July 2022

RE : Instrumental Music Teacher

TERMS : Casual, term-time only, hourly rate of £25 per hour, negotiable according to experience

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for taking the time to find out about the vacancy within our Music team.

Mayfield School has undergone a period of expansion from a 1000 place secondary school to a 1540 place ‘all through school’. The key milestones to date have been:

In September 2012 we opened a 60 place pre-school and nursery on the school site which has been judged as “outstanding” by OfSTED. Staff members are guaranteed access to this very popular and highly oversubscribed facility.

In July 2013 Mayfield School secured approval from Portsmouth City Council to extend our age range from 11-16 to 4-16 and become the city’s first ‘all through’ school and one of only a handful of state, single site, ‘all through’ schools in the country.

In September 2014, we welcomed the first intake into our primary section and became one of the most oversubscribed schools in the city, with 60 pupils joining us, many of whom were in our pre-school. We now have sixty children (two classes) in each year group in Key Stage 1 and ninety children (three classes) in each year group in Key Stage 2. Along with the Senior Section, the school has a maximum capacity of 1540 pupils across all phases.

In November 2021, Mayfield was inspected by OfSTED and remained a ‘good’ school. In particular, inspectors noted:

*“Primary age pupils particularly enjoy their learning”;*

*“Leaders have planned the curriculum throughout the school carefully. It is broad and well sequenced. Leaders have considered how the learning from Reception through to Year 11 connects. This means there is deliberate and planned progression”;*

*“Pupils’ learning throughout the school happens in a calm and orderly way”.*

Most recently, Mayfield has been successful in its bid for priority school building project (PSBP) funds which resulted in the construction of a ‘state of the art’ purpose built ‘all through’ school on the east field of the current site. Work started in November 2019 and the new, £multi-million, building was handed over in September 2021 – we are now in the final stage with the demolition of the old building and reinstatement of all outside space. All works are due for completion by Summer 2023.

The development of competency as a Musician and a Performer have been central to our ethos as an all-through school. We offer individual and small group Music tuition to pupils from Year 3 upwards in Drums, Guitar, Keyboard and Singing. The programme of instrumental Music tuition has proved very popular with our school community, and we now have some vacancies within our team for teachers of Guitar and Keyboard for September 2022. We have a very well-resourced Music department with 3 dedicated Music practice rooms. Pupils are taught for 30 minute lessons in groups of up to 1-to-3. The working hours can be flexible around your other teaching commitments.

To apply for this post, please complete an application form and attach a letter to the Headteacher detailing:

* How do your experiences to date make you the right person for this post?

Applications should be received via email to Mrs. Lynne Hollis, PA to the Headteacher, on [hollis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:hollis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) by 4:00pm on Friday 2nd September.

Thank you for taking the time to find out the exciting changes taking place at our school.

Best wishes,

Miss Louise Hillier, Interim Headteacher