Godstowe

Job Description

Music Teacher

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Introduction

The post holder will teach from Beginners to Form IV (Reception to Year 8).

Duties and responsibilities will include planning and teaching an appropriate broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum which provides pupils with an opportunity always to improve their musical skills, both in the classroom and through performance.

In addition, they will lead singing rehearsals, accompany choirs and soloists and participate in performances including Christmas Nativity and School Concerts.

Management

The post holder will report to the Director of Music. All staff should liaise closely with other teachers in the school. They should also liaise closely with the Heads of Division and the Deputy Heads, who are all directly responsible to the Headmistress.

Skills and Characteristics

The following are essential for the role:

- To have experience of teaching music to primary aged children.
- To have a high level of piano skills, including accompanying choirs and soloists.
- Able to lead singing rehearsals.
- To have good classroom management and subject knowledge.
- To be an enthusiastic and highly motivated musician.
- Demonstrate reliability and good time management skills.
- Outstanding communication skills, building strong relationships with pupils, staff, parents, and governors.
- Music degree and QTS for early years provision.
- To have a positive attitude towards professional development.

The following are desirable for the role:

- Professional performing experience.
- A good understanding of music curriculum developments.
- Confident user of ICT, including music technology.
- Teach one or more specialisms from curriculum music (e.g. recorder, violin, trumpet, drumming) to the whole class.

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Key Responsibilities

- Ensure consistently high standards of teaching and learning.
- Prepare yearly schemes of work alongside long and short-term plans, working alongside the Director of Music.
- Work collaboratively with Director of Music, peripatetic teachers, EAL and LS departments to ensure a positive learning experience for all students including, where appropriate, curriculum planning.
- Collaboratively organise (and sometimes lead) the musical aspect of lodge school (pre prep) performances such as Nativity, harvest festival, summer concert.
- To attend performances in Lodge and Main School.

Review

The job description will be reviewed annually and may be subject to amendment after consultation. The above is not a comprehensive statement of procedures and tasks but sets out the main expectations of the school in relation to the post.

Child Protection

All members of staff are responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and attending regular child protection training. They must abide by the child protection policy at all times. Any child protection issues must be referred to the designated person for child protection and/or the Headmistress.