

# TEACHER OF MUSIC/PERFORMING ARTS

## Application Pack

Deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024



Dear Colleague

Thank you for your interest in Edgar Wood Academy, a new school serving the local community in Middleton and Heywood. Opening in temporary accommodation in September 2021, the school moved to its permanent location in September 2022, a state-of-the-art building, with stunning views of the local countryside. Helping our students realise their potential lies at the heart of everything we do. By promoting our values of Resilience, Empathy and Responsibility and a culture of mutual respect and compassionate rigour, we aim to inspire and engage all pupils, regardless of prior attainment or social background.

By joining our school, you will be part of an exciting journey, building the school from its early foundations and helping to create and embed its ethos, values and culture. We believe in creating a purposeful and calm environment which allows our teachers to teach and our students to learn. As a result, we will improve student achievement through high-quality teaching in a safe and caring environment. We value each individual child in our school and recognise that each has different talents and gifts, which will be nurtured over the course of their time with us. We also support every student to develop personally and academically, so that they have the knowledge and skills to progress to an aspirational career, a fulfilling life and make a positive contribution to their local community.

Hopefully it is already clear from reading this letter that our aims are simple: to help students realise their potential through a culture of mutual respect, positive behaviour, and high standards. Our aim is to have students do the right thing because they should, rather than because they must. We aim to inspire and engage all students, regardless of prior attainment or social background.

To work at Edgar Wood Academy, you must aspire to be an outstanding colleague. You must be willing to share and learn. We wish to appoint someone who will help us to make a positive difference to the lives of young people in the borough. In return, we promise a supportive and enjoyable working environment and the resources needed to carry out the role to the highest standards, including a bespoke professional development programme to support you with your future career aspirations.

It is important to note that Edgar Wood Academy benefits from being a part of the Altus Educational Partnership. The Trust currently comprises of four academies - Rochdale Sixth Form College, Edgar Wood Academy, Kingsway Park High School and Bamford Academy.

The Trust's mission and vision are to:

- Advance education in the borough of Rochdale so that young people go on to live happy and fulfilling lives and make positive differences to their communities and society.
- Create an inclusive and cohesive system of education in the area that improves the lives of everyone in the borough.

I look forward to your application and if you have any questions, or wish to visit the school prior to interview, please do not hesitate to contact my PA, Debbie Barlow on 0161 676 9620 or email [d.barlow@edgarwood.org](mailto:d.barlow@edgarwood.org).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Paul Jones".

**Paul Jones (Headteacher)**

### **Making your Application**

I hope that when you read this Application Pack you are inspired to apply for the post. If you are, then this is what you need to do:

#### **Application**

1. Complete the Altus Education Partnership application form.
2. Provide a supporting statement of no more than two sides of A4 which should address the criteria in the person specification.
3. Send your completed application form by email to [recruitment@altusep.com](mailto:recruitment@altusep.com).

#### **Deadline**

The deadline for the post is **21<sup>st</sup> November 2024**.

Interview dates are to be held on **25<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

#### **Shortlisting**

We will unfortunately be unable to notify candidates who are not on the shortlist, therefore, if you do not hear from us, your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.

#### **Salary**

The post will be paid on the Main Teacher Pay Scale

#### **Start Date**

**January 2025** or sooner if possible

#### **For an Application Pack**

1. Visit [www.edgarwood.org](http://www.edgarwood.org) or [www.altusep.com](http://www.altusep.com)
2. Contact the HR team at [recruitment@altusep.com](mailto:recruitment@altusep.com)

*Altus EDUCATION Partnership is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff to share this commitment. This position is subject to an Enhanced DBS check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.*

*In accordance with the recommendations set out in KCSIE the Trust carries out online searches on shortlisted candidates.*

## Background Information

### **Altus Education Partnership**

Edgar Wood Academy is currently one of three institutions in the Altus Education Partnership (a Multi-Academy Trust) alongside Kingsway Park High School and Rochdale Sixth Form College ("*TES 6th Form College of the Year 2021*" and "*Ofsted Officially Outstanding 2022*"). Edgar Wood Academy and the Trust have a very strong educational reputation in the local community and are in a financially robust position. The Trust works as a partnership of equals, where all Academies are distinctive institutions working together for the benefit of all students, within which, Headteachers and local Governing Bodies have delegated authority and associated autonomy. The Trust expects to expand further in the next few years, working with Academies in the Primary and Secondary phases to improve the quality of education across the borough.

Altus Education Partnership are committed to supporting all children in their Academies to progress to a successful career, life and employment path of their choice.

All our Academies will share a collective identity as providers of the highest quality teaching with high expectations of learners, coupled with effective assessment and intervention. Young people in our Academies will engage with opportunities to develop their own skills and aptitudes to support their progression, while making valuable contributions to their communities. Leaders and Teachers will take a collaborative approach, sharing best practice at a local, regional and national level, to continuously improve the performance and outcomes of all Academies in the Trust.

### **Altus Education Partnership Values**

The values of the Altus Education Partnership will be embedded and visible throughout all the academies. Each will have its own unique identity built around the core Trust values. These are:

- Unrelenting commitment to improve the quality of our provision and enhance the lives of our students.
- Openness in the way we build trust and bring purpose to our work as a Multi Academy Trust.
- Accountability through the rigorous, transparent and forensic analysis of all aspects of our performance.
- Commitment to the principles of inclusion and equality.
- Dedication to the borough of Rochdale and its surrounds.
- Collective responsibility for one another and results of our students – ‘if one fails, we all fail’.

### **The Ambition is that by the time students leave they will:**

- Have achieved their personal academic potential giving them a greater choice in life.
- Have the highest aspirations and developed the self-esteem, confidence, and emotional resilience to exploit their potential.
- Be contributing members of the community and have compassion for others.

- Be able to celebrate their success and that of others.
- Have developed the confidence to overcome barriers to success.
- Be articulate, creative, and prepared for future growth and learning.
- Be happy!

### **Shared Objective for all Staff**

"To maximise students' achievements"

- At Altus Education Partnership we do this through engaging our students in their subjects and inspiring them to enjoy their studies in a totally positive atmosphere.
- Our students are challenged to achieve through a culture of high expectations and a belief in their ability.
- Above all, staff at Altus Education Partnership like their students and demonstrate this through their daily conduct and interaction.

### **Music Department**

At Edgar Wood Academy, our Music Department is more than just a group of subject specialists – it's a growing team of inspirational individuals who have dedicated themselves to providing our students with an exceptional learning experience. Every member of our team is driven by a desire to unlock the full potential of our students. We believe that every student and staff member deserve ample opportunities to explore the fascinating and diverse fields of Music, to ask and answer complex questions, and to understand how Music has evolved over time and its potential for the future.

As an educator in our Music Department, you will have the unique opportunity to shape and develop a novel curriculum that captures the hearts and mind of our students, provoke critical thinking, and improve curiosity. Our culturally relevant curriculum is currently being designed to develop social attitudes and behaviour, celebrate British values, and encourage students to have an inclusive approach to their local and global communities.

## Role Description:

<b>Job Title:</b>	Teacher of Music/Performing Arts
<b>Reports to:</b>	Head of Department
<b>Staff Responsibility:</b>	N/A
<b>Additional:</b>	As Assigned
<b>Remuneration:</b>	Main Teacher Pay Scale
<b>Contract:</b>	Permanent – Full Time
<b>Start Date:</b>	January 2025 or sooner if possible

## Key Focus: Maximise Students' Achievements

All staff are fully expected to contribute to the shared objective of maximising students' achievements and to the success of Edgar Wood Academy (EWA).

## Primary Purpose:

Our central purpose is to help our students realise their academic potential. We believe every young person has the potential to succeed and devote ourselves to improving student achievement through an unceasing focus on learning, teaching, and student support.

Our young people are challenged to achieve through high expectations within a "you can do it" culture. We aim at all times to build aspiration, inspire, and motivate our students, so they have greater choices in life.

## Teaching Duties and Responsibilities:

- To be a specialist in Music/Performing Arts.
- Deliver engaging and innovative lessons across Music and Performing Arts disciplines using a range of teaching strategies that include formative assessment and active learning techniques.
- Ensure lessons are differentiated for the individual needs of students and cater for a range of abilities.
- Create structured, dynamic lessons that maintain student interest and motivation while fostering a positive and inclusive classroom environment.
- Encourage students to think and talk about their learning, develop self-control and independence, concentrate, persevere, and listen attentively.
- Work actively to promote equality, celebrate cultural and academic diversity, and include

- students of all abilities, including those with special educational needs.
- Plan and teach lessons in accordance with subject area course outlines and examination specifications, integrating both Music and Performing Arts as appropriate.
  - Demonstrate sound knowledge and understanding of both Music and Performing Arts.
  - Build positive relationships to promote learning, ensuring an atmosphere that is both purposeful and supportive.
  - Contextualise learning within the wider curriculum and explain intended learning outcomes clearly.
  - Monitor, support, and challenge students to maintain a safe learning environment and encourage confidence and independence.
  - Self-evaluate teaching practices to enhance professional effectiveness.
  - Keep and submit attendance records promptly, ensuring accurate electronic data entry.
  - Plan, prepare, and implement lessons and schemes of work that incorporate a variety of learning opportunities and key skill development across Music and Performing Arts.
  - Maintain individual records of student achievements and use data to inform future planning and differentiation.
  - Prepare, implement, and review Individual Learning Plans for students as needed, in line with school policy.
  - Lead the class team to foster collaborative working practices.
  - Collaborate with colleagues, parents/carers, and external agencies to support students' educational experiences.
  - Maintain confidentiality regarding student and school information.
  - Foster positive behaviour management aligned with school policies.
  - Assess student performance to inform teaching and maximise value-added outcomes.
  - Systematically record and report student progress, ensuring students understand feedback and are prepared for exams and performances.
  - Provide timely, constructive feedback on student work with clear strategies for improvement.
  - Attend parent evenings and communicate effectively with parents/carers about student progress.

## Other Responsibilities

- Take part, as required, in meetings in relation to the curriculum and organisation of the school.
- Participate in arrangements for professional development as outlined in the school development plan or identified through the appraisal process and take responsibility for own development.
- Ensure the activities in which students are engaged are conducted in a disciplined, safe and healthy environment and in line with school policy.

## General Responsibilities

- Be an ambassador for the school and uphold its values.
- Model core school values in all professional activities and promote the school's vision and ethos.
- Contribute to a culture of excellence, equality, and high expectations.
- Respond effectively to unplanned situations and emergencies, maintaining student safety and discipline.

- Support extra-curricular activities such as concerts, productions, and trips.
- Accept additional responsibilities as directed by the Headteacher or SLT link.

## **Whole-School Organisation, Strategy and Development**

- Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the school's policies, practices and procedures, so as to support the schools' values and vision.
- Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school.
- Participate in EWA daily duty rota.



## Health and Safety

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of students and help to safeguard students' well-being by following the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education and our school's child protection policy.
- Look after children who are upset or have had accidents.

## Professional Development

- Help keep their own knowledge and understanding relevant and up-to-date by reflecting on their own practice, liaising with school leaders, and identifying relevant professional development to improve personal effectiveness
- Take opportunities to build the appropriate skills, qualifications, and/or experience needed for the role, with support from the school.
- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures.

## Personal and Professional Conduct

- Uphold public trust in the education profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school.
- Have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school, and maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality.
- Demonstrate positive attitudes, values and behaviours to develop and sustain effective relationships with the school community.
- Any other reasonable duties as requested by the Line Manager, Headteacher or member of the Senior Leadership Team that is not specified in this job description.
- Respect individual differences and cultural diversity.

## Person Specification

		Assessed by:				
No.	CATEGORIES	App Form/ Letter	Interview	Teaching Exercise	Refs	Results Sheet
<b>ESSENTIAL CRITERIA</b>						
1.	A high-quality degree with Music/Performing Arts as the sole or significant focus	√				
2.	PGCE with QTS/ QTLS and membership with DfE or IfL or willingness to work towards	√				
3.	A passion for teaching the subject	√	√	√	√	
4.	Ability to engage with students, inspiring learning & promoting success	√	√	√	√	
5.	Very good classroom practitioner	√	√	√	√	
6.	Ability to devise new resources for learning	√	√	√	√	
7.	Knowledge of active learning and teaching styles	√	√	√	√	
8.	Evidence of dynamic and innovative practice	√	√	√	√	
9.	Either – successful teaching placement ( <i>applicants currently in training</i> ) OR successful record of teaching including very good exam results in one or more of KS4	√			√	√
10.	Commitment to learning and teaching as first priority	√	√		√	
11.	Competence in the use of ICT	√	√		√	
12.	Ability to contribute positively to teams, share ideas & develop resources co-operatively	√			√	

13.	Ability to be adaptable & flexible	√	√		√	
14.	Effective inter-personal & communication skills	√	√	√	√	
15.	Commitment to valuing the individual and boosting their self-belief and worth – <i>an unconditional positive regard for young people</i>	√	√		√	
16.	Commitment to high standards & expectations – no accepting of second best in students and staff	√	√		√	
17.	Commitment to professional learning & institutional improvement	√	√		√	
18.	Commitment to high professional & personal standards of work & conduct	√	√		√	
19.	Determination to promote equality of opportunity		√		√	
20.	Ability to offer enrichment & contribute to wider college life	√	√		√	
21.	Commitment to professionalism, sharing, teamwork & collaboration	√	√		√	
22.	Commitment to enjoying work!		√			
<b>DESIRABLE CRITERIA</b>						
23.	Able to use interactive ICT systems for learning and teaching	√	√		√	
24.	Experience of examining subject	√				

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