

Information for TBS Applicants: Performing Arts department: Primary Music Teacher

Overview

The Performing Arts department currently consists of one secondary music teacher, one primary music teacher and one drama teacher, all full time. There are also 2 full time peripatetic instructors who are currently embarking on the process of teacher training, and 3 other part time members of peripatetic staff. This department of highly motivated and experienced educators, teach students throughout the School and expectations are high. We are looking for an enthusiastic, qualified, creative and innovative member of staff to teach the primary range EY - Year 6, and join our thriving and jubilant department.

The successful applicant will be an effective professional with outstanding subject knowledge and experience of teaching across a wide age range. They will have excellent interpersonal skills and a high level of personal organisation. Experience in mentoring trainee teachers is advantageous but not essential. The successful candidate would be expected to support the ethos of the department and encourage participation amongst their students.

Staffing ratio

The usual teaching timetable is to teach 22 out of 29 teaching periods per week. The school year is 185 teaching days and is organised into 4 terms.

Timetabling

Currently, all primary classes have a specialist Music period of either 45 minutes or 1 hour per week, as well as another year group choral and movement workshop led by the primary music teacher.

Students

Students enjoy the subject immensely and it is popular throughout the school. There are a range of extracurricular opportunities that the department offers and students are enthusiastic about. Students are offered opportunities to participate in school musical events as well as international FOBISIA festivals and competitions. Recently the school hosted the FOBISIA Choral Festival, and throughout the year we provide collaborative opportunities such as the creative arts week project in March. The Performing Arts department lead on a Secondary production, a EY & KS1 Christmas show and a Whole School Carol Concert. They also lead on dramatic shows, Musical evenings which are hosted in and out of school, as well as contributing to public events.

Music and Performing Arts has a high profile within the school and in the local community as well.

Curriculum

For primary classes, the school follows the International Primary Curriculum.

Resources & Textbooks

The teaching environment is spacious and purpose built. The Performing Arts department have their own building in which lessons and rehearsals take place. The department is relatively well resourced and includes instruments such as electric pianos, full samba kit, acoustic and electronic drum kits, bass, acoustic and electric guitars and amps, a plethora of hand held percussion and a new fully equipped recording studio. There is also the school hall, which can be used for events and has a proscenium arch stage, rostrum and a sound system.

Main targets this year/ Key areas of focus

1. Focusing on increasing opportunities for students to perform high quality pieces of performance.
2. To develop rigorous, challenging and varied schemes of work.
3. Promoting and supporting the increasing development of the instrumental programme.