**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Job Title Visiting Music Teacher – Bassoon**

**Reports to Assistant Head of Music: Instrumental**

# **General Information**

Uppingham School is a co-educational, full boarding school serving 800 pupils aged 13-18. The teaching staff numbers 110. The music department has a long-held reputation for excellence and currently comprises 8 full time members of staff, 2 administrators, a graduate music assistant and a total of 48 highly skilled music teachers.

The school makes a significant investment in bursaries for music scholars (there are currently 45 music scholars across the school), and many pupils go on to study music at leading universities or conservatoires. With a proud musical heritage going back to 1865 and the appointment of Paul David, (the first director of music of any school in the country and one with direct links to Mendelssohn, Schumann, Brahms and the violinist, Joachim) music has always been the golden thread that runs through the heart of school. Led by the Director of Music (DoM) and former operatic tenor, Andrew Kennedy, the department boasts a highly qualified team of departmental and faculty heads, including, amongst others, a Professor at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, and a professor at the Royal College of Music. We are proud of our wider links to the music industry.

The facilities are first-class: three Music Department buildings include 65 practice rooms, 3 organs, recording studios and state-of-the-art percussion rooms. Many music-specialist groups hold their holiday courses in the school. Concerts take place in a variety of School performing spaces and further afield in venues such as Saffron Hall, King’s Place and King’s College, Cambridge. The Lunchtime Concerts Series regularly attracts 100+ members of the school and local community. Masterclasses have been led recently by Zoe Martlew, Roddy Williams, Hannah Roberts, Tasmin Little and Angela Hewitt. In March Dame Ann Murray and Iain Burnside worked alongside our singers and pianists, and this term the jazz group Resolution 88 will be working with our instrumentalists. We also run a successful professional concert series with recent visiting artists including, The Sixteen, Tenebrae, The Gesualdo Six, Laura Van der Heijden and Sheku Kanneh-Mason.

# **Job Context**

We are looking for an experienced and highly qualified Bassoonist to join our musical team. The Wind, Brass and Percussion department prides itself in the level of diversity it offers to the pupils. Since 2013 the Head of Department has been Andy Webster who as well as being the head of department at Uppingham School is also a professor of Clarinet at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama

We have many chamber music ensembles and regular weekly solo opportunities for our many pupil musicians including a large Faculty showcase each year. Last term, the school Symphony Orchestra performed a programme comprising the Overture to the Magic Flute, Beethoven’s 1st Piano Concerto and Brahms 2nd Symphony. There is a full Concert Band and Jazz Orchestra, and every year the department presents a concert of those within.

# **Responsibilities**

* **Teaching** – Bassoon students of all levels and abilities in an array of styles from lower intermediate up to diploma level as advised by the Assistant Director of Music: Instrumental (ADMI) and dictated by the number of Bassoon students at the school
* **Timetabling -** Producing a weekly timetable on the school digital system and keeping a digital weekly register
* **Concert Preparation** - Preparing all students for participation in events such as workshops, masterclasses, and school concerts when required.
* **Examinations** - Preparing students for graded examinations, GCSE and A’ Level performances where necessary
* **General** - Liaising with the ADMI regarding student progress
* **Report and Review writing -** Providing timely written assessments/progress reports on each student in line with whole school policies.
* **Workshops/Masterclasses** Occasionally leading masterclasses and workshops, as requested by the Director of Music and the ADMI.

*Please note this job description outlines the main duties and responsibilities of the position and is designed for the benefit of both the post holder and Uppingham School in understanding the prime functions of the post.  It should not be regarded as exclusive nor exhaustive as there may be other duties and requirements associated with and covered by the post.*

# **Qualifications Skills And Experience, Personal Qualifites Required**

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* Significant instrumental teaching experience [necessary]
* Post-graduate conservatoire training [desirable]
* Good honours degree [desirable]

**Skills and experience**

* Experience in teaching a range of ages and abilities [necessary]
* Experience as a professional performer at a high-level [necessary]
* Outstanding track record as teacher [necessary]
* Experience of being able to prepare effectively a pupil’s entry to conservatoire [desirable]

**Personal qualities**

* Personable, supportive and able to motivate, and work within a team [necessary]
* Strong communication skills, both interpersonal and in public [necessary]

# **Key Relationships**

* Assistant Director of Music (Instrumental) – Line Manger
* Music Lessons and Outreach Co-ordinator
* Music Events and Publicity Manager
* Director of Music

Please note: Candidates will be expected to perform on their instrument at interview (no longer than 10 minutes) in addition to teaching a student.

# **Terms And Conditions**

**Salary**

The hourly school rate is currently £36.45 (salaries are generally reviewed annually on 1st September). In addition, where staff live more than 20 miles away from Uppingham, a mileage allowance is payable for the return mileage from home to Uppingham for each full teaching day.

**Hours**

Dependent on the number of pupils requiring lessons.

**Holidays**

The annual holiday entitlement is all School holidays. No holidays may be taken during term time. Public and Bank Holidays that fall in term time are normal working days.

**Benefits**

50% Contribution towards premiums for the School’s private health scheme

Discount on School fees

Discount at a local nursery in Uppingham

25% Discount on holiday club fees for children of Uppingham or Maidwell Hall staff

Westfield healthcare

Westfield Rewards which gives discounts at various retailers, gyms, cinemas, and restaurants

Contributory pension scheme

Employee Assistance Programme

In house Occupational Health Service

Membership to dual-use Sports Centre (with a £25 annual joining fee)

Free staff lunches during term-time

Free annual Flu vaccinations

Complimentary staff ticket for select School performances

Cycle to Work scheme

Recognised as a “Disability Confident” employer

Recognised as a “Mindful” employer

Recognised as “Investors in Diversity”

**Safeguarding and Child Protection**

Uppingham School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Successful candidates must be willing to undergo full screening in accordance with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KSCiE), including an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. Issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of pupils will be explored at interview.