

Information for Music Teacher Applicants at Patcham High School.

Patcham High School's Music department is looking to appoint a new Music teacher to join our highly successful and ambitious department. The Music department is a key part of our school and truly represents its values. The candidate should be a 'good all-rounder' with the ability to play confidently on a number of instruments (especially popular instruments such as drums, guitar, bass and keyboards) as well as lead vocal sessions. All candidates should have a good knowledge of Music Technology especially the application Logic (Pro X) and should be confident in being able to teach key skills in this area. Music teachers at Patcham are encouraged to play alongside students to support their learning filling in gaps in ensemble performances.

At present over 200 pupils take instrumental or singing lessons in school including a large number of disadvantaged pupils who have their lessons paid for by the school, this makes for a very busy department. The most popular instrumental lessons are drums, guitar and keyboards/piano with the teachers being in school for two full days each at present with the projection that this will rise over the next two years. We also have a growing number of string, brass and woodwind players with numbers growing as a result of the high exposure to live music performed in daily assemblies.

All extra-curricular activities are provided free of charge and any new teacher would need to understand there would be an expectation to participate in running their own clubs as well as supporting the running of other clubs during lunchtimes and after school. At present the department runs two choirs – Vocalise for Years 7 & 8 (approximately 40 pupils) as well as Senior choir from years 9-11 (approximately 30 pupils), a thriving Big band with approximately 40 members as well as smaller clubs throughout the week. Large scale and ambitious school concerts occur regularly with the largest taking place at the end of Christmas & Spring terms and our school production at the end of the Summer term.

All students study Music at Patcham throughout Years 7 & 8 covering a wide range of topics and at the end of Year 8 students can opt for a Level 2 BTEC First in Music for study during years 9 & 10. Numbers this year are at a record high of over 45 students which means approximately 20% of the year group have opted to take music in year 9. Any applicant at Patcham would definitely be teaching BTEC Music next year as well as KS3 classes and should be confident to teach in all areas of this course as all units are offered to our students. At the end of year 9 all students in the school are able to opt for AQA GCSE Music which they would study through years 10 & 11.

High quality teaching and learning underpins the implementation of the Music curriculum both formal and informal. A successful applicant will be a highly effective, energetic and creative practitioner. The ability to offer a second subject is an advantage.

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