



BLACKHEATH
PREP

Teacher of Music

Information for Candidates



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‘It is an environment in which children thrive in a whirlwind of opportunity and excellence’

Blackheath Prep Parent





Introduction

Blackheath Prep is an independent prep school for just over 370 boys and girls aged 3 to 11. Founded in 1996, it occupies a beautiful five-acre site close to Blackheath village. Its original Georgian and Victorian buildings have been extended and adapted to include large playgrounds and extensive playing fields, tennis courts, cricket nets and a Forest School area. In April 2023 we were delighted to announce our merger with Eltham College to form a new family of schools.

Blackheath Prep is a remarkable school with outstanding facilities, a formidable track record in academic success and impressive achievements in Music, Sport, Drama and Art. Children go on to a range of independent and maintained secondary schools, with a large proportion (at least 50% of the cohort over the last five years) being awarded academic scholarships at schools such as Alleyn's, Colfe's, Dulwich College, Eltham College, James Allen's Girls' School, Sevenoaks School and City of London Schools and/or places at top Grammar schools such as Newstead Wood and St Olave's. A large number of children are also awarded scholarships in Art, Drama, Music and Sport.

Blackheath Prep was inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) in January 2024 and received outstanding feedback about every aspect of the school. You can read the full report [here](#). *"They rightly recognised the richness and diversity of the curriculum, the culture of kindness and respect, the robust and effective leadership of the school, and the high academic standards achieved by pupils."* Guy Sanderson, Headmaster and CEO, Eltham College Family of Schools.

Our [website](#) will also provide you with a flavour of all that we offer at Blackheath Prep, from our rich and broad curriculum and excellent pastoral care, to the superb facilities and beautiful grounds.

Our Vision

To offer an education without boundaries, giving every child the freedom to shine and achieve their full potential, upholding academic excellence, sparking curiosity and a joyful love of learning, nurturing kindness and wellbeing, and creating a strong sense of community.





Our Mission

We are committed to giving every child the opportunity to achieve their full potential and the courage to strive for excellence in all their endeavours. Through innovative and inspiring teaching and a rich and varied curriculum, we aim to spark children's natural curiosity and sense of fun and adventure and to nurture a joyful love of learning.

Community is at the very heart of our school, and kindness, appreciation, collaboration and contribution are values that we work hard to put into practice each day. We encourage every child to make the most of their time here so when they complete their journey with us they are ready for the next stage of their education and have the foundation for a successful, happy and fulfilled life.

Our Values



Job Description

Job Title:	Teacher of Music
Hours of Work:	Part Time (one day per week plus 2 x Saturday Open Mornings)
Reports to:	Director of Music

Principal Role

We are seeking a talented and enthusiastic Teacher of Music to join our vibrant and forward-looking school on a part-time basis. This is a new post and an exciting opportunity for a committed practitioner to contribute to a thriving and growing Music provision, working closely with the Music department and wider colleagues to deliver a rich and engaging curriculum.

The successful candidate will have a passion for introducing young children to Music and fostering creativity, confidence and a love of performance. The role will primarily involve teaching pupils in the Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery/Reception) and/or Key Stage 1 according to timetable need, providing a strong musical foundation and nurturing early enthusiasm and participation.

At Blackheath Prep, Music plays a central role in school life, and the postholder will contribute to the wider co-curricular programme, supporting performances and key events across the year. They will work collaboratively with colleagues to ensure high standards of teaching and learning, while contributing positively to the warm, inclusive and ambitious ethos of the school.

As part of the Eltham College Family of Schools, the successful candidate will also benefit from access to a wider network of professional support, collaboration and development opportunities.

Main Duties

Teaching and Learning

- Plan, prepare and deliver high-quality Music lessons, fostering creativity, confidence and a love of music;
- Create a positive, inclusive and engaging classroom environment in which all pupils are supported and challenged to achieve their full potential;
- Use a range of teaching strategies and resources to support different learning and developmental needs;
- Assess, monitor and record pupil progress, using this information to inform planning and support individual development;
- Develop and implement the effective use of technology within lessons;
- Maintain high expectations for pupil behaviour, establishing clear routines and a safe, secure and well-structured learning environment.

Co-curricular Contribution

- Contribute to the delivery of the school's co-curricular Music programme, supporting choirs and other musical activities as appropriate within working day;
- Support the preparation and delivery of occasional key school events throughout the year, including informal performances for parents during the working day;



- Assist in the provision of music for assemblies and other occasions;
- Encourage broad participation in music, promoting enthusiasm and confidence among all pupils.

Collaboration and Contribution to the Department

- Work closely with the Director of Music to support the delivery and ongoing development of the Music curriculum;
- Collaborate with colleagues to ensure continuity and progression across year groups;
- Contribute to the development and sharing of resources, ideas and best practice within the department;
- Engage positively with Visiting Music Teachers where appropriate to support pupils' musical experiences.

Pastoral Care and Wider School Life

- Support the pastoral wellbeing of pupils, building positive and supportive relationships;
- Contribute to the wider life of the school, including participation in events such as Open Mornings and performances;
- Work in partnership with colleagues and parents to support pupils' development and wellbeing;
- Uphold and promote the values and ethos of the school at all times.

Administration and Professional Responsibilities

- Participate in relevant meetings, briefings and professional development opportunities;
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records in line with school policies;
- Undertake supervisory duties and provide cover as required;
- Adhere to all school policies, including safeguarding, health and safety, and SEND;
- Contribute to marketing and promotional activities where appropriate;
- Undertake any other reasonable duties, in line with the responsibilities of the role.

Person Specification

The successful candidate will have:

- Strong classroom practice, with the ability to engage and inspire young learners;
- Secure subject knowledge in Music and a passion for fostering creativity, performance and musical enjoyment;
- A commitment to high standards of teaching, learning and pupil behaviour;
- The ability to build positive and supportive relationships with pupils, colleagues and parents;
- A willingness to contribute to the co-curricular life of the school;
- Good organisational skills and the ability to manage time effectively within a part-time role;
- High professional standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance and conduct;
- A commitment to safeguarding, equality, diversity and inclusion, and the wider values of the school.

Terms of Appointment and How to Apply



Safeguarding

Blackheath Prep is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. All applicants should read the School's Safeguarding Policy and Privacy Notice (available on the school website) and are required to declare any criminal convictions or cautions, or disciplinary proceedings related to young people.

Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service. Further details are given on the application form.

Equal Opportunities

Blackheath Prep is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. Candidates will be assessed against relevant criteria only (i.e. skills, qualifications, abilities, experience).

The Application Process

Candidates should read the job description for the role, and complete the application form via the TES website [Blackheath Prep - Tes Jobs](#)

Closing date for applications is **8am, Monday 11 May 2026**

Short-listed candidates will be invited to attend an interview on or around Wednesday 20 May 2026 during which a range of skills, knowledge and experience will be tested.

Safer recruitment checks will be made at all stages in the recruitment process.

Contact Information

For more information about the application process please contact a member of our HR Team by telephoning 020 8857 1455 or contacting them via email hr@eltham-college.org.uk

Further details about the School can be found by visiting our websites: www.blackheathprep.co.uk & www.eltham-college.org.uk.

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