



Prior Park College

Post: Peripatetic Trumpet Teacher

Reporting to: Director of music
Headmaster

Prior Park Schools

Prior Park Schools is a family of Christian schools based in Bath and Gibraltar. Together, the Schools offer education for pupils aged between 3 and 18. Since the establishment of Prior Park College in 1830, the family has grown, with The Paragon School joining in 2006, and Prior Park School Gibraltar being opened by Prior Park Schools in 2016.

The Schools' Mission is to steward a thriving family of communities with love for the young people they serve at their heart. These vibrant communities cultivate creativity, foster integrity, and transform lives.

Across three sites, the Schools educate over 1100 young people of all faiths and none. The values underpinning the Mission and the Schools' educational offerings are Curiosity, Generosity, and Courage. The Schools believe that quality education changes lives and that outstanding schools are engines for positive social transformation.

Our Schools provide excellent teaching, equipping our young people to leave for a variety of exciting destinations. The success of what the Schools do in the classroom is intertwined with their co-curricular offerings. The young people undertake a wide variety of activities, which, in addition to being fun, challenge them to persevere to succeed. We work together imaginatively and courageously to hone the skills our young people need to forge their place in the world.

Prior Park Schools (PPS) have long been renowned for the quality of their pastoral care. Grounded in the love that sits at the centre of our Mission, our pastoral ethos allows young people to feel safe and secure to challenge themselves, to learn who they want to be, and to discover the difference they want to make.

Each of the Schools' Heads are supported by a Leadership Team, who together lead the day-to-day educational business of their respective schools. The Board of Trustees provides governance and support for the Heads and their schools via a number of Advisory Committees which include Local Boards for each of the schools, the Finance, Audit, Investment & Risk Committee (FAIR), an Education Committee and Safeguarding oversight.

The Executive management of the schools is devolved to the Prior Executive Board (PEB) which comprises the Heads of each constituent school and The Director of Operations & Finance. The PEB drives the strategic development of PPS, ensuring that it is on track to deliver its Vision and thereby remains a market leader in independent education.



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The Department

This is an exciting opportunity to join a team of talented and experienced teachers with expertise in classical, jazz and popular music to become a leading creative force in a thriving, dynamic department. Music enjoys a high profile at Prior Park and an impressive record of achievement. Successful events have included five operas, from Dido, Figaro and Don Giovanni to Noye's Fludde, as well as masterclasses and workshops with Richard Meyrick, OAE and Laurence Cummings. Senior Chapel Choir were finalists in Barnardos National Choir of the Year in both 2015 and 2016. We have established ongoing links with Oxbridge choirs and conservatoires in the UK and US. Jazz pianist Jason Rebello was artist in residence 2015-16.

The department comprises of a Director of Music, 2 Teachers of Music, 20 visiting Music Teachers and a Music Administrator.

Music is housed in a purpose-built facility in the Georgian mansion with dedicated classrooms, individual teaching rooms and a recording studio. Performance venues include the magnificently restored John Wood Chapel, with its Fazioli grand piano and Garlick harpsichord, the spacious acoustic of the splendid College Chapel with its two organs, and the well-equipped Slade Theatre.

The Post

The purpose of this position is to provide Prior Park College with leading-edge expertise in the area of trumpet playing and training pupils to required standards, preparing them for exams and performances.

Prior Park trumpet seek to take their playing beyond school, including university, jazz and pop bands, Conservatoire places, recording and broadcasting organisations and professional ensembles, and it is hoped that the teacher will be able to support students via their own professional experience and network of contacts in the wider world of music.

Responsibilities

- To create and manage a caring, supportive, purposeful and stimulating environment which is conducive to pupils learning.
- To plan and prepare trumpet lessons that encourage and inspire students 11-18 of all musical interests and levels of ability.
- To identify clear teaching objectives and learning outcomes, with appropriate challenge and high expectations.



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- To maintain good order and discipline among the pupils, safeguarding their health and safety.
- To maintain a regular system of monitoring, assessment, record-keeping and reporting of pupils progress.
- To ensure that School policies are reflected in daily practice.
- To take a wider view, understanding the importance of musical study, especially trumpet, in the wider pastoral and educational framework of their students' school lives, and collaborating keenly with Housemaster and tutors.
- To be a dynamic generator of new ideas and initiatives to maintain those already well-established at Prior Park College (e.g. masterclasses, workshops, consultations and visits).
- To be imaginative, dedicated and resourceful, understanding when to prioritise their students' trumpeto careers over their own.
- To be flexible, cooperative and open-minded, a team player happy to collaborate with other staff right across the School.
- To have a wide knowledge of repertoire spanning all types of music, so as to choose ideal material for every student.

Please note that this list is not exhaustive and other additional, reasonable tasks falling within capabilities of the post holder may be required, depending on the needs of the school.



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Personal and Professional Specification

The ideal candidate will display the following attributes:

- Possess a relevant qualification for the teaching of trumpet
- Have experience in teaching trumpet to pupils aged between 11-18, both boys and girls
- Have extensive performing experience in your own right, which will therefore benefit the pupils
- Have an excellent understanding of trumpet technique, especially with regard to young players from age 11-18, both boys and girls
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Have an ability to work as part of a team
- Have an ability to create a positive learning environment
- Be highly approachable with an engaging manner
- Have an understanding of, and commitment to, safeguarding and promoting the welfare children

Induction, In-Service Training (INSET) and Appraisal

Teachers are required to:

- participate in the system of appraisal
- ensure they are familiar with the Common Room Handbook and school guidance policies
- be aware of, and act in accordance with, school Health and Safety policies (as set out in the Health and Safety Manual).

Child Protection

All staff employed by Prior Park Educational Trust must be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people across our 3-18 Trust, both in and out of our Schools. All staff are expected to adhere to and always ensure compliance with the Trust's Child Protection Policy Statement. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Data Protection

In the course of employment at Prior Park Schools, staff may have access to confidential information relating to pupils and their families and are required to exercise due consideration in the way they use such information. Staff should not act in any way which might be prejudicial to the School's interest. Information which may be included in the category covers both the general business of the school and information regarding specific individuals. A strict code of confidentiality must be adhered to at all times. The School is



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registered under the Data Protection Act 1998 and staff must not at any time use the personal data held by the school or disclose such data to a third person.