

## **CELLO TEACHER**

MYM is keen to appoint a creative, energetic and enthusiastic cello teacher to join our dedicated Saturday Music School staff. The successful candidate will be an outstanding practitioner with a strong team-working ethos and a passion for teaching young instrumentalists. In return we can offer you motivated students, an exceptional work environment, and the support of highly experienced mentors committed to your professional development.

**Apply by:** Monday 12 May 2024

**Interviews:** Week beginning 13 May 2024

**Start date:** September 2024

**Salary:** MYM offers a competitive salary scale, which is dependent on experience

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Muswell Young Musicians is a Saturday Music school in the heart of Muswell Hill. We are passionate about music education and provide an inclusive setting where young people can enjoy high-quality music making and grow as well-rounded musicians.

We offer children the opportunity to learn an instrument, play in an ensemble and attend musicianship classes to support their learning. These classes stand at the centre of what we do, and nurture the key skills of pitch, rhythm & pulse, improvisation and musical literacy while promoting high engagement levels and a sense of fun through making music with peers. The programme, which draws on the teaching methods of Zoltán Kodály and Émile Dalcroze, maximises the cognitive, social and emotional benefits of music education by developing high-order thinking, team-working skills and meaningful creativity.

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

#### *Aim of the role*

The cello teacher will deliver inspirational and effective individual lessons, be responsible for the progress of the students in their care, and work collaboratively with the Director of Music. For the right candidate there will also be opportunities to become involved with group teaching.

#### *General responsibilities*

- To create an atmosphere in which pupils can learn and develop musically, creatively and socially.
- To communicate with the Director of Music regularly and proactively about the needs and progress of students.
- To attend all training opportunities as directed by the Director of Music.

### *Specific responsibilities*

- To plan, teach and assess cello lessons and any other lessons as reasonably directed by the Director of Music.
- To inspire and motivate pupils of all ages and musical abilities, and be accountable for their progress over time.
- To manage behaviour effectively, using a range of strategies consistently to motivate learners and involve them in developing behaviours for learning.

### *Safeguarding*

MYM is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff to share this commitment. Staff have an individual and collective responsibility for safeguarding the children in their care, and are required to adhere to the MYM Safeguarding Policy and related procedures.

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

### *Education and qualifications*

A degree in music (or equivalent) is essential. A teaching qualification is desirable.

### *Teaching experience*

Teaching experience with primary-aged children is essential, and experience of teaching groups of beginner cellists is highly desirable.

### *Knowledge and understanding*

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate an understanding of how children learn, what motivates them, and how to remove barriers to learning. They will in addition have knowledge of a range of effective teaching strategies to suit different learning styles. Some experience of the principles of the Kodály methodology would be an advantage.

### *Personal qualities*

We are looking for a personable, organised and enthusiastic teacher with effective communication skills, the capacity to respond to feedback and the ability to motivate and work well with young children.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

Applicants are asked to submit their applications by email to the Director of Music at [info@muswellyoungmusicians.co.uk](mailto:info@muswellyoungmusicians.co.uk), describing their suitability for the post and attaching an up-to-date CV. Shortlisted applicants will be offered an informal opportunity to visit the centre, in advance of being invited to attend an interview.