



GATEHOUSE

SCHOOL

Head of Music (one-year paternity cover)

required for September 2020

Position / Job Specification:

Posting Date: 5th June 2020

Closing Date: 19th June 2020 at mid-day – Interviews will be held week commencing 29th June 2020

Salary: Gatehouse salary scale applies

General:

Gatehouse is an independent school for girls and boys aged 3 to 11 in East London, near Victoria Park.

Accommodated in a recently renovated Victorian building with modern extensions and set in landscaped grounds which include climbing frames and an Astroturf sports court. The site is alongside Regent's Canal and the many acres of Victoria Park.

At Gatehouse we aim to provide children with a caring and supportive learning environment, developing and encouraging each child's abilities and helping them to build an excellent foundation for life and work. Classes are non-streamed, and of mixed ability throughout all age ranges. From the age of seven onwards, children are subject taught by highly qualified specialist staff as well as having their own dedicated form teacher.

We are part of the [Independent Schools' Association](#) and the [Independent Association of Preparatory Schools](#), both of which are members of the Independent Schools' Council. We were recently listed in the Sunday Times Top 100 Prep Schools.

Leavers go on to attend such schools as City of London Boys and Girls, Highgate, Forest, Bancroft's, Benenden, Cheltenham, Christ's Hospital, Portland Place, Blackheath High and Colfe's.

Key Responsibilities:

The Head of Music is responsible:

- For teaching regular classroom music lessons to children of all primary ages
- For excellent planning, implementation and review of Schemes of Work relating to the Music curriculum
- For leading musical performances in formal events (e.g. assemblies, recitals, concerts, etc)
- For leading/supporting choirs/ensembles in rehearsal and performance, developing individual and group musicianship, and providing education about the historical and cultural context of the music being rehearsed and performed
- For helping to promote and encourage membership of extra-curricular ensembles

- For the 11 peripatetic music teachers who visit the school weekly in helping them organise their teaching time, facilitating the waiting lists and involving them in termly concerts
- For organising termly ABRSM exams in school
- To take the lead on the Nursery nativity, Year 3 production and Year 6 production.

Professional Expectations:

The Head of Music will:

- Be an accomplished musician in his or her own right, and will possess excellent vocal and instrumental skills (excellent keyboard skills would be a distinct advantage)
- Be passionate about the development of children and fostering a love of music in all members of the school community
- Be able to nurture and stretch the most-able whilst also making music and accessible and enjoyable for all
- Be an exemplar teacher in respect of planning, preparation of the learning environment, lesson delivery (including SEN strategies and differentiation), assessment and reporting
- Have excellent communication skills with all constituencies within the school
- Enjoy working as part of a large, talented and experienced team of musicians and educators
- Manage his/her own time effectively – particularly in relation to balancing the demands made by teaching, subject management and involvement in school development

Safeguarding:

Gatehouse School is committed to Safeguarding and Child Protection promoting the welfare of children. The successful candidate will be required to:

- Attend in-house Child Safeguarding training
- Promote and safeguard the welfare of all students in the school
- Report to the Designated Safeguarding Lead any concerns they have for the welfare of a pupil.
- Keep professional relationships with students where personal boundaries are respected and maintained
- Seek advice from a Line Manager or Designated Safeguarding Lead with issues or concerns related to Safeguarding.

Requirements:

- Formal proof of identity with photo ID (Original Driving License / Passport)
- 2 signed, confidential references (one of which will be from the candidate's current employer) before the start of contract
- Verification of original qualifications

How to Apply:

Applications should be submitted using the application form provided. Please complete the form and return it to head@gatehouseschool.co.uk.

Further Details

- Full details of the school are available on our website at:
<https://www.gatehouseschool.co.uk/>