Position available:

Middle School/High School Music Teacher

(Full time)

Start date:

August 2021

The school:

Our Schools: Senri and Osaka International Schools of Kwansei Gakuin are two sister schools situated in north Osaka that share a campus, purpose, and mission. Osaka International School (OIS) is a K-12 school of 270 students that offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum and Senri International School (SIS) has 500 students following the Japanese middle and high school curriculum approved by the Japanese Ministry of Education. We were founded for the benefit of returnee, national, and international residents of the Kansai region, bringing together the best of Japanese and non-Japanese educational ideas, systems, and techniques in a "Two Schools Together" concept. This win-win situation allows OIS students and faculty to make authentic connections with Japanese culture and traditions while SIS students and faculty experience a genuinely international environment unavailable at any other Japanese school. For more information about our schools, please see our website (www.senri.ed.jp).

Position:

SOIS is seeking an experienced music teacher to provide instruction in English for string instrument performance classes from beginner through advanced levels as well as general music courses for middle and high school. The ideal candidate will be organized, positive and skillful and able to assist with department-wide duties such as organizing and presenting concerts, managing student instrument usage and developing curriculum. Some additional experience with string instrument maintenance, conducting, and/or arranging music is desirable. As a member of our shared programmes team, you will teach courses with students from both schools whose English levels range from beginner to native speaker. English proficiency and adaptability is necessary.

Supervisor:

This position reports to the OIS Middle and High School Principal and the SIS Middle and High School Principals.

Qualifications & Experience

Essential:

- Music degree and teaching qualification
- Experience rehearsing and conducting youth music ensembles (string ensemble, wind/brass band, choir, orchestra).
- String instrument pedagogy and/or playing experience
- Experience teaching general music classes in middle or high school.
- Fluency or proficiency in English is necessary. Ability to communicate in Japanese also preferred.
- The ability to adapt and tailor teaching for different levels of English ability is essential.

Desirable:

- Japanese MS/HS teaching licence
- Teaching experience in a Japanese school
- IB programme experience, especially MYP, but DP or PYP experience is also very valuable.

Personal Qualities:

The ideal candidate is passionate about teaching, is able to see the big picture and act in the best

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interest of the entire school community. He/she will have a positive influence on the school community and create engaging lessons for a variety of student abilities and interests. The candidate will connect personally to students and is an advocate and mentor for academic, social, emotional and wellness areas. He/she will possess an international outlook and value the Two Schools Together concept.

Salary & Benefits:

Highly competitive salary commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Application Procedures:

Please complete the online application form (link here). Upload a letter of application and CV in one pdf document, addressed to Ms Mayumi Ito & Mr Myles Jackson, the SIS and OIS Heads of School. In your letter, please outline why you are interested in working at SOIS, what you can bring to our learning community, and how your qualifications and experience support your application. You can also share links to your website, blog, or portfolio. We are accepting applications immediately and will be reviewing candidates as they apply.