

VANDYKE UPPER SCHOOL

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Teacher of Music – Maternity Cover

REQUIRED September 2026

MPS-UPS - £32,916-£51,047

We are looking to appoint a maternity cover music teacher to join our outstanding Vandyke staff team. This post would suit an early career or experienced teacher. We are seeking an inspiring, versatile, and academically robust music teacher to join our vibrant department for a maternity cover period. This role is a unique opportunity to work with students across KS4 and KS5 (Commercial Music course). Knowledge of a DAW (Digital Audio Workstation) is essential.

The music department offers a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, with a variety of clubs running regularly as well as involvement in our hugely popular annual school show.

You will be joining a highly effective school who share the same goal: to provide an ambitious curriculum which supports excellent outcomes. To this end, reflective practice and collaboration both in the department and across the school is vital.

In return we can offer you:

- the opportunity to work in a thriving school with strong staff/student relationships
- a vibrant and supportive environment with excellent opportunities for career development
- a strong school team with a clear vision and ambition for all students
- excellent facilities including your own laptop
- Access to wellbeing support

You will be joining a thriving school with a reputation for high quality staff and student relationships. The school is over-subscribed with 1520 students on roll with large Sixth Form of 420.

We had a monitoring inspection from OFSTED in January 2024. The highly complimentary report stated that “Pupils at Vandyke are proud and articulate ambassadors for their school. They enjoy learning and achieve well. They thrive as a result of the school’s ambition for all pupils to become ‘world ready citizens’ Pupils are confident, courteous and aspirational. They behave well at all times”.

The successful candidate will be reflective, innovative and be willing to continually develop their practice. You will join a highly effective team who work collectively to move student progress forward each year.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people. References and an online search will be carried out for all shortlisted candidates. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful applicants.

Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Jo Sessions.

Please visit our website at www.vandyke.beds.sch.uk for further information and an application form, or contact Mrs Jo Sessions, PA to Headteacher on 01525 636700 or via email recruitment@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk.

Closing date: 12 noon, Friday 17 April 2026

Once we have received sufficient applications the vacancy may close, so if you are interested you are advised to apply immediately. If you are short-listed for interview, details will be sent to you via email to the address provided on your application form. You are therefore advised to check your email on a regular basis.