



Woodwind Teacher Candidate Information Pack

Job title	Peripatetic Woodwind Teacher (self-employed)
Date	September 2025
Department	Music
Reports to	Self-employed Main school liaison with Head of Music
Responsible for	Teaching 1:1 woodwind lessons
Salary and hours	£25 per 30 minute lesson, 10 lessons per term

Palmers Green High School (PGHS) is seeking an experienced self-employed woodwind teacher to teach pupils on a 1:1 basis at the school. The ability to teach the clarinet is essential, as this will be the main focus of the role, but the ability to teach the saxophone is desirable, as is experience teaching any other woodwind instrument.

There is currently one pupil learning the clarinet, and the appointed candidate will need to be willing to invest time and effort into growing these numbers.

Main tasks and responsibilities

- Teaching weekly individual lessons during term time
- Preparing pupils for examinations when required, including the preparation of aural and other supporting tests
- Monitoring and giving feedback on progress to parents via email throughout the year
- Stretching and inspiring pupils through the employment of imaginative and varied teaching methods and musical repertoire, as appropriate for the age and instrument
- Preparing and sharing the weekly timetable of lessons, adhering to the rotating lesson system and specific wishes of parents where appropriate
- Liaising with the Head of Music about pupil progress and any concerns which arise

Person specification

	Essential / Desirable
Knowledge	
• Knowledge of appropriate repertoire for beginners and young musicians	E
• Knowledge of appropriate exam syllabi	E
• Demonstrable understanding of school safeguarding protocols and their importance.	E
Experience	
• Experience in working with School age children in an Independent School environment	D

• Experience of teaching music in preparation for examinations	E
• Professional performing experience	D
• Experience of teaching children with mild learning difficulties, as well as gifted and talented children	D
Skills & Personal Qualities	
• A commitment to personal professional development as well as the development and standing of music within the school	E
• To be committed to safeguarding all pupils and complete training in this area	E
• To be imaginative and demonstrate flair for teaching	E
• To be an excellent communicator, orally and in writing, with pupils, parents and other staff	E
• A confident performer with excellent accompaniment skills, able to demonstrate to a very high level	D
• Able to manage a busy schedule, prioritising tasks effectively	E
• Adaptability and reliability	E
Qualifications	
• Strong performance qualifications in the clarinet (e.g. grade 8 or equivalent)	E
• High qualifications or demonstrable experience on another instrument, ideally another woodwind instrument	D
• University or conservatoire degree in music or performance	D
• ABRSM teaching diploma or similar qualification (e.g. ARCO)	D

The School

Founded in 1905 by Miss Alice Hum, a Quaker, Palmers Green High School is unique in the North London area because it is a small selective school providing challenging and stimulating educational opportunities for approximately 200 girls aged 4-16 from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds.

The school's motto "By Love Serve One Another" was set by its founder and, whilst Miss Hum was a Quaker, the school has no official religious affiliation, although it celebrates Founder's Day and Christmas with services held at the church of St John The Evangelist on Bourne Hill, where some PGHS lessons were taught during World War II when Keble Preparatory School for Boys had to share the main PGHS site in Hoppers Road.

The Process

Applicants are asked to complete the TES online Application Form. The closing date for applications is Monday 30th June at 12 noon. Interviews will take place during the week commencing 7th July. The school reserves the right to interview suitable candidates before the closing date so early applications are encouraged.

Palmers Green High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. All successful candidates will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the DBS. The school will also undertake checks with past employers. It is an offence for a person barred from working with children to apply for this post.

Palmers Green High School is committed to Equal Opportunities and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.