



Visiting Music Teacher
Drum Kit and Percussion
Job Description



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JOB TITLE

Visiting Music Teacher specialising in drum kit and percussion

LINE MANAGER

Music School Manager

JOB PURPOSE

To teach 35-minute lessons to individual pupils and foster a passion for Music that extends well beyond the classroom. Currently the lessons take place on Mondays (into the evening) and Tuesday mornings.

OVERVIEW OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Music Department at Downe House encourages pupils to take an exciting musical learning journey with the opportunity to participate in inspiring musical projects, performances, bands, choirs, and orchestras. We have a dedicated team of specialist music staff who are committed to making music accessible to all students, whatever their ability and nurturing a love of music that will last a lifetime.

We provide excellence in teaching, performing activities and composing opportunities and support our students to achieve the best possible results at GCSE, A Level, ABRSM, Trinity or Rockschoo! exams.

The department boasts acoustic and electronic drum kits, a 35-piece Samba Kit, class set of djembes, marimbas, orchestral xylophone, orchestral glockenspiel, bass drum, orchestral cymbals, orchestral snare drums, tam-tam, timpani, congas, bongos and a selection of hand percussion for classroom work.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To encourage ambition and high standards in one-to-one lessons.
- To provide a considered programme of study tailored to the needs of the individual pupil in a variety of styles of music.
- To ensure that pupils are aware of their weekly practice requirements.
- To provide feedback to the Music School Manager regarding pupil progress and any cause for concern such as pupil attendance or lack of progress.
- To prepare pupils fully for practical examinations including ABRSM examinations and GCSE/A Level performing recitals.
- To prepare pupils for public concerts and music auditions (e.g. Conservatoire, University, NYO).

- To write reports on each pupil's work and progress.
- To keep an accurate and up-to-date online register of lessons and register pupil absences on each teaching day.
- To participate in meetings as appropriate such as the Visiting Music Teacher INSET and online VMT Parents' meeting.
- To communicate with Tutors, Heads of Year, and Heads of House as appropriate.
- The ability to coach an ensemble could be an advantage.
- To operate in accordance with School's policies and procedures including compliance with the School's Code of Conduct, Safeguarding Policy and Child Protection procedures.
- To undertake other reasonable tasks relevant to the needs of the School and the Music Department.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- Generous pension scheme
- Income Protection
- Life Assurance
- Delicious daily meals on site
- Ample parking space
- Beautiful grounds and working environment

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

Downe House is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment and comply with our Safeguarding policies and procedures at all times.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING

Staff at Downe House are expected to promote and support an environment that values diversity and inclusion.

PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES

We recognise the importance of placing emphasis on fundamental British values in the curriculum and all other aspects of School life. These values reflect the ethos of the School and all members of the community have a role to play in delivering the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

TECHNOLOGY

As a Showcase School, Downe House uses market-leading, Microsoft technologies. Skills such as collaboration, problem solving and the ability to use ICT to truly enhance teaching and learning, are now encouraged across all subjects. Ongoing training and support is available to staff to maximise the use of available technology.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

We are committed to providing CPD opportunities to all our staff and regularly organise engaging and topical training events. New staff also participate in a detailed induction programme to ensure that they are supported during the important first few weeks in post.

PERSON SPECIFICATION



The successful candidate will have:

- A relevant music degree and/or performing diploma and/or teaching qualification
- Experience of teaching drum kit and percussion
Candidates without teaching qualifications but relevant Music qualifications and experience may be considered
- Robust knowledge and understanding of the concepts and skills in this specialist subject
- Clear understanding of the relevant drum kit and percussion syllabi e.g. ABRSM, Trinity, Rockschoo
- Ability to employ a range of effective and creative teaching, learning styles and assessment methods
- Ability to raise achievement for all from the beginner to the diploma student
- An enthusiasm for music together with the ability to be energetic and willing to motivate students
- Experience of working in schools and/with young people would be an advantage
- The ability to relate well to adolescents and enjoy their company
- Excellent communications and interpersonal skills
- Flexibility towards teaching hours
- Competency in the use of ICT
- A commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people
- A strong commitment to the Downe House ethos, aims and aspirations
- Highly professional approach
- Good organisational skills and punctuality
- The ability to work as a member of a team and accept direction whilst also able to work on own initiative
- A willingness to participate in the boarding life of the School and contribute to the extra-curricular activity programme