

Appointment of Teacher of Piano September 2019, part time (1 day)

Oakham School seeks to appoint a dynamic and inspiring Teacher of Piano to join a large and thriving music department of 9 core staff and over 30 visiting teachers within one of the country's leading co-educational schools. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain and enhance the high standards of music tuition and musical activity on offer at Oakham, and inspire a new generation of young musicians.

The successful candidate will be one of 7 piano teachers working under the leadership of our Head of Piano, Anne Bolt. All teachers have the opportunity to teach a variety of ages/abilities, and prepare pupils for informal and public performances, as well as Associated Board examinations. Most music lessons are 35 minutes long on a rotational timetable administered by the individual teacher on our school database, but our more advanced pupils regularly have longer lessons.

Music is flourishing at Oakham, and recent years have seen the development of an ambitious programme of practical music-making. The department has a strong profile within the school, as well as regionally and nationally. One of the school's current capital priorities is a significant development of the school's music facilities within a Performing Arts complex, including the building of a medium-scale Recital Hall. Around 500 individual lessons are taught each week, covering a wide range of instruments and styles, and the school typically supports at least 45 music award holders (scholars and exhibitioners). Pianists benefit from a quality fleet of well-maintained pianos for lessons, practice and performances.

The school's vibrant performance programme usually includes up to 80 concerts each year, encompassing weekly lunchtime recitals in Oakham Parish Church, informal solo concerts, chamber music, visiting professional concerts and an ambitious series of major instrumental/choral concerts in Chapel. Our pianists regular feature within this programme, giving concerto performances, playing chamber music and accompanying their peers in addition to giving solo performances. The Head of Piano co-ordinates a highly-successful annual Piano Duet Competition, in which every pianist studying at the school is strongly encouraged to take part. Pianists may receive individual coaching from their teacher, but have to rehearse independently with their duet partner. The competition is always a wonderful festival of collaborative pianism with a visiting professional adjudicator, and is a highlight of the school's music calendar. Pianists have also attended a masterclass at Steinway Hall with Charles Owen this academic year.

The school currently runs two orchestras, two wind bands, a big band, five choirs, a choral society as well as many training ensembles and chamber groups. Music theatre productions occur regularly for different age groups, and productions have included *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, *Sister Act*, *The Addams Family*, *Cabaret*, *Chicago*, *The Last Five Years* and *Bugsy Malone* in recent years. Termly ABRSM exams take place in school.

Oakham's music-making also extends beyond the confines of the school. The pupils regularly give concerts outside Oakham in both local venues as well as prestigious national locations. A modern tradition of annual Gala Concerts has seen large numbers of musicians

performing at the Albert Hall, Nottingham (2019 & 2015), Cambridge Corn Exchange (2018), Birmingham Town Hall (2017 & 2013), the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford (2016 & 2012), and King's College Chapel, Cambridge (2014). Performances have also taken place in Burghley House, Stamford and within the Brandenburg Choral Festival in London. The school has a commitment to overseas tours (incl. one to Latvia this July), with trips in recent years to Belgium, Italy, Eastern Germany, Northern Spain, Paris, Poland, Dublin and South Africa.

For further information about Music at Oakham and the school in general, please visit the school's website. All music teachers at Oakham are offered contracts of employment, and the current hourly rate of pay for individual tuition is £31.62, plus holiday pay. Any ensemble work is remunerated at a higher rate of pay. The level of remuneration is reviewed annually in line with all teaching staff salaries at Oakham, and travelling expenses are also paid.

The School

Oakham is one of the UK's most forward thinking and innovative co-educational boarding and day schools. The school has 1,060 pupils aged 10-18, half of them boarders, half day pupils. With equal numbers of boys and girls since 1989, the School offers a truly co-educational environment.

Whilst attracting pupils from all over the country and abroad, the School enjoys a close relationship with the town and the surrounding area. Two years ago Oakham School became one of the sponsors of an academic Sixth Form Academy, Harington School.

Oakham's strength lies in providing a spectacularly wide range of opportunities and activities which sit alongside an invigorating and challenging academic curriculum. In the Upper School, students choose between A-levels, Pre-U and BTEC qualifications, or the IB Diploma.

In recent years, the school has made it a priority to develop independent learning through a series of learning habits, which are increasingly embedded across the curriculum, both inside and outside the classroom. The 'Oakham learning journey' begins in the Lower School (situated on the Jerwoods Site), where boys and girls are admitted through the School's own entrance exam at 11 (there is also a small entry at 10). Pupils also enter the school at 13+ through the Common Entrance (CE) examination and we have a further major entry point at 16+.

Over many years, the school has not only been incredibly successful academically, but it is also recognised nationally for its outstanding achievements in sport, music, drama and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The School is at an incredibly exciting point in its history and has a very ambitious development plan for the next five years, including a new facility for the Performing Arts. Last September, the School opened a new classroom block for Humanities. This year, the School opened a new state-of-the-art Faculty of Social Sciences and completed a major redevelopment of the Sports Centre. Oakham School does not stand still.

Wider Curriculum

Oakham's total curriculum is particularly rich. In addition to the strength of its music, theatrical productions are frequent in the school's three venues for drama, including the professionally equipped Queen Elizabeth Theatre which is also used by the town and touring professional companies. The Richard Bull Centre houses a diversity of artistic enterprises from design technology to sculpture, textiles to jewellery. Scholarships are available in Art, Drama, Design & Technology and Music. A whole range of societies and activities flourish, from 'dissection club' to chess and from the CCF to conservation.

Sport is outstanding and there is a considerable breadth of sport available at Oakham. The main sports are rugby, hockey and cricket for boys, and hockey, netball and tennis for girls. In addition to this, the school has a strong reputation in sailing, rifle shooting, golf and

swimming. In most years there are over fifty boys and girls who represent their county or country in a variety of sports.

Pupils are encouraged to be part of the wider life of the community and to see life beyond the East Midlands. This happens in a number of ways, through community service, through trips abroad, but most effectively through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Around 250 pupils participate in D of E activities every year and the school has a strong track record of success having achieved well over 5,000 awards since first offering the scheme in 1960.

The richness and range of this activity is achieved within a full boarding environment operating seven days a week, with the term punctuated by weekend Leave Outs and Exeats (half term holidays). Term time can be intense, but rewarding: holidays are long. The pastoral side of the school is well developed. All our pupils are members of one of the 16 houses, each with its own Housemaster or Housemistress, and every pupil has his or her own tutor. Tutors are responsible for a group of about a dozen pupils.

Oakham is a Church of England foundation with an Anglican chaplain and a chapel which is in use every day. The school warmly welcomes those of other denominations. No-one is excluded from appointment on religious grounds but anyone intolerant of Christianity is unlikely to feel comfortable in the Oakham community.

Inspection Reports

Oakham School has recently undergone a very successful ISI Inspection (September 2013). The inspection reports can be viewed at https://www.oakham.rutland.sch.uk/uploadedFiles/Website/Admissions/ISI_Inspection_Report/Oakham_ISI_Report_2013.pdf

Interview

Candidates will be invited to visit the music department to teach a short lesson for 20 minutes, perform a solo piece, and have an interview with the Director of Music and Head of Piano. Further details will be forthcoming if you are shortlisted.

Candidates who wish to apply for this post must send a letter of application, a completed Oakham School application form, and a copy of their CV to:

Mr Peter Davis, Director of Music
Oakham School
Chapel Close
Oakham
Rutland, LE15 6DT

or via email to:

Mrs Georgina Carter, Music Department Administrator, gec2@oakham.rutland.sch.uk

Many music teachers find that their Employment History is too lengthy to complete on the Oakham School application form. We are happy for this to be outlined on your CV instead.

The closing date for applications is noon on 21 May 2019. Interviews will take place in the week beginning Monday 3 June 2019. Early applications are encouraged.

Under current legislation, we are required to advise applicants that this appointment will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure. Oakham School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure & Barring Service. Details of any criminal record (spent or unspent, due to exemption from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974) must be disclosed at interview. Only relevant convictions and other information will be taken into account so disclosure need not necessarily be a bar to obtaining a position at Oakham School. A copy of the Recruitment of Ex-offenders Policy is enclosed. For further details, please visit the Disclosure & Barring website.