

Job Title: Teacher of Music

The Music Curriculum - The department comprises an experienced team of staff delivering Edexcel A level Music and the Hampshire Specialist Music Course (HSMC). BTECs in Digital Music Production and Popular Music Performance are also taught at the College. Currently there are 75 students studying A level Music, and about 200 involved in extra-curricular music activities. The department has high expectations of the students and has a record of excellent examination results over a long period of time, with students consistently achieving high grades (A or B) far above the national average. Progression to conservatoires and universities to read music is outstanding, with many students winning places at the most competitive institutions in the country.

Music Activities - The quality of extra-curricular music is outstanding and includes the chamber music programme of the HSMC course. As part of the College Activities programme the department currently runs an SATB Choir of over 100 singers, a Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band, Brass Ensemble, Soul Band, Chamber Choir and many instrumental and vocal chamber groups. There are three college concerts and up to ten chamber concerts each year. Other events include master-classes, workshops, recitals of classical chamber music and lunchtime concerts of contemporary music. There is a range of bands, including a Soul Band, assisted by highly-experienced visiting drum kit and guitar teachers. Winchester Cathedral is the venue for the annual Carol Service and Founders' Day Evensong in March. All staff play a significant part in the busy performance programme, which includes regular evening commitments.

Instrumental/Vocal Tuition - A large team of staff visits the College each week to give one-to-one instrumental/vocal tuition to students. Every A level student has their first study lesson paid for by the college. Many of these staff are also involved in the extra-curricular activities and in coaching chamber music.

Facilities - The Music Department is situated in beautiful grounds on the College site in a three-storey Victorian house. Facilities include practice rooms, three computer suites with iMacs for music technology and a music library, plus three recording studios. A purpose-built Recital Room with a recording studio, plus more practice rooms are found in College Centre. The instruments in the department include three Steinway grand pianos, a baritone saxophone and a range of percussion instruments. Composition is taught on networked computers in the Ashurst building using Sibelius software.

Hampshire Specialist Music Course - The department also runs the Hampshire Specialist Music Course. Students on this course receive additional coaching, free tuition on both their first and second study instruments and many solo and chamber performance opportunities.