



Visiting Music Teacher:
Violin & Viola *(1 day a week)*

Candidate Brief



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The School



Established in 1991, Newton Prep is a thriving school for children, aged 3-13. The School is unashamedly ambitious for its pupils who have access to outstanding facilities. We want them to achieve their academic potential whilst also engaging in sport, art, music and drama. In the School, there are currently 560 pupils from Nursery to Year 8.

We want the children to involve themselves in the total life of the School, which includes after school clubs and activities and a wide range of trips. We celebrate the diversity of our pupils; we want our children to develop a strong sense of community, learning how to make a positive contribution to the community of Newton Prep and the world around them. The ethos and philosophy is one that is based on mutual respect and kindness shown to others.

Our Vision is to provide the children in our care with a first-rate education in the knowledge that time is precious and irreversible. The education we provide has a strong academic base and an imaginatively broad curriculum giving a rich learning experience for all children including provision for children with a range of abilities, including those with high aptitudes in specific subjects. Moreover, the Newton education has a lasting impact as children progress through their school years and throughout their lives, developing both intelligence and character. Our atmosphere is full of happiness and enthusiasm with a sense of purpose and achievement as both pupils and staff aim high. Good governance bolsters these aspirations. We focus on developing ambition in the children so that they move on to the most appropriate senior school.











Newton Prep is a model for best practice in all aspects of prep education.

The School places a strong emphasis on the education of the whole person. We attach great importance to the teaching of Art, Drama, Music and Sport as well as the more academic subjects. Our curriculum and extensive co-curricular programme, together with the House system, reflect the School's commitment to providing both high quality learning opportunities and strong pastoral support so that our pupils have the best opportunities to achieve their full potential and are successful in all areas of school life.

Fundamentally, we want Newton Prep children to enjoy their precious childhood years.

Location

Newton Prep is positioned in the heart of central London's newest vibrant and dynamic development. The area stretching from Nine Elms to Battersea is home to a bustling new 'town'. The iconic Battersea Power Station, now rebuilt, has transformed this part of the capital. With the opening of the Northern Line tube extension, the school enjoys exceptional connectivity, we are within five-minutes' reach of three different stations, served by four bus routes and even accessible by river!

-  Battersea Park  2 mins
-  Queenstown Road  5 mins
-  Battersea Power Station  5 mins
-  156, 344, 436, 44  1-3 mins
-  Battersea Power Station  15 mins



The Music Department



Music plays a central role in the life of Newton Prep; children love their music lessons and engagement with the subject is very high. Music is taught by a specialist teacher from the very beginning of a child's time with us and continues through to the end of Year 8. Outside the classroom, pupils have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of choirs and ensembles before and after school. There are regular recitals, concerts and performances both in school and at venues throughout the UK and abroad.

The full-time staff comprises the Head of Music, the Head of Choirs, Ensembles and Performances, two music teachers and a Head of Strings. The Music & Drama Administrator supports the Head of Music and Head of Choirs, Ensembles and Performances in the running and management of the Music Department. There are 19 part-time Visiting Music Teachers (VMTs) teaching a wide range of instruments. 286 pupils are currently receiving individual lessons each week. Each year a number of very talented musicians go on to their senior schools with music scholarships and exhibitions.

The Music Department has truly first-class facilities with a 108-seat Recital Hall with live streaming and recording facilities. A new and dedicated 800sqm teaching space was

created for regular class music lessons, choir and ensemble rehearsals. In addition, the Music Department has a recording studio, Music Technology Mac Suite and ten practice rooms with pianos. There are three grand pianos across the principal teaching and performances spaces. Music Tech has been incorporated into the KS2 and KS3 curriculum. There is a good stock of classroom instruments and the school has its own instrument hire scheme.

Singing is very strong at Newton Prep, with over 160 children engaging in weekly choir rehearsals ranging from Year 1 to Year 8. The auditioned Chamber Choir regularly perform at concert venues around London. Similarly, instrumental playing is very popular across the school with over half of pupils learning at least one instrument. Pupils gain the experience of performing alongside professional musicians and have the opportunity to take part in masterclasses and educational visits.

Each year the Music Department lead the annual Festival of Carols at Holy Trinity Sloane Square, a much loved venue. More recently selected pupils had the opportunity to perform at the Handel and Hendrix House as part of a 275 year celebration of Handel's Royal Fireworks Suite. A sense of music at Newton Prep can be experienced [here](#).



Summary of the Role



We would like to engage an inspiring, committed and highly-skilled Visiting Music Teacher (VMT): Violin and Viola, to provide services to our first-class Music Department. The Music Department is well resourced and, as such, there are many opportunities to support extra-curricular activities through additional group coaching and to accompany concerts and pupils at the direction of the Head of Music and Head of Choirs, Ensembles and Performances.

VMTs are contracted by the Head of Music and Head of Choirs, Ensembles and Performances. They are responsible to the Head of Music and Head of Choirs, Ensembles and Performances, in all matters relating to performance, ensembles and pupil progress and the day-to-day management of their timetables, and to the Designated Safeguarding Lead for all safeguarding matters.

The VMT will be an outstanding teacher with a passion for inspiring our youngest musicians to perform to the highest possible standard, as well as being an active performer in their own right.

VMTs are self-employed and invoice parents directly each term. They are expected to communicate with parents to arrange lessons, organise payment and report on progress. The appointment will join a team of VMTs who provide lessons to over half of the pupils at Newton Prep.

To start: September 2026.

VMTs are free to set their own rates for individual lessons, and a facilities charge of 12.5% of this charge will be invoiced to the VMT termly. Work with ensembles will be paid by the school at an agreed hourly rate.



Provision for Services

- Inspire musical performance of the highest quality through committed, skilled and outstanding one-to-one teaching.
- Teach to the individual needs, abilities and talents of each child, suggesting repertoire and adapting scores where necessary.
- Identify clear teaching objectives and learning outcomes, with appropriate challenge to deliver outstanding quality.
- Assess pupils' progress, give timely individual feedback to pupils and their parents as to how to progress further.
- Actively promote and encourage pupils' participation in extra-curricular music, including solo recitals and school concerts.
- Ensure that the School's Policies are reflected in daily practice.
- Enter pupils for examinations through the Music Administrator, as and when appropriate.
- Invoice parents in a timely manner at the beginning of a new term.
- Communicate with parents and respond to parents' queries and concerns as and when they arise in a professional and timely manner.
- As appropriate, assist in the preparation of School recitals and performances.
- Deliver services within a safe, inclusive environment by maintaining vigilance for indicators of abuse or behavioural changes, reporting concerns in strict accordance with the School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and proactively engaging with all required training and updates.



Specification



- A relevant music qualification at degree level.
- Experience teaching violin and viola.
- Experience in teaching pupils aged between 7-13, both boys and girls.
- A unique approach to teaching violin and viola which is inspiring and is not based solely on exam repertoire.
- A sound understanding of technique, particularly with regard to young players.
- Performing experience in their own right.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- An ability to work as part of a team.
- An approachable and engaging manner.
- An understanding of, and commitment to, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
- Enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service, including a Barred List check.



Application



Newton Prep is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

The School will carry out online searches on all successful candidates as part of the process of assessing suitability.

The post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the School is therefore permitted to ask job applicants to declare all convictions and cautions on a self-declaration form in advance of attending an interview (including those which are 'spent' unless they are 'protected' under the DBS filtering rules) in order to assess their suitability to work with children.

Please ensure that you include the names of two referees and details of employment since leaving school. As the position involves working with children the successful VMT must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post (including checks with past employers) and will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

As VMTs are self employed they are required to have their own public liability insurance.

To apply, please submit your CV, a one-page cover letter and a video (not exceeding more than three minutes), explaining your suitability for the post and email them to the HR Department: hassistant@newtonprep.co.uk.

The closing date for applications is **11.59 pm, Sunday 7th June 2026**.

For further information, please contact the HR Department on **0207 720 4091 (Ext 1255)** or via the above email address.

Interviews and lesson observations will take place on **Tuesday 16th June 2026**. VMTs invited to interview will be required to complete the School's Application Form, which may be downloaded from our website, newtonprepschool.co.uk.

The successful VMT will be subject to child protection screening, including a DBS and Barred List check. The School will carry out online searches on all successful VMTs as part of the process of assessing suitability.

We are an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to age, disability, gender reassignment, marital or civil partner status, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or religious belief, sex or sexual orientation.



