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Salary: UQPR/MPR

6.5 teaching hours per week

Required: As soon as possible

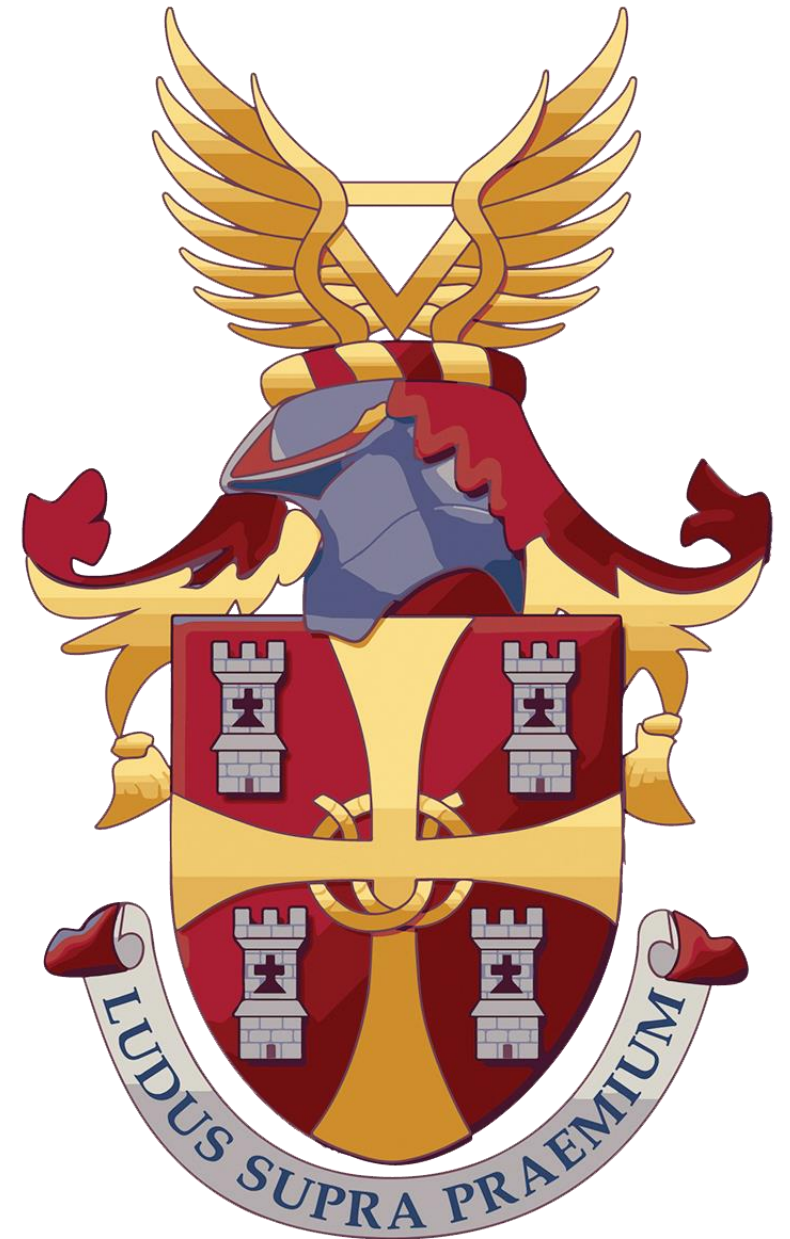
Closing date for applications: 9am on 2 March 2023

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join one of the country's leading grammar schools and offers teachers the opportunity to work with able and well-motivated students. We are seeking an inspirational, professional and dynamic Classical Guitar Teacher to build upon the reputation of our school and join our Instrumental Teacher team within the Music Department. We welcome applications from candidates who want to combine this role with another to make a Full-Time role. This is an exceptional opportunity for a talented, dedicated and inspiring individual, who has a forward-thinking and passionate approach to musical education. The purpose of the role is to provide high calibre Classical Guitar lessons for pupils, enable them to perform musically to the high standards expected by the School and achieve their full potential in music examinations and concert performances as appropriate. This will be achieved through one-to-one, paired or group lessons, and assistance with ensembles and coaching as required. In return, we offer planning and preparation time, professional support and career development opportunities. We recognise and value continued professional development and as such, training opportunities will be made available to you throughout your career with us.

Visit the school website for further details and the employment application pack.

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Interviews date: 8 March 2023





Welcome to WGHS

Wolverhampton Girls' High School has a long and established history of providing outstanding education for girls for over 100 years. We pride ourselves on our traditions, but we do not stand still, we are striving for continuous improvement. There is no charge or cost related to the admission of a student to the school and we welcome students from within the City of Wolverhampton and beyond.

We offer a broad and rich curriculum where all students are encouraged and supported to achieve their personal best in all aspects of school life. Our combination of high expectations and support tailored to meeting individual needs leads to confident and well-rounded young women who are well prepared to take on the next stage of their lives. Students are highly motivated to learn and personalised learning lies at the heart of our provision. Students also benefit from exceptional learning facilities.

The school is respected as one of the best state schools in the country, regularly achieving examination results which place it at or near the top of national league tables. This success has also been recognised by Ofsted, with the school achieving four successive "Outstanding" inspections. Indeed, the school was awarded this highest rating in every category in each of the two most recent inspections. In November 2017 we were also awarded the Sunday Times West Midlands Secondary State School of the year award.

Whilst academic achievements are an important part of life at WGHS, students enjoy the wide range of other opportunities. These include participation in the thriving house system, and opportunities in the fields of sport, music and drama. There is a plethora of activities for the students to engage in from leading whole school events; to organising charity fundraising activities; participating in debating competitions and enjoying expeditions abroad.

Our team of dedicated staff ensures that students are well supported to achieve academic success, within a caring community. We have placed pastoral care at the centre of our school community through our "Hub". Pastoral care provided is exceptional, focusing upon student wellbeing and equipping students with the skills and knowledge that will support them to navigate life beyond the school.

The school's motto: Ludus Supra Praemium (which translates as "the game before the prize"), emphasises the value of taking part as a member of the school community. Our girls are encouraged to develop skills for lifelong success in terms of understanding themselves as learners and developing as responsible citizens, demonstrating care and respect for all members of the community. As a result, they leave WGHS with fond memories, and equipped as confident and independent minded young women ready to take on the challenges ahead and enjoy success in their chosen fields.

WGHS is a special place to be, with its supportive atmosphere encouraging all students to achieve their best in all aspects of school life. Thank you for your interest in this exciting opportunity, we encourage you to apply and come and join our community.

Mrs Trudi Young
Headteacher



Ludus Supra Praemium

“the game before the prize”

We value highly the experiences students gain both in and out of the classroom. The House System offers wide variety of opportunities for students deliver softer skills including events such as the annual House Arts, House Winter Games and Sports Day events.

Our staff offer a range of extra-curricular opportunities in school and a variety of opportunities for students to travel abroad. This has included expeditions to Iceland, Russia, Nepal and China!





Our Students

All, of our students, are high achieving and almost all go on to study university courses with girls accessing some of the most competitive courses at the most sought-after institutions.

Examination results are exceptional, year after year.

Fewer students than the national average are eligible for the Pupil Premium (Years 7 to 11) (133) 128 FSM and 5 Service Children. 34 students are eligible for the 16-19 Bursary and we have two Looked After Children.

We have 52 students with SEND needs.

The proportion of students from ethnic minority groups is 70% with Indian students making up 37% and 19% who speak English as an Additional Language.

There is a very strong community ethos across the school with the House system at its heart. Students compete enthusiastically in a range of different competitions. These events, together with academic and pastoral mentoring across the year groups, ensure that students actively support each other from Years 7-13. Students seize leadership opportunities, running many clubs at lunchtime and leading a variety of fundraising activities.

All of our girls want to and are encouraged to achieve their personal best. They support each other in and beyond the classroom to strive for excellence and subsequently achieve great success in all areas.



Our Staff

We have 125 staff; 80 teachers of whom 36 are part-time; and 45 support staff. There are 15 Curriculum Leaders, 3 Directors and 4 House Leaders. The Senior Leadership Team is comprised of the Headteacher, 2 Deputy Headteachers, 1 Senior Assistant Headteacher and 3 Assistant Headteachers.

There is a strong sense of support and community amongst the staff.

Staff are actively encouraged to inform the planning of future whole school priorities. In addition, staff make valuable and active contributions to several school-working groups.

All staff receive an annual appraisal with a mid-year review, alongside ongoing professional development. Career development is an expectation for all, and we provide support within school to help colleagues to develop. There are opportunities to lead whole school training sessions and to share expertise across and within departments.

We are very fortunate to be supported by a team of dedicated and high-quality support staff who support the school in a variety of ways. These include administration, finance, learning support, data and examinations and site.

Students and parents have high expectations of the staff as a result of their thirst for learning and ambition. This makes our focused learning environment a very rewarding one of which to become apart.

Our Facilities

The school is steeped in traditions from over its 100-year history, but we are forward looking and aiming for continuous improvement. We have recently benefited from an £8million BSF investment updating facilities across the school and extending our facilities to include new science laboratories, new art rooms, new lecture theatre and a £2.3 million ESFA investment for new sixth form social and study facilities. All Sixth Form students are issued with a one-to-one device to support their learning.

Work has been completed on an additional ESFA, £3.4 million funded project for a new build. This included provision of four new science laboratories and refurbishment of two others.

Music Department

The Music Department is well resourced, with plenty of opportunities to support extra-curricular activities on a weekly basis, as well as a variety of performances across the academic year. Music is an important part of the school curriculum and is studied by a healthy number of pupils for GCSE, A Level.

Extra-curricular ensembles currently on offer at Wolverhampton Girls' High School include:

- String Orchestra and Intermediate Strings
- Concert Band
- Jazz Band
- Brass Band
- Junior and Senior Choir
- Vocal Ensemble
- Musical Theatre
- Rock and Pop
- Symphony Orchestra

Individual, paired and group lessons are available on all orchestral instruments with the exception of harp. Vocal, keyboard, piano and guitar lessons are also available. We are proud to be an ABRSM and Trinity exam centre with our students taking performance exams each term. Students also follow the LCM and Rock School performance syllabus.

Weekly lessons are provided by specialist instrumental teachers; each lesson lasts for half an hour. Approximately 300 students take lessons each week. These lessons are rotated during the school day, with 6th form students allocated a time when they are not in lessons wherever possible. Instrumental teachers deliver up to 10 lessons per day and participate in our enrichment programme.

Instrumental Teachers at Wolverhampton Girls' High School are responsible to the Headteacher, via the Curriculum Leader for Music, in all matters relating to performance, ensembles, pupil progress, and the day-to-day management of their timetables.

The successful candidate will be an outstanding teacher with a passion for inspiring all our musicians to perform to the highest possible standard, as well as being an active performer.



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Reporting to: Curriculum Leader
Pay Scale: UQPR/MPR

Purpose: Under the reasonable direction of the Headteacher and Curriculum Leader, to carry out the professional duties of an instrumental teacher as circumstances may require.

To provide high calibre instrumental lessons for pupils, enable them to perform musically to the high standards expected by the School and achieve their full potential in music examinations and concert performances as appropriate

To perform, in accordance with any directions which may reasonably be given by the Headteacher and Curriculum Leader from time to time, such particular duties as may reasonably be assigned.

To share the school's responsibility for monitoring, promoting and supporting the general progress, development, well-being and discipline of individual students and of any individual or group of students assigned to the teacher, providing opportunities for personal and academic growth, and monitoring and evaluating progress in these areas.

To facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides students with the opportunity to achieve their individual potential.

To contribute to raising standards of student attainment and achievement.



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Teaching: To teach the students assigned according to their educational needs, including setting and marking work to be carried out by the student in school and elsewhere.

To stimulate learning through the use of a variety of delivery methods and the provision of high-quality learning experiences which are appropriate to student needs and address the demands of the syllabus.

To assist and lead musical ensembles during Enrichment Time and school performances.

To assess, record and report on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of students and to keep such records as are required.

To maintain good order and discipline among the students in accordance with the school's policies and procedures, and to encourage good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and homework.

To safeguard the health and safety of students both when authorised to be on the school premises and when engaged in authorised school activities elsewhere.

To participate in arrangements for preparing students for instrumental examinations, in assessing students for the purposes of such examinations, and participating in arrangements for students' presentation for and supervision during such examinations.

To provide or contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual students and groups of students.



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Pastoral: Ensure that the school safeguarding policy and procedures are followed at all times

To liaise with the Pastoral Leader to ensure the implementation of the school's pastoral procedures.

To register students' attendance, supervise them, accompany them to assemblies and encourage full attendance and full participation in other aspects of school life.

To monitor and evaluate the progress of students and keep up-to-date student records as may be required.

To contribute to the preparation of Action Plans, Progress Files and other records of and reports on the educational, personal and social needs of students.

To alert appropriate staff to problems experienced by students and to contribute, where appropriate, to the resolution of these problems.

To apply the Behaviour Policy so that effective learning can take place.

Planning: To advise and co-operate with the Headteacher and other teachers on the preparation, development and implementation of appropriate syllabuses, resources, teaching and learning strategies and policies.

To contribute to the departmental development plan and its implementation.

To plan and prepare lessons to suit the needs of all learners.

To contribute to whole school planning activities.



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Staffing: To participate in the Appraisal process.

To participate in arrangements for further training and professional development as a teacher, including the school's staff development programme, and to undertake training and professional development to meet needs identified through the Performance Management process.

To work as a member of a designated team and to contribute positively to effective working relations within the school.

Quality Assurance: To contribute to the school's self-evaluation and review procedures.

To contribute to the process of self-evaluation and review of the department/subject in line with agreed school procedures, including evaluation against quality standards and performance criteria.

To seek/implement modification and improvement where required.

To review from time to time methods of teaching and programmes of work.

To take part, as may be required, in the review, development and management of activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the school.



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Management of Information: To maintain appropriate records and to provide relevant accurate and

up-to-date information for SIMS, registers, etc.

To complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking of students.

To use data and information to track student progress and to inform teaching and learning.

Communications: To participate in meetings which relate to the curriculum for the school or the administration or organisation of the school, including pastoral arrangements.

To communicate and consult, as appropriate, with the parents of students.

Where appropriate, to communicate and co-operate with persons or bodies outside the school, after consultation with the appropriate staff.

To follow agreed policies for communications within the school.

Marketing and Liaison: To take part in marketing and liaison activities such as Open Days/Evenings and Parents' Evenings.

To contribute to the development of effective subject links with external agencies.

Management of Resources: To contribute to the process of ordering and allocation of equipment and materials.

To assist the Curriculum Leader to identify resource needs and to contribute to the efficient/effective use of physical resources.

To co-operate with other staff to ensure a sharing and effective usage of resources to the benefit of the school, the department/subject and the students.



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Other Specific Duties: To play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its distinctive mission and ethos and to encourage staff and students to follow this example.

To support the school in meeting its legal requirements for worship.

To promote actively the school's corporate policies.

To comply with the school's Health and Safety Policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate.

To undertake any other duty as specified by STPCD not mentioned in the above.

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

Employees are expected to be courteous to colleagues and provide a welcoming environment to visitors and telephone callers.

The school will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the post and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.

This job description is current at the date shown but, following consultation, may be changed to reflect or anticipate changes in the post which are commensurate with the salary and job title.



Person Specification – Teacher of Classical Guitar

Factor	Required	Desired
ATTAINMENT	Diploma or equivalent on Classical Guitar Music Degree	Interest in pursuing further qualifications
EXPERIENCE	Experience of working in a Secondary School Experience of delivering outstanding music lessons Experience of 1:1 and/or small group teaching	Experience of teaching students of high ability and securing excellent outcomes Experience of teaching students of high ability and securing excellent outcomes Experience of supporting students through music examinations Experience of supporting in-school and inter-school events
TRAINING	A positive attitude towards professional development and own learning	Clear sense of responsibility for own Continuing Professional Development Evidence of recent participation in CPD activities
PERSONAL QUALITIES	Relates well to colleagues, students and parents Approachable Passionate about music Committed to the wider life of the school, including concerts Conscientious and self-motivated Ability to take a lead role A good team player Uses initiative and takes responsibility Ability to work under pressure and to challenging deadlines	Willing to seek and respond to advice positively Creative thinker Sense of humour
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	Ability to accompany students during examinations Excellent teamwork and collaboration skills Able and willing to engage in extra-curricular activities Excellent administrative ICT skills Confident and competent user of ICT Able to use a range of teaching and learning strategies Teaches to a high standard Motivates and relates to students Good personal organisation Good communicator, orally and in writing	Knowledge of the wider music industry (e.g. Examination Boards) Knowledge of music notation software Knowledge of music recording processes Excellent keyboard skills Ability to teach another instrument
VALUES	A clearly articulated educational philosophy for the subject and the management of it Belief in the ethos of selective, single-sex education Commitment to high standards	Commitment to Personalised Learning
REFERENCES	Two unreserved references including current Employer	References indicate confidence, integrity, competence and effectiveness
OTHER	Ability to respond effectively to change Demonstrable integrity	Evidence of personal interests beyond school

Staff Wellbeing Charter

WGHS takes the wellbeing of all staff very seriously. The charter below takes into account all of the measures we have in place to assist staff to carry out their professional duties. The staff are very supportive of each other we ask all staff to be committed fully to the charter below through their actions.



No student or class data collected for data's sake



Staff marking expectations are minimum and workload regularly reviewed



Clear expectations around communication. There is no expectation to respond outside of the school day, although you can choose to do so



A flexible and generous discretionary leave policy. Teachers can leave from 3pm when they are free



Deadlines well publicised and annual calendar consultation



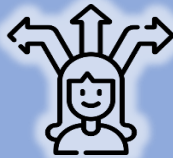
A flexible opt-in approach to directed time



Complimentary drinks in the staffroom at break time



A fitness suite available for staff use



Opportunities for career development



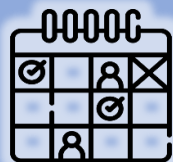
Meetings have a clear purpose, agendas are issued one week in advance, and those leading meetings ensure they are kept on track and finish on time



Counselling service free to all staff



The school will endeavour, wherever possible, to champion and enable flexible working



Calendared sanctuary weeks with no meetings/events



Coaching and shadowing opportunities



Complimentary Christmas dinner for all staff each year



Half-termly breakfast social for all staff



Your wellbeing matters.
The school is committed to prioritising and promoting staff wellbeing.



Wellbeing is a shared responsibility.
The school is committed to giving all staff the support they need to take responsibility for their own and other people's wellbeing.



How to Apply

To apply for this post, please complete the application form and submit it with a supporting letter. In your letter you should state:

1. Your reasons for applying for the post
2. The experience you believe to have prepared you for the post
3. The skills and strengths you will bring to the school with reference to the person specification

Important - Please note that the application form must be completed in full and submitted for the attention of the Headteacher by post or to recruitment@wghs.org.uk

This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to satisfactory references which will be required prior to interview, an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, medical check, evidence of qualifications and verification of the Right to Work in the UK. Please note police checks will also be required for time spent working outside of the UK.

