



PERIPATETIC SINGING TEACHER
Contractual Services
(2 days a week potential to develop)

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Contractual Services:

- Reports to:** Head of Music
- Contract:** Contracts are subject to annual review.
- Service hours:** According to demand from students.
- Finance:** The income to you will be based on the contract you have with the parents on a self-employed basis. You will invoice them directly at an agreed rate of £225 per term (10 lessons x 30 minutes per term). There is a facilities charge to the school of 5% of the charging rate per lesson, invoiced by the college to you.
- Nature of Contract:** This is a contracted service that you will provide at the school to enhance the broad education of Thornton College students by offering musical experiences appropriate to the needs and aspirations of the community.

Main Tasks & Responsibilities of the Contract

- Teach individual singing lessons to pupils, aged 7-18 years, introduced through the Director of Music. This will involve preparing and teaching 30 music lessons to individual pupils over the course of the School year.
- To enjoy teaching music in a wide range of styles including popular, classical and musical theatre.

Personal Specification

You will be a committed, enthusiastic musician and teacher able to motivate and inspire pupils, and to communicate with conviction and sensitivity. You should be receptive to new ideas and to be able to work as part of a professional team of teachers dedicated to offering high quality music education.

You will normally have either several years' experience in Instrumental teaching with a suitable higher level qualification and relevant instrumental specialism, or be an instrumental specialist with a music degree, be able to perform at an equivalent standard on your main instrument, and be at least grade 8 equivalent on subsidiary instruments offered.

Operational Requirements:

- To plan, prepare and deliver teaching duties appropriate to the skills of the teacher. This may include individual, small group and whole class teaching as well as ensemble training.
- To liaise with the music department and parents in order to meet the individual needs of each pupil.
- To recruit new pupils to instrumental tuition through demonstrations and performances in school.
- To ensure pupils are given performance opportunities on a termly basis as part of their curriculum.

- To have up-to-date knowledge of, arrange and prepare pupils for instrumental and school examinations as appropriate.
- To complete written reports for pupils and communicate with parents about the progress of individual pupils as required.
- To ensure the general safety and well-being of pupils, observing appropriate conduct and class management.
- To ensure all rooms in which activities take place receive due care and respect.
- To attend necessary INSET training and other relevant meetings at the request of the Director of Music.
- To maintain and update a thorough knowledge of developments in teaching and instrumental learning, including teaching strategies, current local and national initiatives and instrumental teaching material as appropriate.
- To ensure professional conduct at all times, and not bring the school into disrepute.
- Performing and contributing to various groups and ensembles as part of the school's programme
- of concerts and workshops.
- Offering appropriate advice and guidance to pupils and parents.
- To keep accurate and complete attendance registers required by the school. To act in accordance with the policies of the school.

Some of the above duties may involve providing services during unsocial hours (evenings and/or weekends).

Health & Safety

A copy of the School's Health & Safety Policy will be provided; you must pay due regard to this policy, including one's own H&S needs and those of others; particularly those for whom you have a duty of care.

As a peripatetic contractor you are responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of students at Thornton College by ensuring compliance with the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy at all times. It is a requirement to report any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of students to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.