



### **Director of Music (part time)**

We are seeking an inspirational Director of Music to lead our vibrant and creative Music department. You will be a committed and highly effective practitioner, dedicated to achieving the best possible outcome for each child. You will also be an exceptional musician with the ability to inspire pupils of all ages and abilities. The Music Department covers the whole school and the appointee will be expected to teach Music at all levels from Key Stage 1 through to Key Stage 3 with the possibility of GCSE in future years.

For the Spring Term the role is part time working 0.55 over three days a week. From September the role will be 0.5 to 0.6, depending on whether there is a GCSE group.

The successful applicant will have a clear passion for music with an ability to inspire young people through fun and engaging lessons. You will have a positive mindset and will always do your very best for students, for parents and for colleagues.

You will be an excellent communicator who will work well with all members of the community. You will have a strong focus on being the best teacher you can be and will also participate fully in the extra-curricular aspects of school life. Keen to collaborate and share your specialist expertise, you will have good interpersonal skills and the ability and confidence to build strong working relationships. A keen interest in ensemble work and excellent piano skills are essential.

Westfield School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people. The successful applicant will be subject to a DBS check and references.

### **MUSIC AT WESTFIELD**

At Westfield we recognise every girl as an individual with her own talents and areas of expertise. Creative and Performing Arts are central to our holistic approach and so Music plays a very important role in life at Westfield; Music is taught from Early Years to GCSE. Extra-curricular musical groups are popular and vary from year to year. This year we have Junior and Senior Choirs, Rock Band, Jazz Band and Musical Theatre club. In previous years orchestra and wind ensembles have joined ukulele groups in the extra-curricular programme.

The Music department puts on two main whole school concerts through the year as well as performing at our Carol Service. There are many other, smaller events and Music and Drama work closely together to put on a Senior House annual production jointly with Newcastle School for Boys. Many girls also organise their own music making and a number of groups have performed at recent concerts. We have also sung carols in Eldon Square and at other charity events.

Many girls have individual lessons on their instruments either in school or with outside teachers; a number of teachers visit the school during the week and girls can be taught one of the whole range of orchestral instruments as well as harp, piano, theory, singing and classical guitar. Many girls also enter Associated Board or similar examinations and annually we have a long list of successes at all grades.

This is an exciting opportunity for an energetic and enthusiastic person to build on the strengths of this excellent department.