

TEACHER OF MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

JOB DESCRIPTION

Unique part time opportunity to join the UK Sixth Form College of the Year



- REPORTS TO:** Head of Performing Arts
- HOURS:** Permanent, part time contract 0.4
- SALARY:** £23,396 - £38,748 pa
- PURPOSE:** To teach BTEC Music Technology
- START DATE:** Wednesday 21st August 2019

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Birkenhead Sixth Form College is a highly successful and innovative sixth form college. The College was awarded the UK Sixth Form College of the Year by the TES in 2018 and this followed being graded outstanding in all areas by OFSTED in December 2016. All staff play a vital role in the experience that students have with us and ultimately their success.

The College currently has a 16 to 19-year-old student population of 1400 and is oversubscribed. Consequently, the College is embarking on an expansion project for 2019/2020 as student applications continue to increase year on year.

The College is committed to its core values of **Positivity**, **Ambition**, **Resilience** and **Thoughtfulness**, and these values shape everything we do. Our ethos is centred on the scientific evidence that tells us that everyone can achieve success through purposeful hard work as opposed to the talent myth, and as such, the College is in itself an engine for social mobility.

ABOUT THE ROLE

This is an exciting opportunity to teach and develop a brand new course at the College for September 2019. The role will involve teaching BTEC Music Technology (Digital Music Production). This post would be well suited to a Music Technology specialist who is passionate about their subject and has a desire to play a lead role in developing a new course. The position will be part time in the first year with the objective to raise the profile of the course in the first year and achieve student recruitment that would warrant a full time position in the long term.

The Performing Arts department offers courses in A-level Drama, A-level Dance and BTEC Music Technology (from Sept 2019). With a recently appointed passionate and dynamic Head of Department, it is a very exciting time to join the team. Currently 68 students study performing arts courses and the College is committed to growing this to add to the performance culture at the College.

The department is well resourced with a drama studio, dance studio and state of the art music recording studio. The Woolfson Sound Studio is a fully sound proofed and treated studio for surround sound mixing and music composition. The equipment is centred around an Allen & Heath Mixing desk and control surfaces, Steinberg Cubase and Sennheiser headsets and microphones. The department also has a sound-proofed, acoustically treated Performance Space linked directly to the recording studio.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
Degree in related subject area or an equivalent qualification	✓	
Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)		✓
Experience		
Experience of teaching Music Technology		✓
Experience of studio recording and using microphones, multitrack recording	✓	
Ability to play a musical instrument (drums, keyboard, guitar) and a working knowledge of DJ skills		✓
Experience of working or mentoring young people		✓
Experience of working in an demanding environment where high levels of organisation are required	✓	
Experience of working successful in a team	✓	
Knowledge / Skills / Abilities		
Very good knowledge of the content contained in the BTEC Music Technology specification	✓	
Knowledge of BTEC qualifications		✓
Working knowledge of Digital Audio Workstations	✓	
Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with young people	✓	
Ability to respond flexibly and creatively to new challenges and opportunities	✓	
Ability to work flexibly as part of a team	✓	
Ability to prioritise and meet deadlines	✓	
Ability to use IT effectively	✓	
Excellent communications skills, interpersonal and organisational abilities	✓	
To demonstrate a commitment to:		
The College values of Positivity, Ambition, Resilience and Thoughtfulness	✓	
Personal development and training	✓	
Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of students	✓	
Equality and diversity	✓	

HOW TO APPLY

If you are ambitious and determined to make a meaningful difference in one of the country's leading sixth form colleges then we would be thrilled to have you join our team.

1. Please complete the Teacher Application Form which is available on the College website: www.bsfc.ac.uk
2. Last 3 years of examination results (if appropriate – if you are an NQT please skip this part of the application procedure)
3. On a separate document, answer the following specific questions (*each question should be answered separately with each answer being no more than 150 words*):
 1. Aside from your stated qualifications, please outline what you believe makes you academically suited to the position applied for.
 2. The College does not currently operate a gifted and talented programme. What is your view on this approach?
 3. Please identify one or two skills or techniques you have used in the classroom to drive learning.
 4. Do you think it is best to set target grades on the basis of prior attainment data (ALIS, ALPS etc.) or on teachers assessment of the student?
 5. You should have provided an accompanying sheet summarising the results you have achieved over the last three years. Is there any context or background you would like to give to these?

Please email these to: hrdept@bsfc.ac.uk

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 27th February 2019

Interviews will take place on Friday 8th March 2019.



FAST FACTS



WHAT WE DO

- The College is a specialist post-16 provider. This allows all of our staff, all of our systems and all of our work to be solely focused on ensuring the best A Level and BTEC experience and outcomes.
- More students from the College go on to study at university than from any other sixth form in the area.
- Students can choose from 40 A Level and BTEC courses which can be studied in ANY combination.

RECOGNITION

- Winners of the UK TES Award for Sixth Form College of the Year 2018.
- We are finalists in the Association of Colleges Beacon Award for Social Mobility.
- We are rated as **'Outstanding'** in all areas by Ofsted.



OUTCOMES

- Consistently at the top for A Levels in Wirral in terms of students' progress from their starting points.
- In 2018, over 60% of our students achieved top A* - B grades at A Level or Distinction* / Distinction at BTEC with an overall pass rate of 99.6%.
- Over 85% of our students headed to university in 2018.
- Other students landed highly respected apprenticeships at barristers' chambers, professional services and more.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

- As our staff only have to focus on post-16 academic work, they are highly specialised and skilled in this area and so are able to develop and support students in ways that non-specialists might not be able to.
- Every student has an assigned Tutor who helps with navigating College life, university applications, employment options, life-skills & more.
- Attendance and completing assigned work on time is monitored rigorously to ensure students achieve the best possible outcomes.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Students come to the College from nearly 60 high schools across Wirral, Merseyside and Cheshire.
- Students are treated as adults – they wear their own choice of clothes, call staff by their first names and can leave campus when not in lessons
- Students enjoy a calm 'university-like' atmosphere and develop their ability to take ownership for their own study and development.
- Students say that the College is fun and friendly and that studying here is a great stepping stone to university.