

## Bagpipe Instructor JOB DESCRIPTION



### **SUMMARY OF PROJECT**

The Strathmore Schools Pipe Band Committee is seeking an enthusiastic and skilled Bagpipe Instructor to develop a high-performing pipe band within the Blairgowrie and District Community Schools area. This role involves delivering engaging and inclusive bagpipe lessons, facilitating band practices, and organizing performances. The instructor will be a key figure in the growth and success of the pipe band, supporting students from P5 to S6. The program is managed by the Strathmore Schools Pipe Band Committee, which is a constituted voluntary organization. The post-holder will report to the committee.

Lessons will take place in-person, at schools within the Blairgowrie and District area. Lessons will consist of groups of 3-7 pupils, from Primary 5 and up. The Bagpipe instructor will be required to work 2 days per week, run an evening pipe band practice, and attend competitions and events as required.

### **START DATE**

The post-holder will be required to begin teaching by 21/10/24.

### **REMUNERATION**

The position offers a competitive rate of £180 per day, with additional compensation for travel expenses, as agreed upon with the committee. An additional payment is provided for leading the weekly pipe band practice sessions.

### **INSURANCE AND SAFEGUARDING**

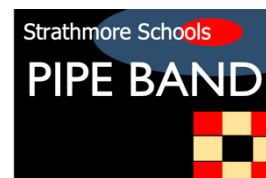
Tutors must hold Public Liability Insurance and will be required to hold a relevant PVG certificate, and to follow safeguarding procedures provided.

### **KEY ACTIVITIES**

**To:**

- Recruit pupils.
- Provide planned and engaging lessons in pairs or groups.
- Set and monitor shared goals to encourage progress.
- Provide performance opportunities.
- Foster a safe, inclusive, and encouraging learning culture.
- Develop a pipe band.
- Support pupils to achieve SCQF, PDQB and/or SQA examinations.
- Develop positive relations with teachers, and particularly the drumming tutors to support learning, and the pipe band development.
- Maintain positive, collaborative relationships with pipe bands in the area.
- Report to the committee on a regular basis by agreement.

**STRATHMORE SCHOOLS PIPE BAND**  
**PERSON SPECIFICATION**



|                         | <b>ESSENTIAL</b><br><b>The minimum acceptable levels</b>   | <b>DESIRABLE</b>   |
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| <b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music teaching qualification or equivalent experience.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music degree or equivalent.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>EXPERIENCE</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of teaching young people.</li> <li>• Experience of group teaching.</li> <li>• Experience of coaching and leading ensemble rehearsals.</li> <li>• Experience of participating in a pipe band.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience working in schools.</li> <li>• Experience of competing within a pipe band, grade 2 or above.</li> <li>• Experience of developing or leading a pipe band or youth band in a competition environment.</li> <li>• Experience preparing pupils for school or external examinations.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to prepare and deliver lessons.</li> <li>• Good record-keeping and reporting skills.</li> <li>• Able to apply techniques to encourage pupil progress.</li> <li>• Knowledge of player positioning, dress and discipline.</li> <li>• Knowledge of repertoire construction and resources.</li> <li>• Knowledge of safeguarding, risk assessment and behavior management.</li> <li>• Proficiency with Microsoft Office/Excel.</li> <li>• Able to support pupils to take SQA and PDQB qualifications.</li> <li>• Must hold a valid UK driving license.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of the history of piping/ drumming and pipe bands.</li> <li>• Ability to produce tunes electronically.</li> <li>• Knowledge of fundraising.</li> <li>• Knowledge of committees.</li> <li>• Knowledge of finance.</li> <li>• Able to support pupils to take up to SCQF Level 7 Music qualifications</li> <li>• A valid UK mini-bus driving license.</li> </ul> |

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|                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to interpret tunes to create scores.</li> <li>• Ability to write music for Bagpipes.</li> <li>• Ability to tune bagpipes accurately in group settings.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An understanding of drumming music and notation.</li> </ul> |
| <b>ATTRIBUTES</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committed to continuous improvement.</li> <li>• Punctual and reliable.</li> <li>• Able to manage time.</li> <li>• Commitment to raising attainment and excellence.</li> <li>• Engaging and motivating.</li> <li>• Commitment to continued professional development.</li> </ul> |  |

If you are interested in this opportunity, please email your CV, contact details and a covering letter to *Emma Harvey (Chairperson)* at **chairsspb@gmail.com** by 3/09/24