way the post holder is expected and required to perform and complete the particular duties as set out in the foregoing.

Signed: _____

Date: __

Name (Print): _____

