



## **Newton Prep Music Department**

# **Appointment of a Violin/Viola Teacher**

**Starting November 2021 (or as soon thereafter)**

**£53 per hour | 1 day a week +**

We are seeking to appoint an inspiring, committed and enthusiastic Violin/Viola teacher to join an ambitious and aspiring Music Department from November 2021 (or as soon thereafter).

The successful applicant will be an outstanding violin/viola teacher with a passion for inspiring young musicians to perform to the highest possible standard, as well as being an active performer in their own right.

## THE POSITION

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Visiting Music Teachers are recruited by the Headmistress and Director of Music. They are responsible to the Headmistress, via the Director of Music, in all matters relating to performance, ensembles, recruitment, pupil progress and the day-to-day management of their timetables.

Visiting Music Teachers are self-employed and invoice parents directly each term. Visiting Music Teachers are expected to liaise with parents to arrange lessons, payment and progress. There are currently more than 40 pupils learning string instruments, ranging from early beginners in Year 1 to pupils in Year 8, one of whom recently completed his Grade VII with a high distinction.

Prior to Covid-19, the Music Department ran four string ensembles across the week, hosted strings masterclasses, and had a very healthy number of children learning stringed instruments.

## THE SCHOOL

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Newton Prep is a large, vibrant co-ed school for pupils aged between 3 and 13 which offers a challenging education for inquisitive children who are eager to engage fully with the world in which they are growing up.

In the school, there are currently 622 pupils from Nursery to Year 8.

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

## THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Music is a central part of the school's offering. The full-time staff comprises of the Director of Music, two music teachers and a Music Administrator, who assists with the day-to-day running of the Music Department. In addition, there is a team of nineteen visiting Music teachers and a dedicated Singing Teacher for the school's Training Choir.

The School offers individual tuition on most orchestral instruments and approximately 60% of pupils are currently receiving individual lessons each week. M:Tech Music Technology sessions are also available as an after school activity.

The Music Department has truly first-class facilities. In 2018, the 120-seat recital hall was refurbished and is fully iPad controlled with recording facilities and a grand piano. Most recently, a new and dedicated teaching space has been created for regular class music lessons and ensemble rehearsals. In addition, the Music Department has a recording studio, Music Technology Mac Suite and ten practice rooms with pianos. There are two excellent Grand Pianos in principal teaching space and Auditorium. All three grand pianos in the department are available for teaching and practising by arrangement.

Through their participation in choirs and ensembles, pupils are taught how to demonstrate commitment and team-work: they are expected to both work hard and enjoy their rehearsals so that their performance shines as a product of practice, creativity and flare. Pupils have many opportunities to perform and there are a good number of concerts, recitals and other performance opportunities throughout the school year.

In the Lower School, pupils have the opportunity to join a number of extra-curricular groups outside of the timetabled school day.

In the Upper School (Years 3-8), pupils participate in a range of extra-curricular activities. Singing is strong, with over 140 (1/3 of Upper School) children participating in weekly choir rehearsals. String playing is similarly popular, with over 50 pupils learning a stringed instrument. Pupils regularly perform with professional musicians and the school offers Masterclasses and Educational Visits in Music for all pupils.

2020 and 2021 have been two challenging years for music and musicians. Newton Prep commissioned a series of videos to showcase the children's work in place of a Christmas Concert. A sense of music at the school can be captured through this series [seen here](#).

## JOB DESCRIPTION

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- Inspiring musical performance of the highest quality through committed, skilled and outstanding one-to-one teaching.
- Teaching to the individual needs, abilities and talents of each child, suggesting repertoire and adapting scores where necessary.
- Identifying clear teaching objectives and learning outcomes, with appropriate challenge to deliver outstanding quality.
- Assessing pupils' progress, giving timely individual feedback to pupils and their parents as to how to progress further.
- Ensuring that the School's policies are reflected in daily practice.
- Actively promoting and encourage pupils' participation in extra-curricular music, including Junior/Senior String Ensemble, solo recitals and school concerts.
- Entering pupils for examinations as and when appropriate.
- Invoicing parents in a timely manner at the beginning of each new term.
- Communicating with parents when necessary via the pupils' practice notebooks and responding to parents' queries and concerns as and when they arise in a professional and timely manner.

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

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The ideal candidate will display the following attributes:

- A relevant music qualification at degree level.
- Experience in teaching violin to pupils aged between 4-13, both boys and girls.
- Extensive performing experience in their own right.
- A sound understanding of violin technique, particularly with regard to young players.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- An ability to work as part of a team.
- Approachable, with an engaging manner
- An understanding of, and commitment to, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
- Enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service, including a Barred List check

# APPLICATION

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To apply, an application form (obtained from the School's website [www.newtonprepschool.co.uk](http://www.newtonprepschool.co.uk)) should be completed and returned to the HR Department at [hrrassistant@newtonprep.co.uk](mailto:hrrassistant@newtonprep.co.uk). For further information, please contact 0207 720 4091 (Ext, 1255) or the above email address.

The successful candidate will be subject to child protection screening, including a DBS and Barred List check.

- The closing date for applications is **5pm, Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. Early applications are encouraged.
- Initial interviews may take place through Zoom on the evening of **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**.

