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Double Bass Visiting Music Teacher

September 2024

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CHARTERHOUSE

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

## Welcome from the Head



Thank you for your interest in this role at Charterhouse.

Charterhouse is an exceptionally rewarding place for our pupils and staff. The developments in our academic and co-curricular provision, boarding and social spaces have facilitated a highly successful move to full coeducation, demonstrating an intentional and strategic drive to deliver a world-class, future-ready education, where every individual is empowered to reach their potential.

Our vision and values place kindness and belonging at the core, and our culture is one of welcome and acceptance. Open our doors and you will find a diverse and enriching range of people, experiences, thoughts and interests that all contribute to our thriving community. We nurture our talent and offer a myriad of opportunities to learn and grow together.

We warmly invite people from all backgrounds to share their passions, skills and ideas and who can help us to continuously lead and inspire the next generation, in an environment where everyone can flourish.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Alex Peterken'.

Dr Alex Peterken  
Head



## About Charterhouse

Charterhouse is a beautiful school in a 250-acre campus – a wonderful setting for the whole community to live and work together and a splendid backdrop for teaching and learning.

Founded in 1611, Charterhouse is one of the world's leading coeducational independent schools, welcoming boarders and day pupils at 13+ entry and 16+ entry.

Surrounded by a world of opportunity and connected by a feeling of belonging, each pupil at Charterhouse is educated to embrace life's full potential, and empowered to carry this into their future. A Charterhouse education prepares for both academic success as well as laying the foundations for future professional, social and personal fulfilment.

The School is academically ambitious for every pupil, with all strands of a Charterhouse education leading towards being fully prepared for the real-world of tomorrow and equipped to grasp future opportunity.

The curriculum is all about choice for the individual and is firmly rooted in academic rigour, intellectual curiosity and independent learning. Year 9 pupils follow a real breadth of academic subjects, with the curriculum in Years 10 and 11 culminating in (I)GCSEs.

Pupils benefit from the dual offer available in the Sixth Form: A Levels with an Extended Project Qualification or the breadth of the IB Diploma Programme. A wonderful range of academic electives are on offer, including the Charterhouse Entrepreneurship Diploma (accredited by the Institute of Enterprise and Entrepreneurs) and the Ivy House Leadership Award.

From an outstanding and varied academic education to the raft of co-curricular options – opportunities abound at Charterhouse. With over 80 activities, the co-curriculum is an essential strand of a Charterhouse education, combining opportunities for leadership development, creativity, exercise and team work.

The Boarding House teams are at the heart of supporting each young person on their journey through the School. The Heads of House live in the Houses, and are supported by a team of tutors and pastoral staff – two of whom are also residential. The House Teams are supported by a 24-hour Health Centre and pupils also have access to support through the Wellbeing team, counsellors and chaplaincy.

Shared values are central to life at Charterhouse, enabling each person to be themselves – everything at Charterhouse begins with kindness. We warmly welcome applicants who will share our values and with the enthusiasm and energy to make a significant and lasting contribution to life at the School. Together we can ensure that Charterhouse continues to be a world-class education provider.

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## Our Values

At Charterhouse we recognise that we each have a responsibility to reflect upon everything we have been given and strive to make the most of the opportunities available to us in order to live our motto: *'Deo Dante Dedi'* – God having given, I gave.

Everything we do at Charterhouse is centred around living to our core set of values. They help steer how we behave, learn and treat each other. They are embedded in and reflected upon in all aspects of school life. Of these, kindness – to ourselves and to others – is the most important and something we encourage in all pupils from their very first day.

We concentrate on educating the individual, to provide a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere where each child feels valued and can flourish. Every year we welcome children from a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences; this enriches our community and is vital in preparing all our pupils for today's world.

## Why Choose Charterhouse

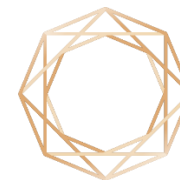
Charterhouse is an exceptional place to work. You will be part of a vibrant and inclusive community with a teaching career in a world-class school at the forefront of educational innovation. Throughout this job description you will see the many reasons to join us. Below are some practical benefits that are offered, complementing a generous remuneration package:

- Competitive contributory occupational pension scheme
- Death in service benefit up to the age of 70 (if not already included in occupational pension scheme)
- Single Membership of a private medical insurance scheme (subject to eligibility)
- Cash Health Plan currently provided by +Medicash
- Payment for eye tests for users of visual display screen equipment, and a contribution currently amounting to £50 to the cost of any corrective eye wear (normally claimable once every 3 years)
- Personal Accident insurance
- Access to an Employee Assistance Programme
- School fee remission (subject to eligibility).
- Membership of the School Sports Centre
- Membership of the School's 9-hole golf course at a reduced subscription
- Participation in a 'Cycle to Work' scheme (subject to eligibility)
- Salary sacrifice on electric vehicles (subject to eligibility)
- Lunches, during your normal working day
- Free on-site parking
- Invitations to school productions and concerts throughout the year
- Use of the School Library to borrow books & other media
- Continuing professional development as part of our talent management programme.



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PRINCESS ROYAL  
TRAINING AWARD  
2023

'Crackling with dynamism, this is a place  
where things are always happening.'

- TATLER SCHOOLS GUIDE 2023

## Visiting Music Teacher – Double Bass

**Responsible to:** Director of Music

The School is looking to employ a visiting **teacher of Double Bass** to join the current Strings team of five who instruct around 60 pupils each week. The teacher will be required to develop Double Bass technique and musicianship and to nurture a love of playing the instrument and performing ensembles. Pupils are taught classical repertoire and technique, while being encouraged to use this foundation to explore lighter repertoire, according to their taste. The current level of pupils is beginner to post grade 8.

Exams are not compulsory but many pupils choose to take AB and Trinity exams.

## The Music Department

Music has, for many years, played a major role in the life of the School. Ralph Vaughan Williams was a pupil there, and many pupils have gone on to be accomplished professional musicians, with a regular stream of pupils entering leading universities and music colleges to continue their studies. There are six permanent music staff at the school, and twenty-eight visiting instrumental teachers. There are many chamber groups, including string quartets, jazz bands, chamber orchestra, symphony orchestra and numerous others. At least one group wins prizes almost annually in the National Schools Chamber Music Competition. There are also five choirs, ranging from a non-auditioning concert choir, two Chapel Choirs and Close Harmony Groups.



## Teaching Responsibilities

The post involves teaching a prescribed number of pupils on an individual basis, although some degree of flexibility in numbers needs to exist depending on demand. Each lesson or “hash” lasts 40 minutes, although there is a 5 minute break between each ‘hash’ enabling pupils to move within the school.

**Pupil Numbers:** the School reserves the right to vary the number of hours a music teacher is required to teach at its discretion but normally according to the number of pupils expressing a wish to have individual lessons or in accordance with other factors, such as a decision by the School to engage additional music teachers, or to reallocate pupils between existing music teachers. In accepting the post of Music Teacher, a music teacher accepts the fact that the School cannot guarantee a minimum number of hours work.



## Other Responsibilities

Hours of work will take place during Quarter (term) between Monday and Friday from 8.30am to 6.00pm and on Saturdays from 8.30am to 1.25pm. Any request to teach beyond these hours must be made to the Director of Music. When working throughout a year, a music teacher is required to offer between 28 and 30 hashes per pupil per year, ensuring that times of special events are avoided, as publicised by the Director of Music.

As part of your responsibilities covered by the hourly rate, teachers are expected to formulate their own timetables, and to give at least one week's notice of any alteration to the pupils and the Music Department Administrator. If these requirements are not satisfied it may not be possible to charge a pupil for any hash missed and the music teacher may not be paid for that lesson. A Music Teacher is also expected to keep a register, to report any absences on a weekly basis, and to write termly reports. It is also expected, as with all other school employees, that a music teacher will remain current with any mandatory training, such as Child Protection and health and safety training, as reasonably requested by the School.

## Knowledge and Skills Required

### Essential

Candidates should have an appropriate teaching /or equivalent professional qualifications and experience, and have extensive recent relevant teaching / practical experience. It is anticipated that all staff engaged in instrumental teaching will have an active performance and practitioner profile and will be engaged with the development of best practice in musical performance and its assessment, as well as in current developments in pedagogy.

Current pupils are being taught on German bow so a knowledge of this is required.

### Desirable

While accompanying skills are not essential, they are desirable. We are looking for a Double bass specialist but the ability to teach Bass Guitar is also desirable.

### Safeguarding

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



## Application Process

Applications should be made in accordance with the School's application and safer recruitment procedures, via the School's website, selecting the relevant vacancy. The selected vacancy link will take you to our online recruitment system and give you the opportunity to register and complete an application form. You will also have the opportunity to upload your latest CV.

Early applications are warmly encouraged, and a bespoke invitation to interview may be offered in advance of the closing date.

If you are invited to attend an interview this will be conducted in person and the areas which it will explore will include suitability to work with children.

All successful job applicants will be required to undertake a Criminal Record check and to undergo child protection screening.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00**

Shortlisted applicants will be notified by 19<sup>th</sup> June and the interviews will take place week of 24<sup>th</sup> June.

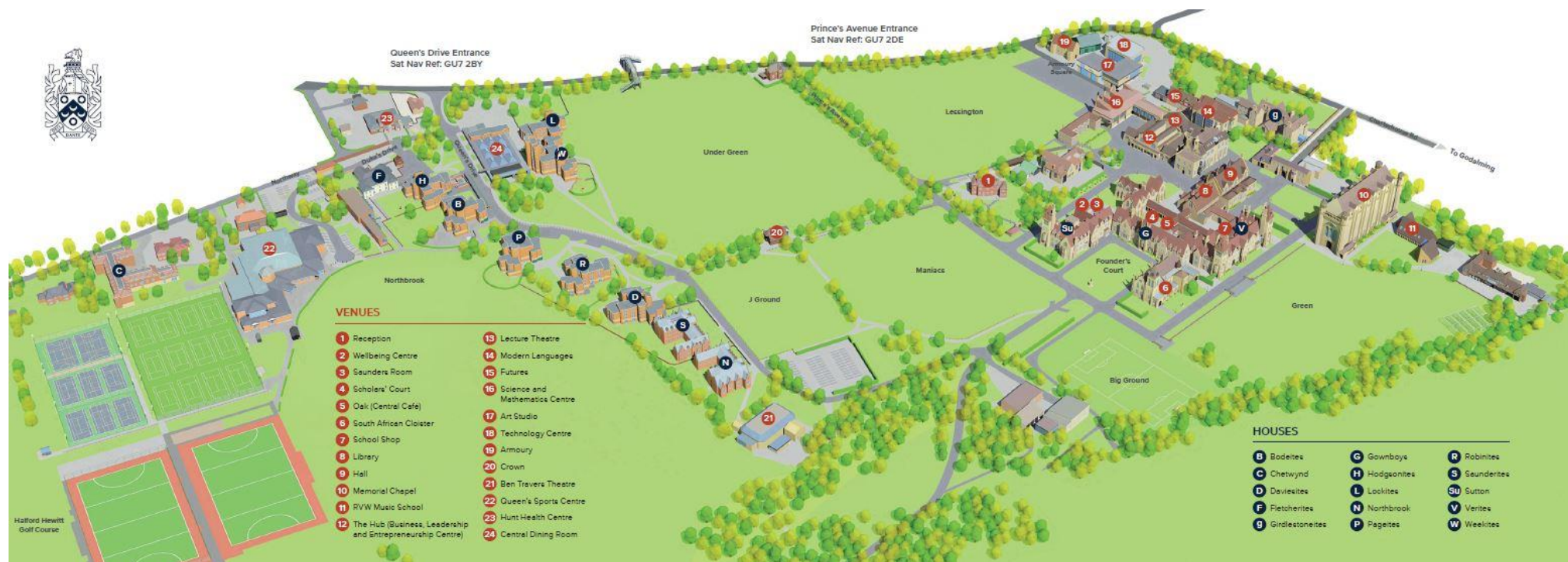
### Visit our website – Employment Opportunities

We are creating an inclusive culture where all forms of diversity are seen and valued – for our pupils, for our staff. A culture that supports the enduring Charterhouse education provided to pupils in our global and multi-cultural environment. Join us now to be a part of it.



*No job description can fully cover all aspects of the role and consequently the responsibilities are likely to evolve and change over time. This description does however give an overall view of the position*

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