



Visiting Music Teacher – ‘Cello Job Description

Repton School and Repton Prep School seek to appoint a talented and well-qualified graduate to be a Visiting Music Teacher of Cello, starting in September 2024- or as soon as possible thereafter.

The successful candidate will have an outstanding track-record of instrumental teaching as well as being an experienced performer. While we anticipate that the successful candidate will be a first study cellist, the willingness and ability to teach the double bass would be advantageous.

For the right candidate the opportunity also exists to work with string chamber groups, and to work regularly with other ensembles including Repton Symphony Orchestra. Above all else, Repton seeks to employ a musician with the ability to engage and inspire the range of pupils with whom they come into contact. We envisage that the teaching across both school sites will be spread across 1 ½ - 2 days each week.

All Visiting Music Teachers are expected to keep up-to-date with developments in good teaching practice.

Music at Repton

Music is at the heart of Repton and resounds throughout the School. The Department is housed in an impressive building which features a purpose-built concert and rehearsal hall, a fully equipped recording studio, 18 practice rooms, a DJ-ing and composition suite and a variety of academic and instrumental teaching spaces. November 2022 saw the arrival of a new model ‘B’ Steinway piano, (which supplemented the model ‘C’ purchased in 2016), developing the piano department’s commitment to excellence in performance. The School also houses a refurbished Harrison & Harrison organ. The Department’s five full-time members of music staff are joined a team of 25 specialist Visiting Music Teachers who bring much energy and expertise to the pupils’ musical lives. We present a variety of concerts and musical events throughout the year and aim - above all else - to ensure that musicians of all levels can perform to the best of their ability, having fun in the process.

An ambitious programme of performance opportunities includes Informal and Coffee Concerts, a Repton Concerto Spotlight, a professional Subscription Concert Series and large-scale orchestral and bands concerts. The Chapel Choir performs at weekly chapel services as well as major events such as the Remembrance and Christmas Carol Services. This group is also building a strong reputation beyond Repton, performing annually on BBC Radio 4’s ‘Daily Service’ Programme as well as singing Evensong in venues such as St George’s, Windsor (2018) and five consecutive years at St Paul’s Cathedral. In March 2023 the group undertook a tour to Rome, including a performance at St Peter’s Basilica,

followed in 2024 by a visit to Berlin and Leipzig where performances included at the Thomaskirche and Berlin Dom. The Chapel Choir commissions leading composers each year, with recent works written by Jonathan Dove, Martin How, Bob Chilcott and Alexander L'Estrange. Repton musicians regularly go on to study Music at leading universities and conservatoires, with a number of recent pupils holding choral and organ scholarships at Oxbridge, Durham, Berklee College of Music, Royal College of Music and Royal Northern College of Music.

The School

Repton is the ancient capital of Mercia, and the School, founded in 1557 from a bequest from Sir John Port of Etwall, was established on the site of a 7th century Anglo- Saxon Benedictine abbey and latterly a 12th century Augustinian priory. The School today incorporates many of the original buildings from the estate, namely, the Guest Chamber and Prior's Lodging (which as the Old Priory currently houses the School Library and Common Room), Overton's Tower, Tithe Barn, and the Arch. The latter is all that now remains of the Priory's original gatehouse, and which helped inspire the School's motto: *porta vacat culpa*. Today Repton is a world class, modern, flourishing community with a clear sense of purpose and momentum. As a pre-eminent co-educational and boarding and day school, Repton provides an exceptional broad-based education, blending heritage with the pursuit of excellence in a 21st century context, offering world class facilities as well as high quality teaching and pastoral care. The School has over one thousand pupils across the Prep and Senior School, making it large enough to achieve excellence in and out of the classroom, yet small enough for individuals to grow and flourish. At Repton Senior, each pupil, whether day or boarding, is a member of a House, of which there are 10 (six for boys and four for girls).

Academic standards are high and creative activities, including music, art, drama and design, flourish. The School has a national profile in sport, in particular in football, hockey and swimming. Our pupils thrive both in and out of the classroom and they develop the skills, qualities and values that will lead to a successful life. Whilst Repton is undoubtedly modern in terms of practice and outlook, the traditional values of encouraging pupils to aim high whilst showing respect for all are still of utmost importance. The School continues its strong educational vision, recognising the importance of being able to offer a Repton education to potential pupils from all backgrounds by providing scholarships and bursaries in a wide range of subjects. The School's considerable strengths were recognised in the 2020 ISI Inspection which found Repton to be 'Excellent' in each of the areas examined. The inspectors judged that Repton pupils 'achieve highly and make excellent progress across the wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities available to them'. The School was found to have met all the requirements of the ISI Regulatory Compliance Inspection. Repton and Repton Prep have always enjoyed a very close relationship and in 2020, the schools became a through-school with the aim of securing the very best pupil outcomes. Vicky Harding, the Head of Repton Prep reports to Mark Semmence as Headmaster of Repton and Chief Executive of both schools.

Safeguarding

Promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom you are responsible and with whom you come into contact is a critical part of all roles at Repton/Repton Prep.

Under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 it is a criminal offence for a person over 18 (e.g. teacher, matron, sports coach) to have a sexual relationship with a child under 18 where that person is in a position of trust in respect of that child, even if the relationship is consensual. This applies where the child is in full-time education and the person works in the same establishment as the child, even if s/he does not teach the child.

Moreover, whatever the age of the pupil, a sexual relationship between an employee and a pupil will be considered an abuse of a position of trust and gross misconduct, likely to result in dismissal.

Health

The successful applicant will be required to complete a Health Declaration once a formal offer of employment has been made and accepted.

Children Act and Referees

Successful appointment will be dependent upon statutory criminal conviction checks including an enhanced DBS Check in accordance with the Children Act, as well as favourable reports from two referees. It will be assumed that the School may contact your nominated referees without further reference to you, unless you specify any alternative arrangements.

Child Protection Policy

All applicants must be familiar with our Child Protection Policy which can be found at <https://www.repton.org.uk/userfiles/reptonmvc/Documents/06-Key-Information/Employment-Opportunities/170916-Child-Protection-and-Staff-Behaviour-Policy.pdf>