

BEAUMONT SCHOOL

Details for candidates

Head of Music: MPS +TLR 2b

Introduction

We are looking to appoint an excellent teacher with a high standard of personal musicianship and the ability to lead our Music Department, which consists of the subject leader and one colleague. The person appointed will maintain and build upon the current high standards in Music. They will have a proven record as an effective Music teacher and will strive for excellence in all areas of their work. The current vacancy arises as a result of the previous Head of Music's decision to pursue a teaching career abroad.

Music is a thriving department with a large proportion of students having instrumental lessons and taking part in extra-curricular activities. The climate and ethos of the school are conducive to the subject's success; pupils are well motivated and supported, and many have had a wealth of musical experience before coming to secondary school. The successful candidate can be assured of the support and encouragement of the Leadership Team. We are delighted with the success of the department and hope that this provides an excellent opportunity for the right candidate to build on this track record.

Staffing and Organisation

The successful candidate will teach KS3, GCSE and A Level classes. The school works in partnership with two other local schools in a highly successful consortium arrangement, but Music is currently offered independently at Beaumont.

Peripatetic teachers from the Hertfordshire County Music Service teach a variety of instruments to students at Beaumont. They deliver individual and shared lessons, and some are also employed to work with groups and ensembles as part of the extra-curricular programme.

Curriculum

Students follow the OCR specifications at GCSE and A level and the Music Department is justly proud of its engaging and innovative curriculum at all Key Stages. Music is a timetabled subject for all students throughout Key Stage Three.

Results (from 2019)

GCSE

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	Total
4	3	7	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	25

A Level

A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Total
1	1	2	2	0	0	0	6

Accommodation

The Music Department is housed in a specialist block consisting of two classrooms and four practice rooms.

Resources

All of the rooms in the department have their own pianos. There are also fifteen electronic keyboards in each teaching room and twenty computer workstations in one of them. The school is equipped with a range of orchestral and popular instruments, including class sets of ukuleles, glockenspiels and samba drums.

Instrumental Tuition

Tuition is offered for all of the orchestral instruments, as well as piano, keyboard, guitar, drum kit and voice. Around 150 pupils have instrumental lessons, with a number of others attached to local private sector providers.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The successful candidate will be expected to lead the school's extra-curricular provision, including co-ordinating the various events in school and the community. As well as concerts at the end of each term, the Music Department has an excellent reputation in the local area and an increasingly high profile beyond it. Musicians from the school regularly perform in the St Peter's Church Lunchtime Concert Series and the Big Band recently performed a solo item at the 2020 Herts Gala at the Royal Albert Hall.

Extra-curricular groups are well attended. The Orchestra boasts 45 students, the Concert Band 70 students, and the Choir 100 students. The 25-strong Vocal Ensemble gives more advanced students an opportunity to explore SATB repertoire, both sacred and secular.

The Music Department has strong links with the Drama Department. There is a tradition of annual major productions, many of which have been musicals. We would hope that the successful candidate would be keen to be involved in the rehearsals and performances.

The Music Department's activities can be followed online, @BeaumontMusic on Instagram.

If you have the qualities and experience we are looking for, we hope you will decide to apply for this post. Please contact the school if you have any queries in advance of your application and we look forward to hearing from you.

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