



## JOB DESCRIPTION & PERSON SPECIFICATION

### Music and Singing Teacher - Middle and Upper School

**Start Date:** September 2022

The Acorn School is an independent, co-educational school which provides an invigorating, quality education for pupils from 7 to 18 years of age. The diverse curriculum integrates creative and physical activities with academic studies to form a unique, threefold structure designed to support and engage students throughout the various stages of their development.

The school was rated 'Good' across all categories in its most recent Ofsted inspection (published March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019). Ofsted recognised being a teacher at The Acorn School as a rewarding experience:

*"Teachers share a love and enjoyment of learning. Lessons often include art, songs, literature and reading as various ways to engage pupils and develop a broad range of knowledge as well as to spark an interest. Pupils respond accordingly and delight in the different activities." Ofsted, 2019*

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The Acorn School is seeking a part time music and singing teacher to join our small team to plan and deliver a range of music and choir sessions to students in the middle and upper school, age 14-18.

Music plays a key role in the school's ethos and seasonal singing is a regular part of our festivals, assemblies, and concerts throughout the year. In addition to regular weekly choir lessons, we are seeking a teacher who is willing and motivated to become part of our community, and co-lead community singing in such assemblies and festivals with the lower school music teacher.

Our ideal candidate is a teacher who has the experience and motivation to inspire a love of music in the in the middle and upper school students.

#### **Main Responsibilities of the Post:**

To plan and deliver music and singing lessons to the students of Classes 7 – 12 through Middle and Upper School choirs and to work in partnership with the lower school music teacher to centre the music in school performances, assemblies, and celebrations.

#### **Working Hours and Remuneration:**

<b>Location:</b>	The Acorn School, Nailsworth
<b>Hours:</b>	2 teaching hours per week
<b>Start Date:</b>	September 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
<b>Contract:</b>	Part-time contract
<b>Payment terms:</b>	This position is part-time, and the teacher should invoice the school for hours worked and will be responsible for their own tax and national insurance contributions.
<b>Rate:</b>	Hourly rate dependent on experience.
<b>Leave:</b>	Due to the nature of the post, holidays cannot be taken during term time.
<b>Probationary period:</b>	1 term



**Essential Application Information**

The Acorn School is committed to safeguarding children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Candidates must be suitable to work with children and will be expected to undertake an advanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure.

Candidates must have the right to work in the United Kingdom. Candidates from abroad will be asked to provide criminal records clearance from countries of residence, as well as evidence of eligibility to work in the United Kingdom.

**Additional Information**

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the accountabilities of this post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

This job description is current, but following consultation with you, may be changed by the Headteacher to reflect or anticipate changes in the job, which are commensurate with the salary and job title.

**Person Specification**

Specification	Essential	Desirable
<b>Qualifications</b>		
Music teaching qualification or relevant work experience	✓	
Other teaching qualification and experience		✓
Enhanced DBS disclosure	✓	
First Aid training		✓
Safeguarding training		✓
<b>Skills</b>		
Willingness to engage the school's ethos	✓	
Ability to inform and enthuse mixed ability students in the specified age range	✓	
Ability to teach varied abilities within one class	✓	
Excellent team-worker	✓	
Excellent communication skills	✓	
Excellent record keeping skills	✓	
Basic ICT skills including word processing and email		✓
Ability to work with confidential information and maintain high levels of confidentiality	✓	
Awareness of health & safety requirements		✓
<b>Work Experience</b>		



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Teaching music and singing to secondary age children	✓	
Teaching in small groups		✓
Liaising with parents	✓	
Working in a team	✓	
Working with confidential information	✓	
<b>Behaviours/Characteristic</b>		
Punctual and reliable	✓	
Desire to assist in the development of the school as a whole	✓	
Desire to assist in the development of the music curriculum	✓	
Desire to continue to learn and develop as a teacher	✓	
Interest in education and understanding of the aims and objectives of Acorn education	✓	