



Lady Manners School

Curriculum Leader of Music

This post offers an outstanding opportunity to lead a successful curriculum area, within the Creative Arts Faculty, renowned for the quality of its music making. The curriculum area is active, lively, forward looking and constantly seeking ways of building further on our strong tradition of music in the school. The quality and variety of music is experienced within the curriculum and throughout an impressive range of extra-curricular orchestras, brass bands, wind bands, choirs and ensembles.

The Music Department

The curriculum area comprises a Curriculum Leader of Music, alongside 2 part time music specialists who complement each other in their interests and specialism. All teach across the whole ability and age range and prepare candidates for GCSE and A Level Music. They are supported by a range of specialist instrumental and singing teachers, who are currently giving tuition to over 250 students in school. Some of the instrumental staff also contribute to the extra-curricular programme that is offered.

Facilities

The curriculum area has two specialist teaching rooms. One of these rooms is equipped with a suite of 18 computers running Mixcraft and Sibelius programs all connected to MIDI keyboards. The other music room has a large open practical performing space with five practice rooms leading off the main room. These rooms are currently equipped with electric pianos, drum kits (two of which are electric), amplifiers for guitars as well as the standard percussion boxes. The music office and four other instrumental rooms are located on the same corridor as the two music rooms. These additional instrumental rooms are used on a daily basis for private instrumental lessons. The curriculum area has built a wide range of resources to support the delivery of lessons and has an extensive library of instrumental music.

The Curriculum

In Key Stage 3 all students follow a balanced programme of music which has been developed using the National Curriculum guidelines. KS3 have one hour of music per week. The projects run on a rota which will mean the students will experience both rooms throughout the academic year. Activities in both rooms focus on performing, composing, listening and appraising.

Music is offered as an option in Key Stage 4 and in the Sixth Form. External examinations currently offered are GCSE (Edexcel) and GCE A Level (Edexcel).



Examination Results

We are very proud of the consistently high levels of attainment reached by our students. Results at GCSE and A Level are higher than national standards and we are proud of this achievement in light of the comprehensive entry ethos of the school.

Many of our A level students move on to study music at university, and this includes places at some of the best universities and conservatoires in the country.

In addition, many students are entered for Associated Board Examinations each year with a high level of success. Lady Manners School is an examination centre for the ABRSM.

Extra-Curricular Music

There is an exciting and widely diversified programme of extra-curricular activities which allows for the highest possible uptake and enables the student's enthusiasm for the subject to flourish. The bands, orchestras and choirs perform to an exacting high standard with a full yearly programme of public performances within the school and the community. Many groups have performed at the finals of the Music for Youth Festival in Birmingham and a range of ensembles have been on tour to both UK and European destinations. The department also works collaboratively with other departments within the school to produce a musical production. This level of extra-curricular provision requires much time and energy on behalf of the music staff, but the quality of the work is well worth the effort.

The Future

It is a curriculum area that is characterised by dedication, professionalism, energy and enthusiasm. This is an exciting opportunity for the successful candidate to further enhance our strong music provision by developing and introducing new and innovative ideas.

We look forward to working with the successful applicant.