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Support Violin Teacher

Are you:

- An experienced violin teacher who is passionate about widening participation?
- Seeking personal development into class music and whole-class violin teaching?
- Willing to engage with schools and colleagues to inspire a culture of music making?
- Enthusiastic and knowledgeable about teaching beginner violinists?

About the opportunity

Chiltern Music Academy is seeking a part time support violin teacher to work with a lead practitioner teaching Y2 and Y3 students at schools in High Wycombe.

The position will include on-the-job skills development to give you experience of whole class violin teaching.

The self-employed contract will be for a minimum of two hours in one school. These hours may be increased after the initial term if mutually agreeable.

You will, depending on experience, be offered the opportunity to teach violin privately on Saturdays at CMA (optional.)

Interested?

To apply for this role please complete the [online application form](#). **Deadline 14th April 2024**

If you would like to find out more, please email alex.king@chilternmusicacademy.org

CMA is committed to the safeguarding and protection of children and young people and we follow safer recruitment practises. All appointments are subject to at least two satisfactory references and appropriate enhanced DBS checks.

We welcome musicians who come from the diverse communities we serve and are committed to working with people who reflect our society. If you require any support or have accessibility needs please let us know so we can assist you.

Support Violin Teacher, Sing and String

Summer Term 2024:

Assistant to the lead practitioner delivering 'Sing and String' in primary schools in High Wycombe at least one morning a week. You will work closely with the lead practitioner and class teachers to help plan, deliver and assess whole-class violin lessons and help the children to fully engage with the lessons.

From Autumn Term 2024:

There is potential for you to continue to work as assistant; depending on your level of experience and confidence, you may assume more of a leadership role as required.

When you are ready, you will be offered the opportunity to lead 'CMA Sing and String' classes yourself with your own assistant.

Depending on the enthusiasm generated by the project, there may be scope to continue to work with the partner schools, delivering small group lessons with the children who choose to continue with violin. You will be responsible for the planning, set up, delivery and assessment of the lessons.

Experience required:

Essential:

- Violin teaching
- Participation in community music or school-led projects

Desirable:

- Teaching children aged 4 – 11
- Supporting key stakeholders such as class teachers, and parents with children's learning
- Singing skills
- Interest in a variety of string teaching techniques for beginners (eg Paul Rolland, Suzuki)

The successful applicant will:

- Understand, support and promote the ethos of Chiltern Music Academy and be committed to its aims of widening access and participation and achieving excellence in music making
- Be an enthusiastic, creative and talented musician
- Be keen to develop professionally and invest in their own training
- Be committed to empowering and enabling young people to make the most of their skills and opportunities
- Empathise with and relate to beginner musicians, being able to motivate and enthuse
- Be an effective and co-operative team player
- Liaise with the lead practitioner to provide consistency to the children's learning experience
- Liaise with the CMA Management Team to ensure the smooth running of the programme
- Engage with the school and its teaching staff to optimise the success of the project, ensuring that music making continues to be encouraged in the classroom after the project finishes
- Be required to undertake Child Safeguarding Training and to provide an up-to-date DBS certificate, or consent to an enhanced DBS check

Timetable (tbc)

Day	Time	Role	Location
At least one day per week	9-9.30am: set-up and planning time 9.30-10.15am: Class 1 10.30-11.15am: Class 2	Support violin teacher	A Primary School, High Wycombe
Saturday	Morning (optional)	Private violin teacher	Wycombe High School

Remuneration

'Sing and String:' the successful candidate will be contracted at an hourly rate of £30.50 per hour on a self-employed basis. This will rise to £40.50 per hour if they become a lead practitioner themselves.

Any teaching at Chiltern Music Academy will be conducted on a private basis, with teachers free to set their own teaching rates. Our teachers typically charge £20-£22 per half-hour lesson.

About Chiltern Music Academy

Chiltern Music Academy (CMA) is a community charity offering children aged 3-18+ access to musical activities designed to inspire a love of music and to help them to reach their full potential.

It operates from schools in High Wycombe, delivering a complete musical education outside school hours: instrumental teaching, theory, musicianship and a wide range of ensembles. CMA serves families from all backgrounds and is proud to have created an inclusive, welcoming community.

Since its foundation in 2014, CMA has been nationally recognised for innovation, excellence and service to the community, and has won many awards for education and performance. We are constantly creating solutions to address the lack of music teaching in schools and to inspire local children in areas of deprivation to play music.

About 'Sing and String'

CMA Sing and String is an outreach project bringing high quality, practical music lessons to a whole primary school year group. It is supported by the Headley Trust (a Sainsbury family charity.)

Its objective is to re-introduce instrumental music teaching in primary schools where it has lapsed:

- targeting schools in areas of deprivation
- enabling a whole year group to experience instrumental learning
- encouraging those who choose to continue with opportunities for subsidised lessons and participation in local music-making
- modelling excellence and empowering class teachers to deliver quality music lessons and support music provision in their school

Sing and String is free to parents to encourage participation among children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to play an instrument.

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