



**PERIPATETIC
MUSIC
TEACHER
(VIOLIN)**

FIXED TERM

PART TIME

TO START: JANUARY 2020

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St Michael's Prep School is a co-educational day school with 471 children aged 2-13, rated as 'Excellent' by ISI in March 2017, enjoying a beautiful location, overlooking 90 acres of land. Our state of the art Pre-Prep building sets each child on a learning journey that is rich, active and inspiring. Children continue into the Prep School, taught by a large number of specialist professionals who work throughout the school to provide a rich array of curricular and co-curricular opportunities.

Due to a temporary increased demand and a thriving music department we are seeking to appoint an outstanding and inspirational violin specialist with a proven track record in delivering individual and group tuition to pupils between 5 – 13 years. We will require a teacher who is willing to take on approximately 2 - 3 days of teaching per week, including supporting or leading ensembles where required. This will be from January 2020 up until 7th July 2020, with the possibility of extending if demand continues. Our peripatetic team enjoy working together on a wide range of creative projects therefore we are keen to hear from candidates who relish the opportunity to work collaboratively, developing ensembles in rehearsals, concerts and other school events as required.

Working in the music department, the successful candidate will be able to offer skilled instrumental teaching in violin and beginner viola as a minimum and will be excited by the prospect of contributing fully to the extra-curricular life of the school, collaborating in chamber groups or larger string ensembles, including orchestra. The successful applicant must be able to motivate and inspire children of all ages and abilities to make good progress in their instrument and to foster in them a love of music across a range of styles. The ability to accompany your pupils in exams or concerts would be advantageous.

Our peripatetic teachers are self-employed. They invoice parents directly.

If you would like to be considered for this role, please send a completed application form (downloadable from our website) together with a covering letter explaining why you are the ideal candidate. Please send an application letter to Kim D'Albertanson, HR Officer, at recruitment@stmichaels.kent.sch.uk

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Midday on 28TH OCTOBER 2019

INTERVIEW DATES: 4TH – 8TH NOVEMBER 2019

St Michael's Prep School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced disclosure through the Disclosure and Barring Service



JOB DESCRIPTION

RESPONSIBLE TO:

- The Director of Music
- The Deputy Heads
- The Head
- Governing Body

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Teaching

- To assess potential pupils suitability for the instrument in consultation with the Director of Music
- To teach individual pupils, and/or small groups where appropriate, providing a well-planned and structured framework to support and stimulate musical learning
- To keep accurate records of lessons, progress and achievement and ensure effective communication with parents
- To prepare pupils, when and where appropriate, for the requirements of the ABRSM or other approved practical examinations ensuring that all aspects are well prepared
- To teach pupils a range of repertoire and expand their appreciation of musical styles
- To train pupils in aural, sight-reading, improvisation and general musicianship skills
- To promote the instrument through assemblies, concerts, masterclasses or other suitable initiatives
- To accompany pupils and play at sight where required

Communication

- To treat children at all times in a manner consistent with specific school policies and the broader ethos of the school
- To maintain and foster strong links with parents/families through formal and informal parents' meetings, including termly invitations to observe lessons

Teamwork

- To co-operate and collaborate with music colleagues in preparing concerts as required
- To be proactive with colleagues in devising regular performance opportunities
- To maintain an appropriate and professional standard of personal appearance
- To have regard to the health and safety of all children, staff, parents and visitors to the school
- To safeguard and promote the welfare of all children



PERSON SPECIFICATION

St Michael's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Our staff need to be:

- inspirational professional musicians
- eligible to work in the UK
- passionate about working with children
- committed to excellent music provision for all children
- great communicators
- organised
- proactive
- efficient
- reliable
- flexible
- great team players
- computer literate

Our peripatetic teachers need to have:

- a recognised music performance qualification (Grade 8 or equivalent) on their principal instrument and either a teaching qualification or previous teaching experience
- a warm and encouraging manner
- a secure understanding of how children make progress in music
- lots of energy
- commitment
- experience of assessment
- patience
- a love of learning, challenge and personal development
- an enhanced disclosure via the DBS
- the ability to form and maintain suitable relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people
- the strength to work with challenging behaviours
- a sense of humour
- Public liability Insurance and professional indemnity insurance (normally via the Musicians Union or the like)

We are proud that our peripatetic team have strong interpersonal relationships and support each other through imaginative and stimulating musical initiatives. The successful candidate should be prepared to enjoy working closely with colleagues to celebrate pupils' achievements and musical progress with a sense of fun and good humour.

