



## **Notre Dame High School, Sheffield**

### **Joint Head of Music**

**0.8 – 1.0 FTE Permanent from September 2025**

#### **About the Music Department**

The Music department is a well-established and thriving department including 7 part-time visiting members of staff. The department is currently led by a Head of Music who works closely within the wider Performing Arts Team.

Part of the Performing Arts Department, Music is housed in a dedicated suite of rooms adjacent to Oakbrook House. The accommodation includes two class teaching/rehearsal rooms and four individual teaching/private study rooms.

All students take Music for one hour per week in Year 7 and Year 8. At the end of Y8 students may opt to continue Music to GCSE level in Y9/Y10/Y11 and, beyond that, to take the subject to A level.

The school is known for the high standard of its extra-curricular ensembles. Currently, these include a choir, and an orchestra. We are looking for a successful candidate who is able to build on that offer, whilst also complementing the existing strengths of the department.

#### **About the Joint Head of Music Role:**

We are a vibrant, diverse, and inclusive school that celebrates the uniqueness of every student. We are seeking an inspirational and dedicated Joint Head of Music to lead and develop our Music department, ensuring an outstanding education for our diverse student body.

You will have the opportunity to develop and enhance a Music curriculum that reflects the cultural diversity of our school community, providing students with an inclusive curriculum that caters for their interests and needs. The successful candidate will have a passion for Music, a strong understanding of the value of creativity, and a commitment to inclusive teaching practices.

We are dedicated to providing a well-rounded education to our students, including a broad extra-curricular offer that reflects the diversity of our school community. The ideal candidate will be an outstanding Musician and leader who is able to inspire students of all abilities, and foster a love of Music through ensembles, performances and enrichment activities.

The Joint Head of Music will be jointly responsible for;

- Maintaining a strong team and excellent relationships with staff, students and parents.
- Leading Teaching and Learning in Music to ensure outstanding progress for all children.

- Managing people and departmental resources to ensure efficient operation of the department in achieving aims.

## **About the school**

Notre Dame is a Catholic school with a strong ethos at its heart. All staff are expected to uphold and contribute to the ethos of the school, which is what makes it a special place to work.

Notre Dame High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The ability to lead extra-curricular activities is an important part of this role.

This post has a high level of responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

## **Professional Development**

At Notre Dame the ongoing professional development of all staff is a key priority. Our view is that we can always improve, not because we are not good enough but because we can be even better at what we do and that this in turn will ensure the very best outcomes for our students. We also aim to help staff to be ready for their 'next step' in their careers whatever that might be.

In order to achieve these aims we;

- Have an ethos of 'learning together' through joint practice development which is conducted in a supportive and developmental way. Staff are encouraged to take risks and use research and evidence-based approaches to improve their classroom practice.
- Encourage staff to be reflective and take the lead in their own professional development so that their individual needs are met.
- Assign Teacher Developers to all departments to provide bespoke training and development.
- share and develop best practice and working with a coach on an individual basis.
- Provide trainee mentoring programmes for those moving in to new positions for example middle and senior leadership.

**Closing Date: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

**Interview date to be confirmed**

Notre Dame High School expects all candidates to familiarise themselves with our Safeguarding Policy which can be found on the school website <http://www.notredame-high.co.uk/>

***Notre Dame High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children & young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to complete an Enhanced DBS Disclosure. In addition, this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act and a self-disclosure is required for applicants shortlisted for interview.***



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