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# Visiting Teacher of Music – Pipe Band Bass and Tenor Drumming

## Introduction

Strathallan School is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, inspirational Peripatetic Visiting Music Tutor for Pipe Band Bass and Tenor Drumming to join its thriving and well-established Traditional Music Department for October 2025.

A Visiting Music Tutor at Strathallan inspires, enthuses, guides and motivates pupils through the study, practice and performance of Traditional Music. The successful candidate will be expected to deliver the learning and instruction in Pipe Band Bass and Tenor Drumming. Additionally, there will be the opportunity to contribute to the co-curricular activities that the department offers.

Applicants should note that whilst the job currently requires tuition for 1 day (9 lessons and an after-school pipe band activity), there is no guarantee that this level of instruction will be required year-on-year. There is the possibility of further hours if sufficient pupils are recruited. We would ideally like the successful applicant to be available to teach on Wednesdays, as this when we hold our Competition Pipe Band practices.

Pipe Band Bass and Tenor Drumming instruction is offered from Year 1 to Upper 6<sup>th</sup> and is a popular co-curricular choice for pupils. Pupils practice towards performances at competitions and events across the world, and we have also been lucky enough to share the stage with band such as Skipinnish, Skerryvore and The Red Hot Chilli Pipers.

## The School



Strathallan School is a distinguished co-educational boarding and day school set in the beautiful Perthshire countryside. Nestled within a self-contained campus of rolling grounds and woodland, we offer an inspiring learning environment just a short drive from Perth and within easy reach of Edinburgh and Glasgow. Strathallan blends historic charm with modern resources - our Prep School also enjoys its own welcoming space within the campus, complete with classrooms, social areas, and outdoor play areas, while pupils

benefit from access to the full-school facilities.

The School is situated in the beautiful Earn valley as a self-contained wooded estate of 150 acres on the edge of the village of Forgandenny. Perth is the nearest town some twelve minutes away by car and access to the motorways puts Edinburgh (45 mins), Glasgow (1 hr) and the Scottish Highlands within easy reach.

The school is well-resourced with a mixture of traditional and modern buildings. The Main Building, a Grade B listing, was once a large private mansion, bought by the School's founder in 1920 when he moved the School from its original 1913 location.

## Job Description

<b>Job Title:</b>	Peripatetic Pipe Band Bass and Tenor Drumming Instructor
<b>Department:</b>	Piping and Drumming
<b>Dual Reporting to:</b>	Director of Piping and Drumming
<b>In liaison with:</b>	Pupils, staff, parents and prospective parents, all other visitors

<b>Core Purpose:</b>
<p>The post-holder is expected to uphold the values and ethos of Strathallan School and act as an ambassador for the School.</p> <p>The main focus of this role is to provide music tuition to Strathallan pupils, either individually or in group settings. The candidate will share their passion for Piping and Drumming, imparting their knowledge and skills to enable pupils to reach their full potential.</p>
<b>Specific Responsibilities:</b>
<p><b>Tutoring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning and preparing individual tutoring sessions.</li> <li>• Planning and preparing group sessions as required by the Director of Piping and Drumming.</li> <li>• Tutor, according to their educational and musical needs, the pupils assigned to him/her, including the setting and assessment of work to be carried out by the pupils in the School and elsewhere.</li> <li>• Assessing, recording and reporting on the development, progress and musical attainment of pupils.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting the general progress and well-being of individual pupils and any group of pupils assigned to him/her.</li> <li>• Providing guidance and advice to pupils on music matters; making relevant records and reports.</li> <li>• Communicating and consulting with the parents of pupils as required.</li> <li>• Communicating and co-operating with departments within the School to manage the attendance of pupils at music lessons.</li> <li>• Participating in meetings arranged for any of the purposes described above.</li> </ul> <p><b>Assessments and Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing or contributing to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual pupils and groups of pupils.</li> </ul> <p><b>Appraisal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in any arrangements for the appraisal of his/her performance, as required.</li> </ul> <p><b>CPD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing on an on-going basis his/her method of tutoring and maintaining his/her professional musical &amp; instrument expertise as well as attending any INSET training developed in order to keep up to date with School or Department matters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Educational Methods:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advising and co-operating with Director of Traditional Music and Scottish Culture on the preparation and development of musical tutoring, tutoring materials, tutoring programmes, methods of tutoring and assessment arrangements.</li> </ul>

**Discipline, Health and Safety:**

- Maintaining good order and discipline among the pupils and safeguarding their health and safety both when they are on School premises and when they are engaged in School activities elsewhere.

**Staff Meetings:**

- Participating in meetings at the School which relate to the curriculum for the School or the administration or organization of the School, as directed by Director Piping and Drumming.

**Administration:**

- Participating in administrative and organisational tasks related to such duties described above.
- Registering the attendance of pupils and supervising pupils.
- Submitting lists of performers/examination candidates timeously for concerns and exams as per the Department standing orders.

## Peripatetic Pipe Band Instructor - Person Specification

Attributes	Essential /Desirable
<b>Qualifications</b>	
PVG Disclosure Scotland clearance (can be obtained through the school)	<b>E</b>
Educated to SQA Higher Level or equivalent	<b>E</b>
Educated to degree level or equivalent	<b>D</b>
<b>Experience</b>	
Significant experience of bass and tenor drumming	<b>E</b>
Experience of music tuition	<b>E</b>
Experience of working in an educational setting	<b>D</b>
<b>Skills</b>	
Proficient performer of bass and tenor drums	<b>E</b>
Ability to impart knowledge and skills in a clear, concise manner	<b>E</b>
Ability to set appropriate goals in order to stretch and challenge	<b>E</b>
Strong coaching and mentoring skills	<b>E</b>
Excellent inter-personal skills; calm, clear, patient, encouraging & enthusiastic.	<b>E</b>
<b>Personal characteristics</b>	
Excellent interpersonal and communications skills; ability to establish good links with students, parents and staff	<b>E</b>
Be an outgoing, confident, affable and positive personality	<b>E</b>
A readiness to work within a School environment	<b>E</b>
Flexible and adaptive approach to work	<b>E</b>
Ability to work on own initiative	<b>D</b>
Ability to take instructions and work in a team	<b>E</b>
Reliable, methodical and trustworthy	<b>E</b>
Neat, tidy and professional appearance	<b>E</b>
Be a person who is able to mix easily with persons of any culture or background	<b>E</b>

# Outline Terms & Conditions

## **Remuneration & Hours of Work**

- 1 day's music tuition (9 lessons) and 1 after school pipe band activity per week. Competitive rates.

## **Other Benefits**

- During each School Term, you will, when on duty, be entitled to such meals as are available at the School for pupils free of charge.

## **Other Info**

- As the work is in a school context, you will be required to attain PVG membership.
- You should, if possible, hold a valid full UK driving licence and must be eligible to live and work in the UK.

## **Further Information**

- Further details of the School are available on the School's Website [www.strathallan.co.uk](http://www.strathallan.co.uk)
- The deadline for Applications is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October.