

## Head of Music

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### Location

Ark Soane Academy

### Salary From

£35,368

### Salary To

£55,626

### Details

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### Job title: Head of Music at Ark Soane Academy

Location: Acton, London — a five-minute walk from Acton Town tube station

Contract: Full-time hours, permanent contract.

Start date: September 2023.

Salary: £35,368- £55,626 (Ark MPS / UPS plus TLR)

### Opportunity for an exceptional candidate to be a Head of Music, shaping a new Ark secondary school in Ealing.

#### The role

We are looking for a passionate, highly effective Head of Music who can lead the development of our music department to being one of the best in the country. The growing music department at Ark Soane is a vibrant, active hub where students take part in a rigorous, diverse, and fulfilling curriculum. This curriculum is designed to inspire students with a love of music and musicianship, critically engage with the language of music and learn from the best in the musical canon.

We are looking forward to moving into our brand-new high specification teaching spaces which will be full of exciting new resources to extend our music provision ever further. These include a performance suite, a recording studio and a music technology workshop as well as extensive facilities for individual and group practice and tuition.

We highly value musical education as a vital part of Ark Soane students' broader cultural education. In addition to the taught curriculum students take part in strings, brass, saxophone and samba clubs as well as singing groups, orchestra and musical theatre. Over one third of students in the school are currently learning to play a musical instrument and the music department regularly organises performances at our Exhibition Evenings.

Teaching music at Ark Soane means creating thoughtful encounters with diverse musical genres. We recognize the need for depth and ensure that all students have a well developed understanding of rhythm and melody before engaging in composition and use of technology. We work closely with other Ark schools through the Ark Music Programme which provides plentiful opportunities for student collaboration and for high quality professional development.

We believe that every member of staff deserves to be developed, and routine coaching for all staff underpins student progress. If you join us you can look forward to being part of a team where your time and professionalism are highly valued and where your voice is welcomed in shaping the future direction of the school.

Our warm strict approach to school life allows students to make rapid progress in music uninterrupted by distraction. The Music curriculum model includes the taught curriculum (developing skills and knowledge with increasing complexity and depth) alongside performances, enrichment opportunities, trips, and competitions that ensure personal expression and individuality are truly cherished. You can look forward to joining an exceptionally warm, collaborative and experienced team. You can expect the highest levels of dedication and commitment from your students and unwavering support from the school leadership team in securing this.

Our staff are committed subject experts and are given the capacity and the training to ensure that their curriculum delivers knowledge-rich mastery through effective planning and intellectual preparation.

Ark Soane Academy is part of Ark, one of the UK's most successful school groups, with a network of 37 schools in 4 locations across the country.

We opened to 180 students in September 2021 and currently have 360 Year 7 and Year 8 students in the school. This year we will move into our brand new school building. Joining Soane now is a unique opportunity to become part of a thriving, collaborative and growing team who all hold the highest expectations of student behaviour and effort and are all deeply committed to the success of our students and of the school.

As a proud member of the network, we offer:

- Twice as many training days as standard
- Weekly staff training designed to meet the needs of the school
- Coaching for every teacher
- Protected co-planning time
- Access to high-quality, regular professional development
- Opportunities to collaborate with colleagues across the network.

**You will:**

- **Have an unwavering determination to deliver excellence for pupils from all starting points.**
- **Share the Ark Soane beliefs, vision and mission and be aligned with the Ark six pillars underpinning it**
- **Be committed to Ark's ethos of high expectations for every pupil in both academic achievement and personal development.**
- **Be committed to continually improving classroom practice and raising attainment.**
- **Manage behaviour effectively to create a positive, calm and purposeful climate for learning**
- **Have the drive, skills and resilient character required to help build a new school**

- **Combine subject matter expertise with a passion for teaching your subject**
- **Be reflective about the Academy and committed to securing its continued development**
- **Value and support practices driving continued progress across the network of Ark schools**

Applications will be viewed periodically, and candidates are encouraged to apply right away so that we can close it early. For further information or any technical queries, please contact HR member Swannie Ki at [hr@arksoane.org](mailto:hr@arksoane.org)

*Ark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in our academies. In order to meet this responsibility, we follow a rigorous selection process which will include questions about safeguarding. This process is outlined [here](#), but can be provided in more detail if requested. All successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.*

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