



Job Description and Person Specification

Role

Assistant Director of Music

Secondary School

Grade: TLR2B

Reporting to: Head of Department

The Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust is committed to creating a diverse workforce. We will consider all qualified applicants for employment without regard to sex, race, religion, belief, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy, maternity, age, disability, marriage or civil partnership.

This is a school-based role that will involve contact with children.

Job Description

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- To assist in the leadership and management of the Music Department including ensuring the highest standards of teaching and learning, designing and implementing a broad, balanced and innovative curriculum, and improving student outcomes
- To develop and review the curriculum so that detailed schemes of work secure consistency and rigour and enable all students to enjoy and achieve at the highest possible level
- To organise assessment and exams, provide analysis of results and other data and identify and monitor key groups of learners
- To direct ensembles and choirs
- To lead training as appropriate to develop the skills and expertise of Music teachers or any other relevant staff
- To teach and model the delivery of rigorous and engaging lessons that motivate, inspire and improve pupil attainment
- To equip members of the department with effective strategies to ensure that all students can master the skills necessary for securing strong outcomes
- To lead the development of Music resources effectively and efficiently
- To deputise for the Head of Department as required
- To take a reasonable share of the leadership, management and organisation of Music as directed by the Head of Department

Corporate Responsibilities

- To contribute to a working environment underpinned by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching
- To ensure probity, propriety and adherence to the Nolan Principles both in personal conduct and throughout the Trust
- To comply with policies and procedures relating to Child Protection; being vigilant for signs that children may be being abused and reporting any such suspicions, no matter how small, to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or in the case of concerns about a member of staff, the Headteacher
- To comply with all other policies, procedures, working practices and regulations, in particular, Equality and Diversity, Health and Safety, Confidentiality, Data Protection, Financial Regulations in line with our Scheme of Delegation
- To uphold an individual and organisational commitment to a culture of safeguarding for all
- To be accountable to and carry out any reasonable request from the Headteacher(s) / Line Manager

Professional Development

- To be committed to own professional development

- To establish and participate in training opportunities, meetings and networks to support and maintain excellent skills, techniques and knowledge
- To seek feedback and act on it to improve performance within and beyond formal coaching and appraisal opportunities
- To undergo regular observations and participate in regular in-service training (INSET) as part of continuing professional development (CPD)

Fluency Duty

In line with Part 7 of the Immigration Act 2016, the Government has created a duty to ensure that all Public Authority staff working in customer facing roles can speak fluent English to an appropriate standard. For this role, the post holder is required to meet the advanced fluency level. The post holder should demonstrate they can:

- Express themselves fluently and spontaneously at length effortlessly
- Explain difficult concepts simply without hindering the natural smooth flow of language
- Take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and the correct use of standard English in the Trust

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. All successful staff will undertake an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check with Children's Barred List.

The Trust is committed to making any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job role and the working environment that would enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.

Date: March 2026

This job description is illustrative of the responsibility of the post and not necessarily a comprehensive list of tasks.

Post holders are expected to undertake work in line with the level and pay band of the post determined by the Line Manager.

This job description will be reviewed with the post holder in relation to need or on an annual basis through appraisal and whole-Trust review of strategy and effectiveness.



Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Person Specification

	Essential Requirements	Desirable Requirements	How Identified
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good honours degree in the relevant subject/discipline • Qualified Teacher Status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of relevant CPD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent and relevant successful teaching experience / ability • Experience directing ensembles and choirs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of Catholic academy trusts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application • Interview
Knowledge, Skills and Ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong musical skills • A commitment to developing into an outstanding teacher and a desire for significant professional development • Good keyboard skills • Excellent knowledge of subject/s, national curriculum requirements and exam specifications • Understanding of how students learn • Highly tailored planning skills, using scheme of work • Effective skills in formative assessment • Behaviour management skills to support a disciplined and joyful culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of special educational needs and disabilities theory and practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application • Interview • References
Character and Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keen to contribute to the school's extensive extra-curricular music programme • Has a love for music and is passionate 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application • Interview

about sharing that with pupils

- Imaginative in their approach to classroom teaching and choice of repertoire for extra-curricular groups
- Has tremendous ambition for the musical achievement of the pupils
- High commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children
- A passion for education and a deepfelt desire to make a difference for young people
- Commitment to the Trust agenda for inclusion, diversity and equality
- Commitment to the seven principles of public life of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership
- Humility: a recognition that the more you know, the less you know and not being afraid to say, 'I do not know'
- Emotionally intelligent: know when to direct and when to challenge
- Able to listen and show awareness of other's sensitivities;

	<p>have personal pride and lead by example</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the importance of work/life balance • Resilient, flexible and hardworking 		
Personal Circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legally entitled to work in the UK • Ability to perform all duties and tasks with reasonable adjustments, where appropriate, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible to support out of hours activity on occasion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References • Interview