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# Candidate Information Pack:

Head of Music

Noel-Baker Academy

 @noelbakerlead



**Role: Head of Music**

**Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2b (£4,792)**

**Location: Noel-Baker Academy, Derby**

**Contract Type: Full-time**

**Contract Term: Permanent**

**Closing Date: 18/02/2022**

### **The Opportunity:**

Do you believe that all children, no matter their background, needs or aptitudes, are entitled to learn the ‘best which has been thought and said’?

We are seeking to appoint an excellent leader in Music, a candidate with a passion for ensuring that all children have access to a high-quality, enriching Music curriculum. The successful candidate will be required to teach across the full age and ability range of the school, and will work to build a Music department which offers a first-class curriculum and exciting co-curricular programme. You will be joining the wider Creative Arts curriculum team, led by the Curriculum Director who is a Drama specialist. Working with your Curriculum Director, you will aspire to put Noel-Baker ‘on the map’ as a provider of excellence in the performing arts. This is a truly exciting opportunity for a passionate Music teacher to build an exceptional curriculum offer and to lead Music to excellence in our Academy.

We are seeking a passionate, committed leader of Music who has the drive to create and develop a knowledge-rich curriculum which enriches our students’ lives and also enables them to learn beyond the classroom. The successful candidate will be eager to work as part of a team where we share our specialist knowledge. Wider curriculum opportunities are a crucial element of this role, and the successful candidate will lead on the establishment of groups such as the choir and orchestra, and will facilitate the musical aspects of our annual productions.

As a faculty we have a 5 year vision to be Derby City’s Hub for the Creative Arts. We believe that our subjects are vital in creating well-rounded students who are entitled to the best experiences our subjects have to offer both in and outside of the classroom.

### **The Academy:**

#### **Noel-Baker Academy**

Noel-Baker Academy is a rapidly-improving school, centered around a dedicated team of people who are working together to achieve our mission of delivering an unashamedly academic and knowledge-rich education to our students.

Everything we do at NBA is underpinned by our passionate belief that outstanding schooling is the right of every child, and a determination that such a vision is achievable. We believe in, and aspire to provide, an inclusive education for all. That is, high expectations of and for all pupils, an insistence on



excellent behaviour, equal access to an academically rigorous curriculum taught by highly-skilled subject specialists, and a sharp focus on high value enrichment opportunities that will enable all students to excel. We will never accept that family background, socio-economic circumstances or prior attainment will inevitably limit young people's potential and so the profile of our intake will always be a reason for our provision, and never an excuse for our outcomes. Our students are entitled to the very best breadth and depth of provision and we are unapologetically ambitious for every student, no matter what their background, prior attainment or needs.

This vision is underpinned by a wider set of core principles.

**Lead (to show the way; to be first or foremost):**

- We are compassionate, considerate and kind.
- We welcome and value all members of our community and expect all members of our community to work with us to play an active part in our children's education.
- We encourage each other, and we celebrate our successes.

**Empower (to give power to; to enable):**

"I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul"

William Ernest Henley (1849-1902)

- We teach our students to take responsibility for themselves.
- We insist on excellent behaviour and learning habits.
- We know that factual knowledge is a prerequisite for deep understanding: that the more you know, the more you are able to learn and understand.
- We have an unrelenting focus on hard work, commitment and perseverance.

**Achieve (to accomplish; to get or attain by effort):**

- We believe that all children are entitled to learn "the best that has been thought and said," and that our students are the inheritors of the greatest ideas, written texts and discoveries of the past.
- Our purpose is to provide a rich education that will allow our students to achieve excellent qualifications and become thoughtful, educated and well-rounded young adults.

**Drive (to cause and guide progress; to impel forward):**

- We know that success takes hard work.
- We know that effort, practice and revision develop expertise and intelligence

**Your Professional Development At Noel-Baker Academy**

Our Academy is a warm and friendly place to work. We value our staff and believe that we are on a journey that will transform our school and the lives of our pupils for the better.

Our approach to Teaching and Learning is unashamedly traditional, and our classroom pedagogy is always underpinned by the findings of research into cognition and memory. We are proud to offer a diverse programme of ongoing professional development for colleagues at all stages of their careers,



and we prefer a deep focus on curriculum and pedagogy-focused development work instead of the traditional ‘faculty meeting’. For middle leaders, we offer a bespoke, in-house development programme, and we actively encourage and support our staff to undertake their own studies as they become ready to do so – we currently have staff engaging with Masters courses and the new NPQs, and we are keen to support learning opportunities for colleagues wherever possible. The successful candidate for this role will also benefit from the support of expert colleagues in the Trust’s two other secondary schools, as well as our professional relationships with the Best Practice Network and the David Ross Education Trust. The successful candidate will likewise benefit from, and support, the Academy’s commitment to Instructional Coaching, because we believe that every teacher deserves to continue to develop their classroom practice, regardless of their career stage, and you will work closely with the Assistant Head for Quality of Education to develop the classroom practice of colleagues in your team.

So, if you want to be part of a team of people who are working together to achieve a shared vision, where you are free to build your curriculum to reflect “the best which has been thought and said,” and where you will be part of building a unashamedly academic and disciplined culture, then we want to hear from you.

We are looking for people who want to **LEAD**, **EMPOWER**, **ACHIEVE** and **DRIVE** our transformation.

**We are looking for someone who:**

- Loves their subject, has excellent subject knowledge and who wants to contribute to the development of an expertly-sequenced, knowledge-rich curriculum built to rival the best in the country.
- Is an ambitious practitioner and who wants to make a real impact on further driving up standards.
- Is keen to play a key role in developing our whole ethos and who is fully aligned to our vision.
- Is personable, pragmatic and can energise and motivate students and colleagues alike.
- Has the highest expectations of what all students can and will achieve.
- Is committed to working as a part of a whole school team.

**In return, the successful candidate will work in a school where:**

- There are clear classroom routines, so time is not wasted.
- There is a focus on feedback, not punitive marking.
- There is a focus on student learning, not data input.
- There is a centralised support team who, along with Senior Leaders, manage student conduct.
- Curriculum areas and staff plan and work together.
- Teachers are free to teach knowledge – “the best which has been thought and said”
- Teachers are encouraged to partake in weekly research discussions and the development of whole school strategy.



- Staff are valued as professionals and experts in their field.
- Weekly CPD time is built in to the school day to allow all staff to partake in educational research, subject knowledge development, and deliberate practice of pedagogical approaches.

We encourage interested parties to visit the academy website: [www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk](http://www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk) and to arrange an informal visit to site prior to application. To arrange a visit please contact Debbie Broadhurst, PA to the Headteacher, at [debbiebroadhurst@noelbakeracademy.co.uk](mailto:debbiebroadhurst@noelbakeracademy.co.uk).

### **Selection Process:**

Shortlisted candidates will be required to teach a lesson, take part in a formal interview and complete a written task.

When planning for this, please consider the guidance below.

### **The Task:**

Exact details of the task will be provided pre-interview. In preparing for this aspect of the recruitment process we strongly advise candidates to consider what recent educational research they have read and how this has impacted on their practice.

### **The Lesson:**

We will be looking for:

- teaching that engages and includes all students with work that is challenging enough and that meets the students' needs;
- teachers who command the respect of their classes, set out clear expectations for students' behaviour and, where appropriate, start and finish lessons on time and manage teaching resources effectively;
- responses from students within the lesson that demonstrate sufficient gains in their knowledge, skills and understanding; including literacy and mathematics;
- teachers who monitor students' responses in lessons and adapt their approach accordingly;
- teachers that seek to assess the effectiveness of their own teaching and adapt accordingly;
- teachers who give the necessary attention to the most able, those with special educational needs, low-attaining students or those who struggle at school in their education.

Details of the class and the duration of the lesson will be provided pre-interview.

A projector and whiteboard will be available in the classroom. The room is laid out in a 'W' shape where there is a keyboard for every pupil/keyboard shared between two pupils (depending whether it is B19 or A21). If you require any other instruments or equipment please let us know in advance.



### The Interview:

The panel will consist of the Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher for Quality of Education (line manager of Creative Arts) and the Curriculum Director for Creative Arts.



## **Person Specification:**

### **Qualifications and experience**

- Qualified teacher with QTS or recognised equivalent
- Teaching experience within the age range and/or subjects applying for (NQT status may also be relevant)

### **Domain One: qualities and knowledge**

- Creates a stimulating and safe learning environment.
- Establishes and maintain a purposeful working atmosphere.
- Plans, prepares and delivers the curriculum as relevant to the age and ability group/subjects taught
- Assesses and records the progress of pupils/students' learning to inform next steps and monitor progress.
- Demonstrates optimistic personal behaviour, positive relationships and attitudes towards all members of the school community.
- Demonstrates a commitment to equal opportunities and uses a variety of strategies and practices to promote inclusion in the classroom.
- Teaches using appropriate strategies to maximise achievement for all children including those with special educational needs
- Encourages children in developing self-esteem and respect for others.
- Communicates to a range of audiences (verbal, written, using ICT as appropriate).
- Demonstrates current knowledge and understanding of national and local education issues
- Contributes to a culture of collaborative working to develop professional practice.

### **Domain Two: pupils and staff**

- Develops in pupils/students a love of learning and a sense of inner confidence and self-belief that enables them to achieve high standards, overcoming disadvantage and advancing equality.
- Promotes a classroom environment that values the success and sense of wellbeing of each pupil/student, focused on safeguarding and developing their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and exemplary behaviour.
- Demonstrates continuous self-directed development.

### **Domain Three: systems and process**

- Would be able to build upon current academy improvement plans.

### **Domain Four: the self-improving school system**

- Seeks opportunities to invite parents, carers, community figures and other organisations into classrooms to enhance learning.
- Demonstrates entrepreneurial and innovative approaches to classroom improvement.

### **Personal qualities**

- Passionate about education
- Approachable, enthusiastic and creative



- Leads by example, demonstrating integrity, resilience and clarity
- Committed to the L.E.A.D. principles and the academy vision
- Ambitious for self, colleagues and students



## L.E.A.D. Academy Trust

L.E.A.D. Academy Trust comprises of twenty five academies across Nottingham, Leicester, Derby, Lincoln and Sheffield. Our philosophy is to; lead, empower, achieve and drive.

At the heart of our Trust is the development of outstanding leaders. We empower individuals in our schools to provide the highest quality education, enabling every pupil to realise their full potential. We have also been recognised by Ofsted as a leading academy sponsor, securing rapid and sustainable improvement through the research and application of best practice across operational areas.

The combination of autonomy and collaboration across key areas of leadership and management underpinned by shared vision, values and best practice positions L.E.A.D. as a truly unique Academy Trust.

To view our 'L.E.A.D. Family Brochure' please visit:

[www.leadacademytrust.co.uk](http://www.leadacademytrust.co.uk)

To see the wonderful achievements, proud moments and diverse events happening across our Trust please follow our twitter account:

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## Our Leaders

One of the core priorities for the L.E.A.D. Academy Trust is the development of outstanding school leaders. We are dedicated to providing an organisation which will:

- develop inspirational school leaders for the future through high quality recruitment, professional development and coaching;
- invest in joint training, peer coaching, sharing good practice and professional dialogue in a climate of trust;
- continually improve, exploring new ways of working, alternative curriculums and innovation;
- strategically plan to produce the next generation of high quality school leaders.

### The L.E.A.D. Teaching School Alliance

The L.E.A.D. Teaching School Alliance is a dynamic, cross-phase collaboration of schools committed to harnessing, nurturing and sharing the specific skills and attributes required to teach and lead in areas with diverse pupil populations. Everything we do in our schools is about providing children with an outstanding, broad and balanced education.

Our innovative Initial Teaching Training (ITT) route aims to increase the number of quality teachers in our schools. In addition, we offer a range of high quality Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for staff at all levels and tailored school-to-school support. We are keen to nurture and grow staff across our alliance and offer a range of opportunities to develop the leaders of tomorrow. By working in partnership with The University of Nottingham and other regional Universities, we are also creating a research culture within our alliance that will impact positively on teaching, learning and the achievement of young people.





## Our Support

We provide a range of high quality, professional services to schools in nine core areas:

**Financial Management**

**Project Management**

**Procurement**

**ICT Management**

**Human Resources**

**Leadership Development**

**Legal Support**

**Governor Support**

**Education**





## How to Apply

Please send a completed application form and covering letter, with a supporting CV if you wish to: [vacancies@noelbakeracademy.co.uk](mailto:vacancies@noelbakeracademy.co.uk)

**Closing Date:** 18/02/2022

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt therefore shortlisted candidates may be contracted in advance of the closing date.

The L.E.A.D. Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we can expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.



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