

PART-TIME TEACHER OF PIANO (SELF-EMPLOYED) (PREP/SENIOR)

JOB DESCRIPTION

Reports to: Director of Music

ABOUT JOHN LYON

John Lyon is an academically selective independent day school, based in Harrow-on-the-Hill in North West London. Having educated boys from Harrow and surrounding areas since 1876, John Lyon welcomed its first girls as pupils in September 2021. The School has also moved from being a senior school to an all-through 3-8 school with nursery, thanks to a 2021 coming together with Quinton Hall School in central Harrow.

Academic excellence is at the very heart of what pupils who study here seek to achieve. Pupils' academic standards and personal development were both rated the highest possible 'excellent' in our most recent ISI school inspection.

John Lyon pupils also gain from their time outside the classroom. The School has a strong reputation for opportunities and success in Music, Art, Drama and Sport. Add to this an exciting Co-Curricular Programme focusing on a sense of community, achievement and wellbeing, a range of more than 100 extra-curricular activities, and pastoral care that is second to none, a John Lyon education is designed to nurture high-achieving and happy children.

The John Lyon School campus is spread across six buildings at the Senior School, the Quinton Hall School site, and a 25-acre mixed sporting facility in Harrow-on-the-Hill and is part of John Lyon's Foundation. We have a clear set of values that are vital to our community. These values shape who we are, what we do and how we do it.



THE DEPARTMENT

The Music Department at Quainton Hall is part of the John Lyon Music Department led by Mr H Jones. The department at QHS is based in the Halliday Hall (Old Chapel), offering a large hall and practice rooms. The department has a wealth of instruments and has a suitable budget if specific instruments need to be bought.

The Senior School has around 20 VMTs and around 20 Music clubs/ensembles and is based around a 130-seater Music Hall, with several practice rooms and also state-of-the-art facilities for Music Technology.

PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- To teach 40-minute piano lessons once a week for pupils age 3-18 over a wide ability range
- To provide annually 30 such music lessons to each pupil on your pupil list
- To prepare pupils for performances and exams as required
- To teach all elements of piano playing in a stimulating manner that connects technique with music-making
- To provide a considered programme of study tailored to each individual pupil that allows for continuity from lesson to lesson
- To ensure that each pupil is aware of his or her practice requirements for the next lesson and is supported in following those requirements
- To make weekly teaching timetables which work on a lesson rotation system
- To stay up to date with emails to parents involving timetabling, attendance and other relevant matters
- Setting the highest professional standards of dress, punctuality and politeness and be prepared to demand the same of his/her pupils
- Be self-employed and responsible for collecting all fees from parents. Be aware of, and prepared to work within, the GCSE and A-Level requirements if necessary.
- Communicate with parents regularly about their son/daughter's lessons and progress
- Arrange performance opportunities for his/her pupils, and be aware of the concert schedule organised within School
- Manage the administrative tasks required by the School e.g. keeping registers etc.
- Ensure that he/she adheres to health and safety standards and works in line with Child Protection legislation.

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PERSON SPECIFICATION

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
EDUCATION & KNOWLEDGE		
Must possess a qualification in his or her instrument to at least degree level or hold a BA or equivalent in music		X
Experience in teaching individual piano lessons at a high level to all standards	X	
An experienced and enthusiastic practitioner	X	
SKILLS & EXPERIENCE		
Previous experience of working in a school or youth organisation	X	
Effective communication skills with pupils, parents and colleagues	X	
Good interpersonal and communication skills	X	
An ability to relate well to both pupils and other members of the Music Department and the School	X	