

SCHOOLS PIPING AND DRUMMING TUTOR APPRENTICESHIP AND INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW

1. APPRENTICESHIPS

Aims

SSPDT apprenticeships enable pipers and snare drummers to acquire the skills, knowledge and experience required to become successful schools' tutors who can run excellent schools pipe band programmes. [Former participants have been able to compete successfully in the job market and have been appointed to as roles as tutors in schools.](#)

Programme

Each apprenticeship will be tailored individually to build on the skill set and experience of the post-holder. Broadly apprenticeships encompass:

- Piping or snare drumming tuition in a state secondary school and its cluster primary schools.
- Opportunities to job shadow and learn from instructors and teachers working in a variety of schools settings.
- Responsibility or shared responsibility for the development of the Novice Juvenile Pipe Band.
- Organisation of school band trips, events, workshops and competitions throughout the season including the major international championships.
- Experience of a school Pipe Band Support Committee and fundraising.
- Opportunities to develop personal playing skills, achieve additional qualifications, and access other professional development.

Location

Apprenticeships are currently available based at Preston Lodge High School in East Lothian. SSPDT may be able to support more locations we welcome enquiries at info@sspdt.org.uk

Management

Apprenticeships are managed by the Preston Lodge Pipe Major and Drum Major reporting to the SSPDT Chief Executive.

Remuneration:

Real Living Wage plus £1, paid for time outside college term dates. Travel expenses to and from competitions and events and other reasonable expenses will also be paid. Some travel cost reimbursement to and from the place of work may be provided.

Holiday

The post-holder will receive 5.6 weeks annual paid holiday pro-rata.

ONE YEAR APPRENTICESHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Length: 12 months from August, 2 days per week

Eligibility: Candidates must be in 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of higher education studying bagpipe or snare drum as part of a degree or HND.

Also essential:

- Good communication skills
- Competence in ICT, Maths, English
- Excellent organisation and administration skills

Desirable:

- Member of a competing band
- Experience of solo competitions

Qualifications gained: A successful apprentice will gain the PDQB Piping/ Snare Drumming Tutor certificate.

TWO YEAR APPRENTICESHIP FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

Length: 24 months from August, 3 days per week

Eligibility:

- A Higher in Music and PDQB SCQF Level 6 or proficiency to these levels (candidates will be asked to play at the interview).
- Ability to write basic drum scores (snare drummers only)
- Member of a competing band
- Experience of solo competitions
- Good communication skills
- Competence in ICT, Maths, English
- Driving licence and use of a car preferred but not essential

Qualifications: A successful apprentice will gain the PDQB Piping/ Snare Drumming Tutor certificate in year 1, and RSPBA Pipe Band Studies Part 1, in year 2.

2. NINE MONTHS INTERNSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Aims

SSPDT supported internships help piping and snare drummers along a structured pathway towards becoming skilled, knowledgeable and experienced schools tutors who are able to run a successful schools pipe band programmes. Interns will be able to make informed choices about pursuing a career

as a school tutor, and in some cases, depending on wider experience, may become job-ready and able to enter the job market.

Overview

Each internship is tailored individually to build on the skill-set and experience of the post-holder. Broadly internships encompass:

- Piping or snare drumming tuition in a state secondary school and its cluster primary schools.
- Opportunities to job shadow and learn from an instructor.
- Experience of supporting and developing a youth pipe band.
- Organisation of school band trips, events, and possibly competitions.
- Experience of a school Pipe Band Support Committee and fundraising.
- Opportunities to achieve additional qualifications, and access other professional development.

Length

Nine months from August, 1 day per week. There is a three-month probationary period.

Location

A Piping Internship is based on the Isle of Skye, in partnership with Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Highlife Highland and the Skye Youth Pipe Band. The SSPDT may be able to set up internships in other locations with other partners. Enquiries are welcome to info@sspdt.org.uk

Management

Day to day supervision by the Highlife Highland piping instructor. Programme oversight by the SSPDT Chief Executive, the Sabhal Mor Ostaig course director and Highland Highlife Instrumental Music Service Manager.

Remuneration:

Real Living Wage for hours outside the college term paid by Skye Youth Pipe Band. Travel expenses to and from competitions and events and other reasonable expenses will also be eligible for reimbursement. Some travel cost reimbursement to and from the place of work may be provided.

Eligibility:

Candidates must be in 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of higher education studying bagpipe or snare drum as part of a degree or HND.

Also essential:

- Good communication skills
- Competence in ICT, Maths, English
- Excellent organisation and administration skills

Desirable:

- Member of a competing band
- Experience of solo competitions

Qualifications gained:

An intern may gain the PDQB Piping/ Snare Drumming Tutor certificate

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