

The people behind
the magic.



JOIN OUR TEAM



Head of Department - Music

Salary: Teacher Scales plus TLR2b £5,348

Contract: Permanent

Closing Date: Friday 17th May 2024 at 9am

Interview: w/c Monday 20th May 2024

Start Date: 1st September 2024



Together
Learning Trust



A colourful world.

Welcome to **Ryburn Valley High School**. We're a thriving and vibrant school, in a well-equipped, modern building with a truly stunning setting looking out across the Calderdale hills. Our core purpose is to inspire students with a love of learning, a zest for life and a genuine confidence to excel in a colourful world.

Ryburn is a really special school with a well deserved reputation for providing an education which develops students' character and passions as well as strong academic results. Our students are continually described as showing exemplary behaviour and kindness.

A true comprehensive, Ryburn has over 1500 students from 11-18 with a broad spread of backgrounds and levels of attainment, including ~20% on FSM and a higher than average number of students with SEND. Ryburn is the first choice school for many students who may have considered the local grammar schools, and is closely involved with the local community. Whilst many school sixth forms in the area have closed, Ryburn Sixth continues to offer a high quality 16+ provision with A-levels and vocational courses and a high level of individual support.

We are particularly proud of our student leadership, creative arts and sporting achievements. Our innovative 'iD' curriculum for PSHCE uses literature and experience-based learning to explicitly develop a range of qualities such as empathy and resilience as well as boosting literacy, and has earned us the recognition of the Character Kitemark Plus. Whatever their strengths, we give students countless opportunities to shine.

We do all this through our amazing staff, in and outside the classroom, and across the trust. Staff who put passion, care and creativity at our heart, backed up with highly effective teaching strategies, and underpinned with mutual support and collaboration. Schools can be intense places to work and we always aim to put 'staff first', recognising that a focus on staff wellbeing and development benefits everyone.

Join the Ryburn family, where everyone is supported and challenged to excel.



Ryburn Valley High School provides a strong, vibrant and welcoming community. Pupils swell with pride when they talk about their school. They told inspectors about the opportunities they get to develop their confidence and resilience.

- OFSTED REPORT 2022

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When schools collaborate, incredible things happen.

Together Learning Trust is a thriving local family of schools. By this autumn we will comprise of three secondary schools, two school sixth forms, five primary schools and a special school, inspiring 5800 young people in Calderdale and Kirklees. We are driven by a shared commitment to providing magical learning experiences for all our children and a belief that all of them can achieve great things.

Exceptional achievement stems from developing world class teaching and learning. Creativity is the core of our values. Our staff are amazing, in both the relationships they forge and the incredible range of opportunities they make possible. We get great results, but we give and expect so much more. We are shaping a generation of future global citizens with the character they need to succeed; with the integrity and commitment to excellence that will enable them to thrive.

Together Learning Trust schools are wonderful places to work. We value and support our team across all our schools, and recognise the ideas, experience and expertise of our staff. Being part of the Trust opens up new opportunities for staff development. The Trust schools work closely together to identify and then implement the best school improvement strategies across its schools. Our aim is to grow great people and talent.

We cherish our staff, support their wellbeing and enable them to flourish. Being part of Together Learning Trust feels special due to the unique nature of the schools and the opportunities it brings for staff, students and communities to collaborate. For everyone involved in our Trust our mission is simple. To **Grow, Excel, and Learn Together.**

What could we do, together?

DAVID LORD, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



"I believe that the support that schools can provide each other cannot be underestimated. Being part of the Together Learning Trust enables our schools to continue to flourish and develop within a supportive school focused community, where the expertise of those who have a hands on understanding of our children will lead the way forward."

**- LIZ WOODFIELD, HEADTEACHER,
MELTHAM MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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THE JOB

Head of Department - Music

Are you a passionate, hardworking and focused individual who understands how to build a culture and ethos that promotes excellence, equality and high expectations of all students? Do you believe that you can secure outstanding outcomes for all students in a safe, vibrant, and happy school? Are you passionate about Music and inspiring your team to achieve even greater success? If this sounds like you, we'd love to hear from you.

What will you get in return?

This is a fantastic opportunity to work as part of an established, creative and dedicated team, working closely with a supportive Senior Leadership team under the direction of a collaborative trust wide approach.

You will also benefit from fantastic support from the central Trust team, the school improvement team and your fellow leaders of the other schools in the trust. With expertise on hand to support you in areas such as curriculum design, you're free to do what you do best at this wonderful school. At Ryburn Valley you'll find a strong foundation where you can make a real difference to the lives of up to 1500 children and young people and our local community.

You'll be joining a school and Trust which is all about putting staff first – with numerous wellbeing initiatives and social events to enjoy each term!

In addition to this you will benefit from:

- Automatic enrolment to the Teacher Pension Fund West Yorkshire Pension Fund
- Staff development through appraisal and CPD
- Free Parking
- An onsite Gym
- Cycle to work scheme
- Access to our Employee Assistance Programme
- Regular well being activities
- Regular social activities and sport
- Collaboration with Trust colleagues in similar roles
- Working as part of a creative and supportive team who want the best for all of our students

If our school sounds like a place in which you could really make a difference, then we'd love to hear from you.

Head of Department - Music

Responsible to:	Senior Leadership Team
Responsible for:	Class Teachers
Scale/Salary	TLR 2B
Main Purpose of the role	<p>In the role of Head of Department for Music you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play a key role in leading of Music to ensure outstanding outcomes for students in all areas of teaching and learning, curriculum provision, standard of attainment and behaviour and safety within the curriculum area• Communicate clear purpose and vision for developing Music across the curriculum to colleagues within your department and within the school• Provide clear, cohesive leadership and direction in the department by motivating teachers and those supporting in the classroom to develop innovative strategies to enhance the quality of learning, teaching and achievement.• Promote extra-curricular opportunities within the Performing Arts facility (including key events and productions).• Provide and showcase highly engaging, relevant and innovative learning opportunities at all key stages to ensure students make exceptional progress in Music and are provided with the key skills they need to be successful in both the school and their future lives• Promote the achievement of high standards through effective teaching and learning within Music areas, including preparation, evaluation and action planning• Ensure the implementation of the intervention model following every data collection cycle across the department• Implement the Music Department Development Plans to secure continuous improvement and quality outcomes for all students• Receive and act on feedback to continually build on the strengths and improve personal performance within the school systems• Take into account and constantly review school contextual factors and prior attainment when planning and teaching lessons• Model the vision and values of the school• Demonstrate outstanding teaching and learning through your own practice and through the leadership of others• Carry out the professional duties of a teacher as circumstances may require and in accordance with school and Trust policies

Main Duties & deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach students as well as carrying out associated pastoral and administrative duties in accordance with the aims and objectives of the school. • Lead the development of Music both in the classroom and across the school. • Ensure teachers in your department consistently deliver good or better lessons and maintain positive learning environments. • Work with Senior Leaders within the school and Trust to implement the long-term vision for Music. • Work with the Trust to plan schemes of learning and lessons for Music at the relevant key stages (3 and 4, and 5) which are engaging and relevant to students' needs and interests. • Develop new innovative approaches for learning, utilising ICT and new resources. • Track and monitor student progress across your department. • Ensure marking is regularly carried out in your department in accordance with school marking policy and use assessment for learning to regularly share levels of achievement with students and parents. • Report regularly to your line manager on current department outcomes and develop intervention strategies to continually improve the department to achieve outstanding results. • Support and promote the professional development of teachers, providing training, mentoring and coaching where appropriate. • Maintain the highest standards of professionalism and consistently apply school systems. • Monitor and evaluate the Music curriculum annually to adapt to any changes in education and society. • Support curriculum innovation. • Provide a comprehensive departmental extra-curricular offer for students at all key stages. • Carry out any other additional duties as may be required from time to time by the Headteacher. <p>You will develop and enhance Leadership and Management in Music by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work within the Trust in developing and reviewing syllabuses, resources, schemes of learning, marking policies, assessment and teaching and learning strategies in the department. • Overseeing day-to-day management, control and operation of course provision within the department, including effective deployment of staff and physical resources. • Actively monitoring student progress and ensure appropriate intervention is put in place. • Working with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure that staff development needs are identified and that appropriate programmes are designed to meet such needs. • Being responsible for the efficient and effective deployment of the department's support staff. • Undertaking Performance Management Review(s) and to act as reviewer for a group of staff within the designated department. • Making appropriate arrangements for classes when staff are absent, ensuring appropriate cover within the department, liaising with the cover supervisor / relevant staff to secure appropriate cover. • Participating in the interview process for teaching posts when required and to ensure effective induction of new staff in line with school procedures. • Being responsible for the day-to-day management of staff within the designated department and act as a positive role model. • Managing the available resources of staff, finance, space and equipment
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	<p>efficiently within the limits, guidelines and procedures laid down, including allocating the department budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining departmental tracking data with evidence of intervention and impact. • Championing best practice, demonstrating teaching skills and leadership qualities necessary to command respect, and encourage commitment to raising standards. • Disseminating information from Head of Department meetings. • Ensuring that all members of the department are familiar with departmental aims and objectives within the framework of the School Development Plan. • Being the first line of contact for parents and carers concerns with regard to their child's performance and well-being. • Ensuring that the department supports the school's implementation of all current statutory requirements e.g., SEN, Child Protection. • Liaising with partner schools / academies, higher education, industry, examination boards, awarding bodies and other relevant external bodies. • Ensuring the behaviour management system is implemented in the department so that effective learning can take place. <p>You will develop and enhance Teaching and Learning in Music by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being accountable for the development and delivery of the department's curriculum. • Keeping up to date with and respond to national developments in Music and teaching practice and methodology. • Devising, implementing and monitoring schemes of learning to ensure they focus on consistent and effective learning and teaching to produce progression for all, including appropriate differentiation. • Monitoring the quality of learning and teaching across the department through the use of observation, work scrutiny, student data and student voice. • Taking account of and reviewing school contextual factors (including SEND) and prior attainment when planning and teaching lessons. • Reflecting on the success of teaching strategies, individual lessons and programmes of study in meeting the needs of students. • Taking part in coaching and mentoring programmes to support colleagues and develop own practice. • Striving for outstanding lessons across the department. • Providing good quality assessment using formative and summative methods in conjunction with the school's assessment policy. • Ensuring differentiation and personalisation of learning for all students. <p>You will develop and enhance Assessment and Monitoring in Music by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing accurate assessments are made for all students and that standardisation is undertaken across the department. • Ensuring all staff feel confident in the accurate assessment of students' progress through departmental moderation procedures. • Ensuring that the intervention model is implemented across the department. • Ensuring that targeted intervention is put in place for all students who are not predicted to achieve their target grade. • Attend and contribute to the Raising Attainment Group (RAG) meeting, ensuring any resulting intervention strategies agreed are implement to a high standard by the Music team.
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child

	<p>protection, inclusion, health, safety and security, confidentiality, and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person without delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required. • You will ensure you carry out your role in a way that demands high standards whilst supporting inclusion and welcoming diverse thinking. • You will ensure strict confidentiality in all areas of work. • You will work and process personal and sensitive information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR). • You will ensure work is conducted in a way that protects the safety and security of information (e.g., strong passwords, reporting breaches, securing paper records, securely disposing of records). • You will understand and comply with the statutory guidance regarding safeguarding of children, always ensuring the safeguarding and promotion of children's welfare, reporting any concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Officer at once. • You will always comply with the Trust's policies and procedures. • You will undertake other reasonable duties (with competence and experience) as requested, in accordance with the changing needs of the organisation.
Expected Behaviours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the ethos, vision, principles and values of the School. • Treat colleagues, students and all members of the community, with respect and consideration. • Treat all students fairly, consistently and without prejudice. • Set a good example to students in terms of appropriate dress, standards of punctuality and attendance. • Support the ethos of the School by upholding the code of conduct, uniform rules, etc. • Ensure you abide by the teaching standards within your assigned curriculum area, highlighting outstanding practice in the classroom and acting as a role model to all staff. • Take responsibility for own professional development and participate in arrangements adopted by the School for the assessment of his/her performance and that of other teachers. • Reflect on own practice as well as the practices of the School with the aim of improving all that we do and achieving excellence. • Read and adhere to School policies and implement School improvement plans. • Participate in the development and management of the School by attending various team and staff meetings. • Undertake duties as prescribed within the School's policies. • Undertake professional duties reasonably assigned to them by the Headteacher. • Be proactive and take responsibility for matters relating to health and safety. • To play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its distinctive values and ethos and to encourage and ensure staff and students to follow this example.
Other specific duties	<p>Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task may not be identified. Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from the Chief Executive Officer and Headteacher to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.</p> <p>This job description is current at the date shown. It will be reviewed at least annually and, in consultation with you, it may be changed by the Chief Executive Officer or</p>

	Headteacher to reflect or anticipate changes in the job commensurate with the grade and job title.
We are committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. All staff and volunteers are expected to behave in a way that supports this commitment and are subject to an enhanced DBS check. Please be aware that it is an offence to apply for the role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children.	





Head of Department - Music

To be assessed through application, reference, interview and certificate

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications		
Good degree in an appropriate discipline related to Music	✓	
Teaching qualification together with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)	✓	
Ability to teach KS5		✓
Knowledge, Skills and Experience		
Strong and secure subject knowledge in Music up to GCSE and/or A Level	✓	
Evidence of good student examination results	✓	
Recent and relevant teaching experience	✓	
Experience of assessment at key stage 3 and 4	✓	
Awareness of the strategies available for improving the learning and achievement of all students	✓	
Good understanding of curriculum developments in Music	✓	
Experience of leading a team	✓	
Excellent classroom practitioner that can model best practice	✓	
Able to use a range of teaching and learning strategies	✓	
Understands how assessment for learning can improve student performance	✓	
Understands principles of quality learning, teaching and assessment including School review and self-evaluation	✓	
Able to apply effective practice and research evidence to improve outcomes	✓	
Experience in running extra-curricular activities and key events and productions	✓	
Confident in the use of standard ICT packages and how these can be used to enhance student learning	✓	
Able to use student level data to raise standards	✓	
Able to work independently and collaboratively as a member of a team	✓	
Strong enthusiasm for your subject area	✓	
Creative in problem solving together with willingness to take on and try new approaches and ideas	✓	
Ability to relate to students in a pleasant and sympathetic manner and to recognise potential safeguarding issues	✓	
Able to communicate both orally and in writing to students and their parents/carers	✓	
Able to communicate high expectations to all students	✓	
Willingness to share good practice across the department and beyond	✓	

Strong ICT skills including SMART board or Promethean		✓
Strong and secure subject knowledge in your subject area up to A Level		✓
Experience of assessment at key stage 5		✓
Curriculum design and management		✓
Personal Attributes		
A commitment to inclusive education	✓	
Ability to build positive working relationships with students, colleagues and parents	✓	
Self-driven, results-orientated with a positive outlook	✓	
A natural forward planner who critically assesses their own performance	✓	
Mature, credible with excellent interpersonal skills	✓	
Reliable, punctual, tolerant and determined	✓	
Empathetic leader - able to see things from another person's point of view	✓	
Able to motivate and persuade, negotiate and influence others	✓	
Well-presented and professional	✓	
Keen for new experiences, responsibility and accountability	✓	
Able to get on with others and be a team player	✓	
Ability to evaluate own learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities	✓	
Integrity and exercises confidentiality	✓	
Ability to think pragmatically and be solutions focused	✓	

A background image showing a large group of children in a classroom, all with their hands raised in the air, suggesting an active learning environment or a voting session. The children are wearing dark blue school uniforms.

HOW TO APPLY

Say yes to new adventures.

Could we be a good fit for each other? If you'd like a chat about the role, or have any questions, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Carrie Burbidge our Personal Assistant to the Senior Leadership Team via c.burbidge@ryburn.tlt.school

If you're ready to apply, please complete our application form and return it to recruitment@tlt.school by the deadline.

SAFER RECRUITMENT

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