



Music Department: Part Time Teacher of Music (0.4)

Description of Main Duties

Wrekin College's music department plays a fundamental role in the whole inclusive ethos of the school and the bands and choirs that the department run achieve national recognition for the standard of music they produce. The department has grown exponentially over the past 9 years and now delivers over 250 instrumental lessons a week via a team of 18 peripatetic staff. Lessons are offered in all instruments and in different styles (eg Musical Theatre Singing and Jazz Piano to name just two). Academically the subject is popular, in relation to the size of the year groups at GCSE and has record numbers for the school at A level. Results have been nationally recognised by the ISM, placing the department in the top 200 nationally. As a result of this growth and the success of the department the school invested £2.6 Million pounds in a new Music school that opened in 2020. This has a purpose-built Rehearsal Hall, 6 Practice Rooms (one is a designated organ room), two small ensemble rooms, a percussion room and two classrooms. One of the classrooms has a suite of Mini Macs which are used for composition and classroom projects. The department is busy with performances from pupils. These range from supporting whole school events like Remembrance Sunday to full scale productions, charity concerts and small informal soirees. There is also a concert season that started in 2020 and features outside artists. Recent performers include Sheku and Isata Kanneh-Mason and BBC Young Jazz Musician Finalist, Ralph Porrett.

Large Ensembles run by the department are as of May 2024 are:

Chapel Choir

Orchestra

Jazz Band

Concert Band

Lancaster Choir (years 7 & 8)

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Community Choir : This only runs for a limited number of weeks per year.

Chamber Choir (This only runs on a needs must basis).

There are then several small ensembles which are run by peripatetic staff:

Violin Group

Sax Group

Brass Group

Soul Band

Activities Band (Rock Band that runs in the Friday Activities slot).

There are also student led bands and vocal groups. Certain events like the House Singing Competition are also prepared by the students.

Musicals/School Shows/Plays (Musicals are not an annual event but when they are it will be the job of both members of the department to run rehearsals and put the music element of the show together). Other plays sometimes require smaller musical contributions, and this will be shared between the department staff

The department has grown significantly over the past 9 years and plays a significant role within the cultural life of Wrekin, the marketing of Wrekin and is now recognised on a National level both for the standard of its groups/ensembles. However, it recognizes the need to get more pupils auditioning for music scholarships and to broadcast the standard of its work to local feeder and primary schools via performances and workshops.

Wrekin are looking for a part time member of staff (0.4) to teach mostly KS3 music to years 7-9, there may be a small amount of GCSE or A level teaching and to become involved in the musical life of the school. The KS3 curriculum is very flexible and units of work can be negotiated with the DOM and ADOM.

Whilst there will be an expectation to be involved in musical groups and ensembles that run on the days the successful applicant teaches (as part of the post) there are also other opportunities for outreach work and extra hours outside of this teaching commitment. Especially if the successful candidate can accompany Instrumental examinations and performances or is happy running primary school workshops and events. These would be paid at an agreed hourly rate and would not form part of the 0.4 teaching post.

Other main responsibilities as part of this position are:-

- Teaching academic music throughout the school, at KS3 and possibly at GCSE and A level (EDUQAS Syllabus is followed for both GCSE and A level) as required and as determined as appropriate by the Director of Music. The department has had tremendous results at both GCSE and A level and all of the dept have a responsibility to maintain these and the numbers opting for the subject.
- Reporting and assessing as is appropriate to the group and in line with school policy and examination board requirements. Setting exams as appropriate (ie if they are the only ones teaching a year group and therefore know the work covered and can tailor the exam accordingly). Completing any necessary administration for exam classes and groups to ensure their entry and coursework for exams is completed appropriately.
- Attendance at parents' evenings for the year groups the successful candidate teaches.
- The ability to be able to accompany students on the piano would be an advantage.
- To share a tutor group with another member of staff, possibly taking sole responsibility for them on the days of employment. Writing a pro rata number of reports for them when required.
- To become involved in the musical groups within school.
- To be involved in and attend an appropriate pro rata number of school musical performances.

- To plan a deliver outreach work in local prep and primary schools (or by getting them into school) or in some cases possibly covering the DOM or ADOM whilst they undertake this work.
- To undertake break or lunchtime duty in house if required.
- Any other roles/tasks as deemed reasonable by the Headmaster.

Applications

Applications should arrive no later than Friday May 31st. Completed application forms, together with a short letter of application (no more than one side of A4) and a brief outline of playing experience, and the names and addresses of two referees should be sent by post or email to:

Human Resources

Wrekin College,

Wellington,

Shropshire

TF1 3BH

Email: recruitment@wrekincollege.com

Candidates wishing to discuss the post informally before applying should contact the Director of Music, Simon Platford MBE in the first instance. Email splatford@wrekincollege.com

Wrekin College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful applicant will be subject to a DBS check. Candidates are requested to provide proof of qualifications and identity when attending for interview. Where possible, the proof of identity should include two of the following documents: passport, birth certificate or driving licence (including paper counterpart if a photocard licence), plus a document detailing National Insurance number and two documents which show proof of residential address.

If you submit an application but are not called for interview by Friday June 14th, please assume that your application has been unsuccessful.