



SHREWSBURY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

BANGKOK

Shrewsbury International School

Job Opportunity

Position / Job Director of Choral Music

Specification:

Posting Date: 16th January 2018

Closing Date: 2nd February 2018

Department: Whole School

Salary: Shrewsbury International School QTS salary scale applies.

Benefits: An excellent international package of benefits including:

- Two-year contracts;
- Excellent accommodation in Central Bangkok for singles and couples is available subject to availability at The Chatrium, adjacent to the school (www.chatrium.com) or for singles, couples and families at Bangkok Garden, only minutes from the school (www.bangkokgarden.com). The accommodation is provided free of charge, although a small tax deduction is made at source.
- Flights at the beginning and end of each contract;
- Relocation allowance at the beginning and end of employment;
- Medical insurance with Aetna (Thailand);
- Generous support for personal professional development

Position The Director of Choral Music is responsible to the Director of Music,
Summary: Mr David Place, and is expected to teach up to 41 periods of choral
 lessons (55 minutes / 10 day cycle) to classes from Y3 to Y9. The

successful candidate will also lead the school's extra-curricular programme of choral music. This thriving music department both teaches music across the whole school and delivers an exciting and extremely popular range of extra-curricular activities and opportunities alongside a vibrant instrumental programme. Singing and choral work is a key strand running through the whole school in encouraging students to develop confidence in public performance alongside their language skills. One week every year is themed around singing with visiting choir (Ex Cathedra) working with students across the school to develop their enjoyment and skill in singing. Participation in choral music is especially strong with all students up to Y9 having timetabled choral lessons in their tutor groups once every two weeks. There are a wide range of highly popular choirs and choral groups across the age range who perform regularly, these cater from beginning singers through to more accomplished choristers. The Music team also work in partnership with the Drama department to stage a range of musical and choral productions along with regular student-led events and House competitions, and singing in bands and groups is part of the taught music curriculum in Key Stage 3.

General: Shrewsbury is one of South East Asia's outstanding international schools, with enrolment of 1700 students from Early Years to Sixth Form, exceptional examination results and particular strengths in the creative arts, design and sport. The school itself enjoys a delightful and spectacular setting, right on the banks of the Chao Phraya River in the heart of Bangkok. The school is readily accessed by road and boats, which provide an easy and quick link to Bangkok's Skytrain and the city centre. The link with Shrewsbury School UK (www.shrewsbury.org.uk) is taken very seriously and, year-on-year, develops into a world-class educational partnership.

Candidate Profile: The Director of Choral Music is responsible:

- to the Director of Music who will normally be his / her Line Manager and who will normally conduct his / her Performance Management;
- to manage and coordinate the Whole School (3-18) choral programme.

- to lead choral performances as a part of the school's very busy concert and recital programme.
- for strategic development and management of the school's vocal tuition programme
- for leading choirs in rehearsal and performance, developing individual and group musicianship, and providing education about the historical and cultural context of the music being rehearsed and performed;
- for developing and promoting performance opportunities for the school choirs. This will include school hosted events, FOBISIA festivals, international choral festivals, and local festivals or collaborations.
- for developing opportunities for the coaching of choirs and provision of staff INSET by visiting performers and directors of distinction
- for the development of the choral music collections, including keeping an up-to-date inventory and placing orders for music performed;
- for excellent planning, implementation and review in the following areas:
 - Departmental schemes of work relating to singing in the classroom:
 - Advising staff on suitable vocal music for junior school 'topic' and 'value of the month'
 - Relevant sections of the department handbook;
- for excellent communication, ensuring that information relating to singing and the Choral Programme for curriculum booklets, the School Year Book, newsletters and department web pages is updated as required;
- for department staff in the following areas:
 - Ensuring staff members involved in the direction of choirs are kept up-to-date with current developments and that appropriate development areas are identified;

- Supporting other choir directors with music choices and other matters relating to choral performance;
- for ordering books and equipment relating to the curriculum and the Choral Programme, in accordance with school budgeting policies and procedures.

The Director of Choral Music will:

- be an inspirational choral director and confident performer.
- be an accomplished musician and conductor in his or her own right, and will possess outstanding vocal and keyboard skills;
- be an ambitious and innovative music educator
- be passionate about the development of young people and fostering a love of music in all members of the school community;
- be able to nurture and stretch the most able whilst also making music accessible and enjoyable for all;
- be an exemplar teacher in respect of planning, preparation of the learning environment, lesson delivery (including EAL strategies and differentiation), assessment, marking and reporting;
- have excellent communication skills with all constituencies within the school;
- enjoy working as part of a large, talented and experienced team of musicians;
- manage their own time effectively – particularly in relation to balancing the demands made by teaching, subject management and involvement in school development.

Child
Safeguarding:

Shrewsbury International School is committed to Safeguarding and Child Protection promoting the welfare of children. The successful candidate will be required to

- attend in-house Child Safeguarding programmes
- promote and safeguard the welfare of all students in the school

- report to the Child Protection Officer any concerns they have for the welfare of a student. This may include unsafe practices witnessed within the school as outlined in the school's Speak Out (Whistleblowing) Policy.
- keep professional relationships with students where personal boundaries are respected and maintained
- seek advice from a Line Manager or Child Protection Officer with issues or concerns related to Child Safeguarding.

Requirements:

- Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check (DBS) prior to the start of contract.
- Formal proof of identity with photo ID (Original Driving License / Passport).
- 2 signed, confidential references (one of which will be from the candidate's current headteacher) before the start of contract.
- Verification of original qualifications.

How to Apply:

Applications will only be accepted on the official Shrewsbury International School Application Form, which is available on the school website "Job Vacancies" page.

Further Details:

Full details of the school are available on our website at www.shrewsbury.ac.th.

Any queries should be forwarded to The Principal, Mr. Chris Seal (chris.s@shrewsbury.ac.th).