



# BROMSGROVE

CANDIDATE INFORMATION  
FOR THE POST OF  
VMT  
SAXOPHONE  
(JAZZ AND CLASSICAL)



## ABOUT BROMSGROVE

Bromsgrove is an ancient institution but a modern educational force. It is one of the biggest independent day and boarding schools in the country, with just under 2,000 pupils on the roll, that quietly delivers a top-notch education without all the fanfare that often accompanies a school of such depth, breadth and substance. Founded in 1553, it is also one of the oldest schools in the country but has kept up with the pace of change and delivers an education that is dynamic, progressive and rooted in care for the individual.

There are currently four schools in the Bromsgrove family: Bromsgrove Senior School, Bromsgrove Preparatory School, Bromsgrove Pre- Preparatory and Nursery, and Winterfold School, a 2–13 preparatory school and nursery which merged with Bromsgrove in 2016.

Bromsgrove is a happy, unstuffy school where all are equally valued. Arrogance and pomposity are quickly exposed. Pupils are offered an education that is rounded and broad: for example, in the Sixth Form, A levels, the International Baccalaureate and BTECs are all on offer. Massive investment in facilities means co-curricular opportunities are outstanding. Whilst Bromsgrove is a large school, great care is taken to ensure pastoral care is personalised, and a thriving House system means a strong sense of belonging to a warm, inclusive and lively family is a keynote of the Bromsgrove experience.

## BROMSGROVE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:

### **FLAIR : DISCIPLINE : ACADEMIC RIGOUR**

Bromsgrove School aims to produce: happy, creative, moral citizens who live motivated, fulfilled lives while enriching the lives of others.

It seeks to achieve this through an enlightened, disciplined and broad education that responds to global change while retaining core values.

The Core Values Bromsgrove seeks to foster in its pupils are: Humility and Confidence; Compassion and Ambition; Respect and Curiosity; Tolerance and Vision





## VISITING MUSIC TEACHER

### Visiting Music Teacher of Saxophone (Jazz and Classical)

We currently are looking for someone for at least two (preferably three) days per week to aid rotation of lessons.

VMTs are employed by Bromsgrove School to work for a set amount of lessons per week, and some VMTs also contribute to the extra-curricular life of the schools by leading ensembles. The nature of the job is to teach individual lessons, although some group lessons also take place. Each teacher brings their own strengths and subject specialisms to the job. The nature of the job is to teach a wide variety of ages of pupil with a range of abilities, and to develop the pupil's very individual needs musically on a one-to-one or group basis. VMTs should deliver a balanced programme, tailored to needs of the individual, including the teaching of aural awareness, sight-reading, theoretical and analytical skill and historical context.

#### Responsibilities

- Foster a love of saxophone playing in all age groups and abilities, offering trial lessons to new students seeking tuition
- Teach according to need individual saxophone lessons across prep and senior schools. This is currently 20 students (three days per week), although the ideal candidate would be able to offer extended hours to accommodate additional requests
- Prepare students for performances, examinations, auditions and recordings from beginner level to Diploma, including public examination performance preparation
- Support Prep and Senior School ensembles by performing with them, if required
- Write two annual reports and attend an online parent/teacher meeting once per year
- Attend meetings as required with other departmental staff
- Undertake other administrative duties as may be necessary for the purpose of the job

Being a good keyboard player is an advantage in this role.

Subject to availability, interest and expertise, there may be opportunities to lead ensembles according to the candidate's specialism(s) in conjunction with the Director of Music.

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<b>Experience/Qualifications</b>		
Strong degree in relevant subject		*
Post-graduate degree		*
QTS		*
<b>Skills, Knowledge and Abilities</b>		
Strong verbal and written communication skills	*	
Ability to meet deadlines	*	
Strong personal portfolio of own practice	*	
<b>Personal</b>		
Motivated	*	
Approachable	*	
Interested in personal development	*	
Interested in personal development of colleagues	*	

## APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, please complete the online application form.

Interviewees will be expected to teach a lesson to a pupil and be interviewed by the Director of Music and/or Head of Prep School Music.

Shortlisting for the role will take place in the week commencing Wednesday 28th April with interviews taking place in the week commencing 5th May.

For an informal discussion regarding the post, please contact Mr James McKelvey Director of Music at [jmckelvey@bromsgrove-school.co.uk](mailto:jmckelvey@bromsgrove-school.co.uk)

*The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening including checks with past employers and the DBS.*



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2060 pupils aged 2 - 18

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