



## **Appointment of a Visiting Music Teacher (Piano)**

**Starting February 2022 (or as soon thereafter)**

**£53 per hour | Up to 2 days a week**

We are seeking to appoint an inspiring, committed and highly-skilled (VMT) Piano Teacher to join a first-class Music Department as soon as possible.

The successful candidate will be an outstanding teacher with a passion for inspiring our youngest musicians to perform to the highest possible standard as well as being an active performer in their own right.

The appointment is in addition to the team of current VMTs. Currently, there are eight VMT piano teachers within the Music Department teaching over 100 pupils each week.

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## 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 and pupil progress and the day-to-day management of their timetables.

Visiting Music Teachers are self-employed and invoice parents directly each term. The rate is currently set at £53 per hour. Visiting Music Teachers are expected to communicate with parents to arrange lessons, organise payment and report on progress.

The Music Department is well resourced and, as such, there are many opportunities to support extra-curricular activities through additional group coaching and to accompany concerts and pupils at the direction of the Director of Music.

## THE SCHOOL

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Established in 1991, Newton Prep is a thriving school for boys and girls, aged 3-13. There are currently over 640 pupils from Nursery to Year 8. The School is unashamedly ambitious for its pupils who have access to outstanding facilities. We want them to achieve their academic potential whilst also engaging in sport, art, music and drama.

We want them to involve themselves in the total life of the School, which includes after school clubs and activities and a wide range of trips. We celebrate the diversity of our pupils; we want our pupils to develop a strong sense of community, learning how to make a positive contribution to the community of Newton Prep and the world around them. The ethos and philosophy is one that is based on mutual respect and kindness shown to others. Fundamentally, we want Newton Prep children to enjoy their precious childhood years.

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, a dedicated Singing Teacher for the School's Training Choir and a Music Administrator, who assists with the day-to-day running of the Music Department.

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. More 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 three 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 150 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.

## A TASTE OF MUSIC AT NEWTON

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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 solo recitals and school concerts.
- Entering pupils for examinations through the Music Administrator, as and when appropriate.
- Invoicing parents in a timely manner at the beginning of a new term.
- Communicating with parents 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 have:

- A relevant music qualification at degree level.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Experience in teaching the piano to pupils aged between 3-13, both boys and girls.
- A unique approach to teaching the piano which is inspiring and is not based solely on exam repertoire.
- Performing experience in their own right.
- A sound understanding of technique, particularly with regard to young players.
- An ability to work as part of a team.
- An approachable and 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, please submit your CV, a Cover Letter (no more than one side of A4) and a video (not exceeding more than three minutes), explaining your suitability for the post. This should reach 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 9.00 am on **Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022.**
- Candidates invited to interview will be notified by **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February** and will be required to complete the School's Application Form in advance of visiting the School. Interviews and lesson observations will take place on **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February.**