

The American School in London

Lower School Music Teacher

Reporting to: the Lower School Principal

Hours: full time

Start date: 15 August 2017

Overall purpose

The American School in London is currently seeking a Lower School Music teacher to introduce the fundamentals of music theory and performance to children aged 6-10. The music program in the Lower School combines the philosophy and approaches of Orff and Kodaly with an emphasis on singing, playing, and creating music. Lessons are taught in grade-level class groups.

The School aims to provide an outstanding American education in an international setting. Students at ASL study a curriculum that employs North American educational philosophy and teaching methods.

Summary of duties

- Teach Music to grades 1-4 (4-5 classes in each grade level), emphasis on vocal music
- Plan for and implement grade level performances, including a Grade 4 musical
- Prepare courses and plan curriculum with other members of the department, and liaise with classroom and specialist teachers
- Assist in the coordination and management of Lower School Assemblies, grade level performances as well as the annual Grade 4 musical
- Monitor and evaluate students' progress
- Prepare for student-led conferences, report cards, etc.
- Represent the music department at community functions
- Manage and maintain the instrument inventory for the Lower School
- Share student learning with families on a regular basis
- Participate actively in the life of the School, through attendance at events, committee membership and leadership of extracurricular activities
- Any other duties as are within the scope, spirit and purpose of the job as requested by the Principal (e.g. songs at assemblies)

Selection criteria

Essential qualifications/experience:

- A Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline
- A minimum of three years' full-time experience teaching elementary school music
- Familiarity with the Orff and Kodaly philosophies of music education
- Significant recent professional development and knowledge of best practice in music teaching

- Excellent technology skills and authentic integration of technology into the curriculum
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Outstanding collaborative skills and willingness to contribute to school life outside of the classroom
- A proven commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people

Desirable qualifications/experience:

- Background, degree, and experience in vocal and/or choral education
- Advanced degree preferred
- Knowledge and understanding of international and/or independent school communities
- Teaching experience in an international environment

Candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and list of three references to Megan Gomm, HR Manager, via email at megan_gomm@asl.org by 26 May 2017.

This position description is current at the date shown but may be changed to reflect or anticipate changes in the role that are commensurate with the job title and salary.

The American School in London is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all employees and volunteers to share this commitment. Safer recruitment practice and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before any appointment is confirmed. A disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service will be requested for all successful applicants.

Diversity and equality of opportunity are cornerstone values of The American School in London.