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Dear Colleague

Thank you very much for your interest in the post of part time Teacher of Music at The Boswells School. We are an extremely popular, oversubscribed and very successful 11-18 school who values our staff and the impact they make on our students.

The Boswells is highly supportive of the Performing and Creative Arts. The Faculty consists of specialists in Music, Art, Dance, and Drama and is led by a Head of Faculty. Each of the subject areas of Music, Dance, Drama and Art is led by a member of staff with a TLR for this responsibility. The Performing and Creative Arts team meets regularly and members are very supportive of one another. Appointed to this Faculty area are an Administrative Assistant, Performing Arts Technician and Art Technician.

The Performing and Creative Arts Faculty Area is strongly committed to school productions and students in all Year groups are invited to participate. The Dance, Drama and Music Departments have jointly produced 'A Christmas Carol' this academic year. Productions are always a complete sell-out. Children from the local primary schools are invited to watch the dress rehearsals.

The school has a digital recording studio, music practice rooms, computer suite and Music office. This is in addition to the classrooms.

The Music Department is extremely well resourced with each room having at least 19 Yamaha keyboards. In addition to this basic resource, there is a supply of tuned and un-tuned percussion equipment; 3 Hi-Fi systems; and a variety of orchestral instruments which are loaned to pupils receiving instrumental tuition. There are currently 22 IMacs which operate with cubase, sibelius and logic music sequencing software. The new semi analogue/digital recording studio has a 32 track facilities with tie-line links to classroom areas along with the computerised software support. Extra-curricular activities: An integral part of the work within the Music Department is its extensive programme of extra curricular activities which are run at lunchtime or after school. The programme this year consists of a Wind Band, Jazz Band, Pop Choir, Advanced Vocal Group, Staff Vocals, Boys' Vocal Group, advanced saxophone ensemble, junk percussion group, keyboard, string and guitar ensembles, College elective vocal group, Clarinet ensembles plus other informal groups which form from these larger ensembles.

Regular concerts are presented by the Music department and we have been extremely pleased with the exceptionally high standard of performance that the students have achieved. As well as performances within the school, we have also presented concerts for the community including a WW1 centenary concert at Chelmsford Cathedral.

This is a unique opportunity for a highly motivated colleague to develop their career and enclosed with this letter is a job description and person specification for the role. If you believe that you have the necessary skills and are seeking an opportunity to develop these skills then I look forward to receiving your application.

Applications are welcome from colleagues who already have QTS status. Music Department is extremely well resourced and you will be joining a very strong team with excellent resources at your disposal.

It is also important that you realise that we can offer you a huge amount of support in development of your career. We take pride in the fact that, as a school, a large number of our staff move on to promoted positions.

Thank you for your interest in The Boswells School. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you require any further information. If you would like to visit the school or meet with me prior to submission of your application, please contact my PA, Ms Georgina Travers on 01245 264451. You can also contact Dan Hardaker (Head of Music) on [dh@boswells-school.com](mailto:dh@boswells-school.com) directly should you wish to discuss any aspect of the role.

Alternatively a huge amount of information about the school can be found at [www.boswells-school.com](http://www.boswells-school.com)

The deadline for applications is Midday on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and interviews will take place the following week.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Mansell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen Mansell  
Headteacher