

JOB INFORMATION

HEAD OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AND BANDMASTER

(Monday and Thursday - plus 3 hours per week to be worked flexibly, depending on events)

This is an excellent opportunity to join the highly successful and widely renowned RHS Music Department. The Head of Instrumental Music and Bandmaster will take responsibility for the development of our flagship marching band and also contribute to the wider activities of the Music Department.

Candidates will possess the leadership and communication skills required when working with children. There is the expectation that the successful candidate will meet the Teacher's Standards, as set out by the Department for Education.

Responsibilities are detailed in the job description. The Head of Instrumental Music and Bandmaster reports to the Director of Music.

THE SCHOOL

The Royal Hospital School (RHS) is an HMC co-educational boarding and day school for approximately 750 pupils aged 11-18. The School occupies a magnificent 200 acre site in the Suffolk countryside just south of Ipswich.

The School selects pupils from a reasonably broad ability range and for this reason we focus on achieving a positive value added for all our pupils. Applications for places at RHS are extremely healthy and this year our pupil numbers are the highest on record.

The Royal Hospital School aims to provide academic excellence with an outstanding range of cultural and sporting opportunities. This is strongly backed up by first-class pastoral care and a commitment to leadership, service and spiritual awareness. We have an outstanding campus which provides a safe and secure environment. We have a talented and dedicated staff who believe in maximising each child's potential, fuelling their aspirations, firing their imagination and encouraging independence of thought. We seek to provide pupils with the skills and confidence to navigate their own lives and to think about where they will be at 25.

This summer the School undertook the development of the internal sporting facilities including a new strength and conditioning room, a fitness suite, dance and martial arts studio and the addition of a climbing wall in a refurbished sports hall. Further development of the School estate and the provision of top quality facilities for the education of our pupils remains a priority. The School has embarked upon a rolling programme of classroom refurbishment and, thanks to the generosity of our trustees, Greenwich Hospital, a £400,000 Wi-Fi programme has facilitated wireless internet access across the whole school campus since 2013. All members of the teaching staff and all pupils have iPads as part of the School's mobile learning initiative.

MISSION AND AIMS

Our Mission is to understand each young person's strengths, to help them to make the right choices at the right time, navigating through their critical, formative years and ensuring their education becomes the foundation for their happiness and success.

Aims

The aims of the Royal Hospital School are:

- to develop intellectual curiosity and academic confidence;
- to enable pupils to grow into the person they wish to become, fulfilling their potential and prepared for life after school;
- to inspire leadership, adventure and self-discovery;
- to foster creativity and imagination;
- to provide a secure and nurturing community which promotes wellbeing, fitness and healthy competition;
- to instill the values of service, loyalty and commitment and uphold the School's unique and rich heritage;
- to cultivate a global outlook and environmental responsibility.

LAST INSPECTION

The School was inspected in January 2015 and received excellent ratings in all nine areas by the Independent Schools Inspectorate. The inspector commented:

"The School has clear aspirations for its pupils. It seeks to promote the attributes of inspiration, challenge and leadership in its pupils. Pupils are encouraged to strive for academic excellence and to endorse the values of service, loyalty and commitments whilst upholding the School's unique and rich heritage. The School encourages leadership and a sense of adventure and self-discovery. A high priority is the promotion of service both within the School and to the wider community. The School aims to foster creativity and imagination within a civilised, caring, Christian community, based on high standards of behaviour, mutual respect, trust and courtesy between staff and pupils. The School cultivates a global outlook and sense of environmental responsibility. It aims to encourage pupils to develop fitness, wellbeing and enter into healthy competition."

Candidates can read the full Report on the School's website at <http://www.royalhospitalschool.org/school-life/overview/#inspection-report>.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The state-of-the-art Reade Music School opened in 2008 and houses The Burns Recital Hall, a fully equipped concert venue seating 250 and housing two new grand pianos: a fine Bechstein and an outstanding Fazioli, one of only 110 made annually; a new, fully equipped, music technology suite including a fully furnished recording studio; 3 classrooms, including a keyboard laboratory; 15 specialist instrumental teaching rooms; well-stocked department library; a fleet of new Bechstein pianos for every room; purpose-built technology and recording facilities.

September 2015 saw the opening of a purpose-built three-room music technology suite. Complete with a recording studio, an iMac room running Logic Pro X and a control booth with a 24 channel TOFT mixing console - this is a fantastic new resource which would be the envy of many professional recording businesses.

There is a large and talented team of Visiting Music Teachers and over one third of pupils learn a musical instrument or take singing lessons. All pupils are encouraged to participate in the regular senior and junior lunchtime concerts and specialist teaching is available for the particularly gifted and talented.

A wide variety of musical groups rehearse and perform regularly: Band, Orchestra, Chapel Choir, Show Choir, Choral Society, Big Band, Rock Band and various chamber music groups. Recent events have included performances at St Paul's Cathedral, St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Royal Albert Hall. The Chapel Choir has broadcast on BBC television and radio and has recorded several CDs. The School Band played at the opening of the National Maritime Museum's 75th Anniversary Exhibition in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and at Twickenham during rugby internationals. The Band has also recorded several CDs and toured abroad to the USA, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Canada. There is an annual charity gala concert and many other concerts and recitals. Throughout the year there are lunchtime concerts in which visiting music teachers perform alongside their pupils. Parents appreciate these opportunities for contact with their children's instrumental teachers, and pupils find the performing experience invaluable.

APPLICATION PROCESS/APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE

Applications should be made on the *RHS Application Form* enclosed, be accompanied by a letter (no longer than one side of A4) giving reasons for applying for the post, and be sent to Mr. Simon Lockyer, Headmaster, Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP9 2RX (Email: recruitment@royalhospitalschool.org). **(*Note that a C.V. will not be accepted in lieu of a fully completed Application Form).**

Further details of the Royal Hospital School can be found on our website: www.royalhospitalschool.org

The closing date for applications: Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 18:00
Interviews will be held week commencing 24 June 2019

RHS is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Employment is subject to satisfactory references and an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check.