

Visiting Music Teacher - Piano

September / October 2024

Role Description

Dear Applicant,

At St Teresa's, we understand the importance of Music in the lives of young people. We enjoy fantastic facilities, with a suite of five practice rooms and three large classrooms in addition to a Concert Hall and Chapel which are available for performances. We have a large, devoted and experienced team of VMT's and specialist Music Teachers. Music is taken by students at both GCSE and A Level. Many choirs and ensembles rehearse on a weekly basis and among other activities, we arrange concerts, House Music Competitions, trips to professional productions and Live events for our pupils.

We always expect the highest standards of our pupils, but perhaps most important of all, is that we want them to develop their love and fascination of music.

In 2019, we came together with neighbouring school Cranmore to form Effingham Schools Trust (EST), based on a diamond model – a powerful and exciting educational proposition, delivering all the advantages of both single sex and co-education to girls and boys. The partnership has proven incredibly successful, providing new opportunities for pupils of all ages. EST is delighted to be able to continue to grow with Manor House School joining the Trust in September 2023. Three modern, progressive schools, with enviable facilities will deliver best practice teaching to their pupils, whilst maintaining exceptional pastoral care.

Caroline Yalden
Director of Music

The Role

We are looking for a reliable, enthusiastic and motivated individual for the role of Visiting Music Teacher (Piano) to teach from Year 4 upwards. They will be passionate about teaching in a contemporary style, be a team player and will contribute to the development of this successful and well-resourced department. There is an energetic atmosphere in the department with much support and sharing of ideas and skills. The successful candidate will report to the Director of Music and will be an integral part of the department.

Roles and Responsibilities

The VMTs are responsible for the following areas, although the list is not exhaustive.

- Be responsible for teaching weekly lessons of 30 minutes to pupils.
- Be responsible for organising own pupil timetable of lessons.
- Be responsible for putting forward pupils for ABRSM examinations, assembly and concert performances.
- Be responsible for tackling non-attendance to lessons by fetching pupils when necessary.
- Maintain regular communication with parents, dealing with queries involving music lessons and other musical issues promptly and professionally.
- To attend annual INSET days as required in VMT agreement.
- Keep an accurate and up-to-date register of lessons delivered.
- Work in accordance with school's policies and safeguarding procedures.
- Liaise with Learning Support staff where appropriate to accommodate the specific requirements of SEN pupils.
- Be responsible for setting your own lesson fee.

Person Specification

Relevant experience is required, preferably in an educational environment.

The successful candidate will:

- Have experience of teaching piano to pupils from Year 4 to Sixth Form.
- Have experience of teaching a range of standards from beginner to Diploma.
- Be willing to take part in performance work as appropriate and by arrangement with the Director of Music.
- Be able to work with colleagues, parents and pupils in a friendly and professional manner.
- Be a role model to pupils through personal presentation, dress and professional conduct.

Fees and Facilities

VMT's set charge per lesson.

- Working in a purpose built music building with 5 dedicated practice rooms.
- Termly facilities fee payable to the school.
- Lunch available.
- Parking provided on site.

Hours: Set per week during term time plus INSET days

Application process

All applicants are required to complete an **application form** containing questions about their academic and employment history and their suitability for the role.

Further information including examination results and the Independent Schools' Inspection Report can be found on the School's website www.st-teresas.com

As part of St. Teresa's commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, any offer of employment to this post will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check, along with qualifications, two satisfactory references and a satisfactory response to a Health Questionnaire. **Please note that references will be taken up on short listed candidates prior to interview.**

Closing Date for Applications:	Monday 9th September 2024
Applications should be sent to:	Mrs Karen Babler (Recruitment Manager) k.babler@st-teresas.com St Teresa's School Effingham Surrey RH5 6ST

St Teresa's reserves the right to interview at any stage of the selection process.