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Heckmondwike  
Grammar School

## JOB TITLE Peripatetic Music Teacher - Guitar

Are you an innovative, enthusiastic and suitably qualified Guitar Teacher?

**SALARY** £24.38 per hour

Then this will be the job for you.

This post provides a unique opportunity to work within a high-performing and growing 11 to 18 grammar school with a large sixth-form and exceptional students. With an intake of approximately 500 post-16 and 210 in next year's Year 7, Heckmondwike Grammar School is a dynamic place to be.

**TERM/ HOURS** Casual Contract - can vary each year, from an hour to a full day (or days), depending on the number of students who require lessons.

**CLOSING DATE** 8am Monday 21st June 2021

We also have the significant addition of a new £1.1 million sixth form centre nearby.

**INTERVIEW DATE** Interviews are expected to be held during w/c Monday 28th June 2021



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THE SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND EXPECTS ALL STAFF TO SHARE THIS COMMITMENT. OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT ARE SUBJECT TO TWO SATISFACTORY REFERENCES, A SIX MONTH TRIAL PERIOD AND AN ENHANCED DBS DISCLOSURE. WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER.

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### Department Information

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The Music Department currently consists of two full-time classroom music teachers and seven part time peripatetic teachers. Facilities in the department include a well-stocked music classroom with 5 practice rooms (all with digital or upright pianos), a digital recording studio and a music-ICT suite. Standards in the department are high with students achieving well academically and taking full advantage of the extensive range of extra-curricular opportunities provided. Music is a valued feature of school life, with many concerts, productions and performances taking place throughout the year.

We are looking for an experienced and enthusiastic Guitar Teacher to teach peripatetic music lessons to a range of pupils from year 7 to year 13. Lessons are timetabled on a rotational basis either individually or in pairs. Many pupils who have instrumental lessons undertake graded exams from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and RSL Rock School. The ability to develop the teaching of these syllabi and to encourage and increase the numbers of pupils taking up guitar lessons is essential to this post.

The successful applicant will have experience in teaching classical, electric and bass guitars. Whilst the majority of our students are beginner to about grade 2-3 on guitar a number of students do take the higher grades. The ability to teach up to grade 8 standard is essential. The applicant would be expected to be able to competently accompany their pupils on the piano during lesson time when required. Any further piano teaching or accompaniment expertise would also be welcome, but this is by no means essential.

The Department offers qualifications at GCSE and A level in music. With a number of guitarists in different year groups the successful candidate will often be required to assist with the selection of repertoire and exam preparation with these pupils.



When required they will be able to conduct observations, monitor the progress of the students and be able to write reports on student progress.

#### ***Responsibilities:***

To undertake the teaching of guitar.

- To complete a weekly register, notifying the Subject Leader of absentees.
- To provide termly progress reports for each student.
- To encourage and prepare students with ABRSM and Rock School exam entries.
- To work with the Music Department staff to support students with their curriculum performance studies, including GCSE and A level.
- To work with the Music Department staff to support our extra-curricular activities.
- To help maintain the guitar school instruments, notifying the Subject Leader of requirements.

Specific responsibilities are set out in a detailed job description.

#### ***In return we can offer:***

- Interesting work as a key member of a supportive Music Department team.
- A vibrant, supportive community of like-minded musicians
- A learning-centred school where the best possible practice is the priority.
- The opportunity to develop personally and professionally.

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## ***What Will You Bring To The Role?***

- Expert musicianship.
- Highly organised and ability to prioritise workload and meet deadlines.
- Ability to work independently, as well as part of a department.
- Ability to communicate effectively with staff and students at all levels.
- Ability to contribute to the wider school life
- Energy and enthusiasm
- Suitability to work with children

## ***Why Should You Apply?***

Heckmondwike Grammar School is a unique school, with students who are eager to learn, keen to know more and want to enjoy their educational experiences. It is exceptional in many ways: a very diverse school community that produces results of the highest quality. We work effectively with our young people, really care about them and their futures and have an ultimate success measure of enabling them to proceed to where they want to go. Excellent relationships between staff and students are the norm, expectations are high and students perform very well as a consequence.

In return, we offer membership of the teacher pension scheme and other well-being benefits.

## **How Should You Apply?**

Completed applications should be sent by email to: [recruitment@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@heckgrammar.co.uk).

Further information about the school is available on the school website [www.heckgrammar.co.uk](http://www.heckgrammar.co.uk)



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