



Teacher of Music
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Ashbourne Academy
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Do you want to make an impact in a Multi-Academy Trust that is moving forward with exciting times ahead?

We are seeking to appoint a successful, enthusiastic and dynamic professional who is a highly motivated specialist with an innovative and supportive approach to teaching and learning.

QEGSMAT is a growing group of academies based in Derbyshire, Derby City and Staffordshire. Established at the start of 2017, our Trust is based on a set of actions defined by our students; 'Question, Explore, Give and Succeed'.

We offer candidates:

- Support, mentoring and professional learning appropriate to the post.
- A forward looking, hardworking and enthusiastic team of staff with the desire and skills to improve outcomes.
- A location which has excellent transport links and enjoys state of the art resources.

At QEGSMAT we believe and promote that exceptional teachers create exceptional results; they transform lives and transform futures. They support every pupil to achieve their full potential and become a confident, resilient and compassionate individual who can make a positive contribution to society. We believe that exceptional teachers like you should be supported too, with all the opportunities you need to develop your career and achieve your goals to build for your future.

We're committed to providing first-rate training and development to all of our teaching staff, as well as excellent career advancement opportunities within this evolving Trust. You'll find high expectations here too; we expect the kind of exemplary conduct from students that allows our teachers to do their jobs as effectively as they can.

QEGSMAT is committed to promoting equality, challenging discrimination and developing community cohesion. We welcome applications from all sections of the community. We are committed to the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

Appointment is subject to a clear DBS check to an enhanced level.

If you are interested in this vacancy please visit www.gegsmat.com where you will find the job description and application forms. Alternately, you can contact us at hr@gegsmat.com.

If you wish to apply for this vacancy please email your completed application form to hr@gegsmat.com.

Closing date for applications: 1st July 2019 Noon

Provisional interview date: 8th July 2019

Salary: Main/Upper Pay Scale

Start date: September 2019



JOB DESCRIPTION

Post title:	Teacher of Music
Reporting to:	Head of Music
Scale:	Main/ Upper Pay Scale
Disclosure Level:	Enhanced

CORE DUTIES

A teacher must:

Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge students:

- establish a safe and stimulating environment for students, rooted in mutual respect;
- set goals that stretch and challenge students of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions;
- demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of students.

Promote good progress and outcomes by students:

- be accountable for students' attainment, progress and outcomes;
- be aware of students' capabilities and their prior knowledge, and plan teaching to build on these;
- guide students to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs;
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how students learn and how this impacts on teaching;
- encourage students to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study.

Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge:

- have a secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas, foster and maintain students' interest in the subject, and address misunderstandings;
- demonstrate a critical understanding of developments in the subject and curriculum areas, and promote the value of scholarship;
- demonstrate an understanding of and take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and the correct use of standard English, whatever the teacher's specialist subject;

Plan and teach well - structured lessons:

- impart knowledge and 'develop understanding through effective use of lesson time;
- promote a love of learning and children's intellectual curiosity;
- set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding students have acquired;
- reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching;
- contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum within the relevant subject area(s).

Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all students:

- know when and how to differentiate appropriately, using approaches which enable students to be taught effectively;
- have a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit students' ability to learn, and how best to overcome these;
- demonstrate an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual development of children, and know how to adapt teaching to support students' education at different stages of development;
- have a clear understanding of the needs of all students, including those with special educational needs; those of high ability; those with English as an additional language; those with disabilities; and be able to use and evaluate distinctive teaching approaches to engage and support them.

Make accurate and productive use of assessment:

- know and understand how to assess the relevant subject and curriculum areas, including statutory assessment requirements;
- make use of formative and summative assessment to secure students' progress;
- use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons;
- give students regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage students to respond to the feedback;
- monitor and support the overall progress and development of students as a form tutor.

Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment:

- have clear rules and routines for behaviour in classrooms, and take responsibility for promoting good and courteous behaviour both in classrooms and around the school, in accordance with the school's behaviour policy;
- have high expectations of behaviour, and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly;
- manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to students' needs in order to involve and motivate them;
- maintain good relationships with pupils, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary.

Fulfil wider professional responsibilities:

- make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school;

- develop effective professional relationships with colleagues, knowing how and when to draw on advice and specialist support;
- deploy support staff effectively;
- take responsibility for improving teaching through appropriate professional development and Performance Management, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues;
- communicate effectively with parents with regard to students' achievements and well-being;
- follow the school's Quality Assurance procedures;
- maintain appropriate records and registers - providing relevant and up-to-date information when appropriate;
- complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking of students – using this information to inform teaching and learning;
- take part in school Parents' Evenings, Open Days/evenings, celebrations and rewards events;
- deliver form tutor challenges/activities during form times;
- carry out duties as shown on the staff Duty Rota;
- comply with the school's health and safety policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate.

Personal and professional conduct:

A teacher is expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct. The following statements define the behaviour and attitudes which set the required standard for conduct throughout a teacher's career.

Teachers uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school, by:

- treating students with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher's professional position;
- having regard for the need to safeguard students' well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions;
- showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others;
- not undermining fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs;
- ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit students' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.



Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable	Evidence
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honours Degree PGCE (or equivalent) GCSE Maths and English C or equivalent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of relevant and ongoing CPD 	Certificates
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject and curriculum knowledge Planning for students across the ability range, and for those with SEND/EAL Using formative and summative assessment to improve student outcomes Effective behaviour management strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New GCSE Specifications Knowledge of current issues and recent developments in the curriculum area 	Application form Interview Observation
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainstream teaching 11-16 Teaching across the ability range Teaching examination classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of a pastoral / form tutor role. GCSE examiner experience 	Application form Interview
Skills & Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpersonal Negotiating Communication (Oral & Written) Delegation Team Work Self-Motivation 		Application form Interview

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible • Organisation & Planning • Creativity & Problem Solving • Reflective 		
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Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Ashbourne Academy

Teacher of Music

This is an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic musician to join a thriving and successful music department. As well as the Head of Department, we currently have two class teachers and seven instrumental tutors. There are two large GCSE groups (OCR) and healthy numbers in both A level year groups (AQA). Our exam results are consistently well above the national average and numbers continue to increase. The music block is separate to the main teaching areas with direct access to the large main hall. There are six practice rooms and two main teaching rooms. Each room is equipped with 15 computers and 15 music keyboards. In addition, each room has a large variety of percussion, including class sets of xylophones and glockenspiels. The music department has a lively and supportive working environment, with its own kitchen. Students are encouraged to use the block for practice at lunchtime and after school, and there is a real sense of community.

The successful candidate will teach KS3 classes and will also be expected to contribute to schemes of work and the extra-curricular programme.

The department is committed to the successful development of ICT and virtual learning environments. We have our own web pages (maintained and developed by the department) a projector in both teaching rooms and over thirty computers licenced for Sibelius 6. Over the next two years this will increase as we continue to develop the curriculum and online content. The successful candidate will be keen to create online resources and work closely with the Head of Department to develop strategies enabling pupils to access a wide variety of media and examples of work. A good working knowledge of music software (e.g. Sibelius, Cubase etc.) is desirable, though training is readily available. We are currently in the process of recording all work in Microsoft Teams and developing the use of online forms for peer and self-evaluation. This will also tie in to a curriculum update in light of the new Ofsted framework.

We are very proud of our strong extra-curricular programme and commitment to this is essential. Many instrumental groups rehearse each week, including windbands, choirs and varied ensembles. We present two concerts a year as well as music for external events such as The Old Ashburnian Society evenings and church recitals. We also rehearse and direct the music for full-scale musical productions. Past shows include 'West Side Story', 'Oliver!', 'Little Shop of Horrors' and 'Sister Act'. Our current project is a film music concert on 27th June, which will include a number of John Williams scores (including a condensed version of the entire story from Episodes IV-VI), the second movement of Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No.2 and 'Stayin' Alive' sung by our very own Science department B-Gees! The successful candidate won't be expected to sing Saturday Night Fever but will be expected to run at least one ensemble and be keen to develop other groups.

An interest in the development of instrumental tuition and liaison with feeder schools is another important attribute. Our Instrumental staff are highly valued and their work is a major contributory factor to the success of the department. Since 1994 our pass rate for Associated Board exams averages 98% and we are currently entering up to 150 pupils each year. Moving forward we will be working closely with the County Music Partnership and our own tutors to develop the level of performance in the Primary schools, and provide as much opportunity as possible to the potential musicians of the future.

This position offers an excellent opportunity to teach motivated pupils in an established and supportive department, and the chance to develop performance, ICT and pedagogical skills.

Dave Roberts

Head of Music

June 2019