



**BLACKHEATH  
PREP**

# Visiting Music Teacher - Flute Information for Candidates





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‘It is an environment in which children thrive in a whirlwind of opportunity and excellence’

Blackheath Prep Parent



## Introduction

Blackheath Prep is a prep school for just over 370 boys and girls aged 3 to 11. From 1 September 2023, Blackheath Prep and Eltham College will merge to become one family of schools. The merger provides an exciting opportunity to cement the schools' already close ties through a more formal partnership.

Founded in 1996, it occupies a beautiful five-acre site close to Blackheath village. Its original Georgian and Victorian buildings have been extended and adapted to include large playgrounds and extensive playing fields, tennis courts, cricket nets and a Forest School area.

It is a remarkable school with outstanding facilities, a formidable track record in academic success and impressive achievements in Music, Sport, Drama and Art. The school was inspected in June 2019 and both the quality of pupils' achievements in all areas of our curriculum, from academics to Design Technology and PE, as well as the quality of pupils' personal development were judged to be excellent. Our [website](#) will give you a flavour of the school, its beautiful grounds and its superb facilities.

Children go on to a range of independent and maintained secondary schools, with a large proportion (at least 50% of the cohort over the last five years) being awarded academic scholarships at schools such as Alleyn's, Colfe's, Dulwich College, Eltham College, James Allen's Girls' School, Sevenoaks School and City of London Schools and/or places at top Grammar schools such as Newstead Wood and St Olave's. A large number of children are also awarded scholarships in Art, Drama, Music and Sport.

## Our Vision

To offer an education without boundaries, giving every child the freedom to shine and achieve their full potential, upholding academic excellence, sparking curiosity and a joyful love of learning, nurturing kindness and wellbeing, and creating a strong sense of community.





## Our Mission

We are committed to giving every child the opportunity to achieve their full potential and the courage to strive for excellence in all their endeavours. Through innovative and inspiring teaching and a rich and varied curriculum, we aim to spark children's natural curiosity and sense of fun and adventure and to nurture a joyful love of learning.

Community is at the very heart of our school, and kindness, appreciation, collaboration and contribution are values that we work hard to put into practice each day. We encourage every child to make the most of their time here so when they complete their journey with us they are ready for the next stage of their education and have the foundation for a successful, happy and fulfilled life.

## Our Values

**Kindness**

**Curiosity**

**Freedom**

**Ambition**

**Courage**

**Community**

**Joy**



## The Role

Blackheath Prep is seeking to appoint a well-qualified, enthusiastic and engaging Visiting Flute Teacher to join our team of self-employed Visiting Music Teachers from September 2023.

The role includes working as part of a team to deliver weekly instrumental class and group tuition to Year 4. Pupils are taught either flute, clarinet or trumpet throughout the year in their class Music lessons. Classes work together as a whole band and in small groups with their instrument specialist. This culminates in a concert to parents in the Summer Term.

In addition to the work with Year 4, the role also includes a number of one-to-one pupils and opportunities to lead an ensemble. There will also be some teaching to younger pupils on recorder as they start their woodwind playing journey.

At Blackheath Prep, the collective sum of the individual differences, life experiences, knowledge, inventiveness, self-expression, unique capabilities and talent that our community holds represents a significant part of not only our culture, but our achievements as well.

Music is a defining feature of Blackheath Prep and considerable time, resource, support and encouragement is given to the musical life of the school. All children (Nursery to Year 6) receive at least two timetabled music lessons a week. In Years 3 & 4, children participate in the school's Strings and Wind and Brass Schemes and are given the opportunity to learn an instrument, fully funded by the school. Almost 80% of children learn one instrument with many learning more. In the current Year 6, 97% learn an instrument.

There is a thriving co-curricular programme and concerts are held regularly throughout the school year.

Ensembles and Choirs vary from year-to-year according to the musical skills and needs of the cohort. Currently, the school has 4 choirs, string, wind and brass ensembles, flute ensemble, pre-prep ensemble and percussion ensemble.

This year, the Music Department host their annual Summer Concert at the Blackheath Halls at which the new school song, composed by pupils of the school and Emily Barden will be performed for the first time and we will welcome clarinettist, Emma Johnson as a special guest. This term, our Chamber Choir will be singing a joint service with the Chapel Choir at Trinity Laban's Old Royal Naval Chapel. The Music Department is hosted in a purpose-built Music Suite, with a classroom and teaching rooms for peripatetic music lessons.

## Person Specification

The successful candidates will have an excellent teaching record, an inclusive approach and commitment to fostering a love of music for all children. Other valuable qualities include enthusiasm, understanding, organisational ability, a capacity to work hard and the ability to stay calm and good humoured under pressure. The successful candidate will also have the ability to build and maintain positive relationships with



all members of the wider Blackheath Prep community and bring with them real energy, excitement and passion to the classroom.

A pleasure in the life of a thriving, busy school, and the ability to act as an approachable, sympathetic and principled role model will be likely to characterise the successful candidates.

Experience of working with Pre-Prep and Prep age groups and success in preparing students for grade examinations, will be advantageous.

## Terms of Appointment

- The post is available from September 2023
- All of our Visiting Music Teachers are self-employed, and fees are paid directly to the Visiting Music Teacher
- Remuneration will be based on current school VMT rates.
- Year 4 Wind & Brass lessons take place on Wednesdays and Fridays
- There is additionally approximately one day of one-to-one teaching per week.

## How to Apply

Please send by email a completed application form and equal opportunities form, to Asia Gibbs, HR and Compliance Manager: [recruitment@blackheathprep.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@blackheathprep.co.uk).

Closing date for applications is at **9am on Monday 5 June 2023**

Interviews will be held on **13 June 2023**.

\*\*\*Please note that the recruitment campaign might end earlier as the applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis so please do not delay in applying\*\*\*

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.



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