

OSAKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF KWANSEI GAKUIN, JAPAN

Developing informed, caring, and creative individuals contributing to a global community since 1991



Position:

Middle School / High School Music Teacher (*1 year maternity cover*)

Start date:

Fall/Winter 2024

The school:

Osaka and Senri International Schools of Kwansei Gakuin are two sister schools situated in north Osaka that share a campus, purpose, and mission. Osaka International School (OIS) is a K-12 school of 280 students that offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum, and Senri International School (SIS) has 500 students following the Japanese middle and high school curriculum approved by the Japanese Ministry of Education. We were founded for the benefit of returnee, national, and international residents of the Kansai region, bringing together the best of Japanese and non-Japanese educational ideas, systems, and techniques. This enables OIS students and faculty to make authentic connections with Japanese culture and traditions, while SIS students and faculty experience a genuinely international environment unavailable at a regular Japanese school. For more information please see [our website](#).

The position

We are looking for an experienced music teacher to provide instruction in English for strings performance classes from beginner through advanced levels as well as MYP General Music courses for middle and high school. The ideal candidate will be organized, positive, and skillful, and able to assist with department-wide duties such as organizing and presenting concerts, managing student instrument usage, attending department meetings, and developing curriculum. Some additional experience with instrument maintenance, conducting, and/or arranging music is desirable. As a member of our shared programmes team, you will teach courses with students from both schools whose English levels range from beginner to native speaker.

Qualifications & Experience

The successful candidate must have:

- A music degree and teaching qualification
- Experience rehearsing and conducting youth music ensembles (particularly string ensembles).
- Instrument pedagogy and/or playing experience
- Experience teaching general music theory classes in middle or high school.
- Fluency or proficiency in English. The ability to adapt and tailor teaching for different levels of English ability is essential.

An ability to communicate in Japanese would be an advantage, but is not essential. IB programme experience, especially MYP, is also very valuable.

Salary & Benefits

This is a fixed-term one-year contract to provide maternity cover.

We have a very competitive package that is commensurate with experience and qualifications. OIS faculty stay at our school for an average of 7 years, reflecting the high quality of living in Japan, pleasant working conditions, and the strong salary and benefits package on offer.

Application Procedure

Please submit a letter of application and CV in one pdf document using the [online application form](#). Please include the names, email addresses and contact telephone numbers of three referees, including your most recent supervisor. We will be reviewing applications as they are received, and will contact shortlisted candidates for interview. An appointment will be made as soon as we find an outstanding candidate.

OIS is committed to child protection and we may require police clearance checks and document verification of applicants. All faculty are required to sign and strictly adhere to a code of conduct.