



TONBRIDGE SCHOOL

VISITING MUSIC TEACHER



Tonbridge School is one of the leading boys' boarding schools in the country and is highly respected internationally.

The school aims to provide a caring and enlightened environment in which the talents of each individual flourish. We encourage boys to be creative, tolerant and to strive for academic, sporting and cultural excellence. Respect for tradition and an openness to innovation are equally valued.



A well-established house system at the heart of the school fosters a strong sense of belonging. Tonbridge seeks to celebrate its distinctive mixture of boarders and day boys; this helps to create a unique broadening and deepening of opportunity. We want boys to enjoy their time here, but also to be made aware of their social and moral responsibilities. Tonbridgians should enter into the adult world with the knowledge and self-belief to fulfil their own potential and to become leaders in their chosen field. Equally, we

hope to foster a life-long empathy for the needs and views of others; in the words of the great novelist and Old Tonbridgian E.M. Forster: 'Only Connect'.



Location



Tonbridge School is situated on a campus of 150 acres in the town of Tonbridge in West Kent. The school is placed at the top of the High Street of the town and is surrounded by outstandingly beautiful Kent countryside. Transport links are excellent. Tonbridge is the junction for railway lines to London (approx. 40 minutes to London Bridge, Waterloo East, Charing Cross, 60 minutes to

Victoria), Hastings, Ashford International, Canterbury, Dover and Redhill. The M25 and M20 are a short drive from the School. Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports are easily reached, as are the Channel Tunnel and ferry terminals. It is a short drive to the neighbouring towns of Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells. Tonbridge has been ranked 16th in the UK's "best places to live". This is based on the results of the annual Halifax quality of life study which looks at a range of factors including health, earnings, crime rates and life expectancy: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-42377578>





Music

The School has a long-standing tradition of musical excellence, both choral and instrumental. Roughly half of the boys in the school learn at least one musical instrument, and there are seventy music award holders. Over 80 boys have Grade VII or above and up to 70 boys take exams in a wide variety of instruments each year.

Music permeates Tonbridge life. Each term the school has an extensive performance programme; there are several orchestras, bands, and smaller ensemble groups covering all musical styles. The Music Department curates its own “Themed Festival” each Michaelmas Term, featuring performances from staff, students and visiting artists. Houses hold their own musical evenings and there is an annual House music competition which involves up to a third of the school. Jazz and popular music are actively encouraged and flourish.

Music at Tonbridge is not confined to the school campus. The Chapel Choir has sung Evensongs in St Paul’s Cathedral, St George’s Chapel, Windsor, Southwark Cathedral and Chichester Cathedral as well as touring in Holland and Belgium, and the Symphony Orchestra has performed in Hong Kong.

The boys regularly combine with musicians from outside the school, in student based and professional settings. Notable highlights have included Carissimi’s Jepthe with Benenden School at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Elgar’s Dream of Gerontius with the London Concert Choir and the Southbank Sinfonia at the Royal Festival Hall and Berlioz’s Symphonie Fantastique with the Dorset Youth Orchestra.

The Music School facilities include two recital halls, a suite of teaching and practice rooms, a music library, a sound-isolated percussion and rock suite, and a well-equipped double recording studio. The school’s “All Steinway” status guarantees top quality pianos in every room. Larger scale events are held in the Chapel – with its internationally famous, four-manual Marcussen Organ.



Mark Forgen

Director of Music



Tonbridge School

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Visiting Music Teacher
Reporting to:	Director of Music
Main Purpose:	Visiting Music Teachers work with the Director of Music in order to promote the subject throughout the School community and create the framework within which pupils can enjoy an active pursuit of music at all levels and in a variety of forms.

Responsibilities:

- To teach 30 lessons a year to each pupil; these should be offered with a decent degree of regularity. Lessons are to be structured to help develop the pupil both instrumentally and musically, and to encourage practising.
- To arrange weekly timetables and communicate lesson times to pupils with sufficient notice.
- To keep an attendance register for pupils – this remains at school in case of issues or discrepancies.
- To assess progress and write termly reports within given deadlines, using the school computer system.
- To order music for pupils, assist with supplies and repairs of instruments where possible.
- To prepare boys for exams, including aural and other supporting tests, as appropriate.
- To curate an annual Octagon concert, possibly in collaboration with another VMT.
- To prepare boys for performing Scholars' Concerts and other events.
- To report absences according to departmental procedure.
- To follow-up any pupil-related issue with the Director of Music.
- To undertake child protection training as required by the school.
- To participate in school professional development sessions.
- To attend school-organised sessions to meet parents; when appropriate, arrange to meet or communicate with parents individually.
- To undertake any other duties as requested by your line manager.

There may be the possibility of further involvement; this could involve, for example, leading ensembles, taking sessions during the Novi Visit, group taster sessions for Novi, performing in concerts.

Confidentiality:

The successful candidate must maintain the confidentiality of information regarding the School, its staff and its business. Information must not be communicated to other persons either in or outside the School except in the recognised course of their duties.

Person Specification

- The ability to inspire, motivate and enthuse young people in their music-making
- To support and promote the performance of pupils in the department



- Have relevant teaching expertise and possess a high level of performance skills

Skills & Experience

- Experience in teaching individual lessons and general musicianship
- The ability to teach up to Grade 8
- The ability and desire to encourage playing as an individual and in ensembles
- The ability to teach initial musical development in an active and stimulating fashion
- An understanding of the place of music in a school such as Tonbridge and support it in his/her teaching

Personal Attributes

- Setting the highest professional standards of dress, punctuality and politeness and be prepared to demand the same of his/her pupils
- Must have an ability to relate well to both pupils and other teaching and administrative members of the Music Department and to communicate effectively with parents as necessary

Remuneration & Benefits

- Tuition £25.70 per 40-minute session; Ensemble 40 mins £26.22; Ensemble 60 mins £39.34
- Defined Contribution Pension Scheme
- Free lunch in term time
- Fees Remission (after three years' service)
- Sports Centre membership (staff rates)

The post-holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom he or she is responsible, or with whom he or she comes into contact will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy at all times. If in the course of carrying out the duties of the post the post-holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School he or she must report any concerns to the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead or to the Headmaster.



About Tonbridge School

History

Tonbridge School was founded in 1553 by Sir Andrew Judde. The Charter ordained that the Governors of the school after the death of the Founder were to be the Worshipful Company of Skinners, one of the oldest City Livery Companies. Sir Andrew, himself a distinguished member of this Company, left property in the City of London and in the parish of St Pancras as an endowment for the school. The income from these estates is at the disposal of the Governors for the general benefit of the School. The Skinners Company, especially through the Governors, is still heavily involved in the day to day life of the School.

The School Facilities

Tonbridge is a school with enviable facilities. The buildings are a fine blend of old and new. There is a dedicated music school, an art and DT centre and the E. M. Forster theatre, often used for theatrical and musical events for the general public as well as the school. The newly refurbished Library is central to the boys' experience of the school. The school is currently building an exciting



new state of the art Science facility, due to open in the spring of 2019. The sporting facilities are outstanding. The cricket, rugby and football pitches are well known as some of the finest school pitches in the country and the Hockey astro pitches are among the best of their kind.



A second Rackets court was recently built – the first new court built in England for over a century. The outdoor basketball court was opened in 2017. The superb Sports Centre was



opened in 2008 by Lord Coe. There is an indoor 25m swimming pool and a full-size athletics track and field facility. The school was chosen by the Australian Athletics team as its training base for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and again for the 2017 World Championships.

Three floodlit clay tennis courts were opened in the summer of 2015.



Academic Life

The School is academically very strong and offers a wide range of subjects for GCSE and A level or Pre-U. In 2017 the School achieved excellent GCSE results with 87% of all grades being A* or A. At A level over two thirds of grades were A* or A or Distinction for Pre-U subjects. Typically, between 25 and 40 boys win places at either Oxford or Cambridge Universities. Applications to overseas universities are increasingly common.

The House System



Tonbridge has a federal system of school Houses. There are twelve of these, seven boarding and five day. Boys often identify very strongly with their house in their time at Tonbridge. The boys of a House eat their meals together and there is an extensive programme of House competitions for sport, music, art and debating. All the Houses, day and boarding, have their own buildings with study and recreation areas. Each House has its own resident Housemaster and several House tutors who oversee the pastoral and academic care of the boys.

Co-Curricular Life

Tonbridge School aims to provide an unsurpassed education of excellence and breadth. We focus our efforts and resources on achieving this by offering, amongst other things, a vibrant and balanced programme of Co-Curricular Breadth and Depth. Involvement in sport, music, art, drama and many other activities underpins a culture of creativity, innovation and excellence. The Co-Curricular programme also provides opportunities for service to others, and the development of self-reliance and leadership skills. This ranges from a full CCF programme to Community Service, Conservation to Music, Social Entrepreneur programmes to the annual full School Charities Day. Outreach is an important part of our work.



Sixth Formers with primary schoolchildren on Charities Day



Sporting Life

Tonbridge is well known as a school which offers a broad range of sport to its pupils. In addition to the traditional sports of cricket, rugby and hockey there are around twenty other sports offered ranging from football to badminton, rackets to cross country, golf to ultimate Frisbee. All boys are encouraged to take a full and active part in the sporting programme and competition at both inter-school and inter-house level is fierce. A number of Tonbridgians have carried on to professional sporting careers, particularly in cricket and rugby.



Cricket played on the Head – the First XI pitch.



Colts rugby in action



Application Process

Tonbridge School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to any post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

An application form and the Job Description can be found at: <https://www.tonbridge-school.co.uk/about/employment-opportunities>

Completed Application Forms to: **Mark Forkgen, Director of Music, Tonbridge School, High Street, Tonbridge, TN9 1JP**

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