

## **Job Description & Person Specification**

**Role:** Cello Teacher

**Reporting to:** Director of Music

**Location:** Stoke D'Abernon, Cobham, Surrey

### **Background:**

The Yehudi Menuhin School is a leading specialist music school with an international outlook, offering highly individualised music education to some 86 young musicians. Pupils are aged between 8 and 19 years old, the great majority of whom board at the school. They receive both an academic and a musical education at the School, and each pupil has their own individual schedule designed to suit their particular needs. Present pupils include a number of prize-winners in various international competitions, and the vast majority of students go on to conservatoires and universities to study music when they graduate.

### **Job Description:**

The School is looking for an additional Cello Teacher to join a team of world-class musicians and educators working in a friendly, collaborative and collegiate atmosphere.

The job is for up to 2 days each week. These should be non-consecutive days, so that pupils have the opportunity to practise between lessons. Each pupil has two lessons with their principal teacher each week.

The principal teacher plays a central role in the instrumental education of their pupils. Principal teachers work under the supervision and direction of the Director of Music, and work closely with a team of assistant teachers.

#### **Key duties:**

- To assist in the planning of repertoire, and preparation of performances and competitions for their pupils, both inside and outside the School.
- To liaise with assistant teachers and coordinating the instrumental education of their students under the direction of the Director of Music.
- To attend all Music Staff and Full Staff Meetings, as well as all statutory training sessions at which attendance is required by the Head.
- To assist the Head, Director of Music and other staff in the supervision of the pupils.
- To undertake such other duties as the Head may reasonably require.

**Person Specification:**

The post holder is expected to hold relevant degrees and/or postgraduate diplomas in their field.

High-level prior experience as a pedagogue is essential; preferably linked to first-rate institutions of international standing.

Ongoing international activity (concert and/or educational) and broad links in the profession are highly desired.

The successful candidate should be a team player willing to contribute positively to a culture based on a collaborative, collegiate atmosphere.

The successful candidate should be comfortable working with a wide range of ages and ability - e.g. from an 8 year-old full of potential, to an 18 year old preparing for an international competition.

An understanding of the pressures and challenges which young performers face in a high-performance learning environment and the ability to engage with those displaying patience and empathy are essential.

**General Conditions:**

The school will engage the services of the successful candidate on a self-employed basis. The hourly rate is currently £45. In addition, the Cello Teacher will receive a travel allowance of up to 50 miles each way; there is also a pupil allowance of £40 per pupil per term, in respect of the time spent writing reports and attending meetings..

As a self-employed person, the Cello Teacher is responsible for all income tax liabilities or similar contributions in respect of any payments for lessons provided to pupils of the School. They are expected to invoice the school regularly for hours taught and arrange for a deputy if necessary. A deputy must be drawn, or added in advance of their teaching, to the School's agreed deputy list and have been appointed in accordance with the school's safer recruitment policy.

If the Cello Teacher is working until the end of morning school, a free school lunch is available in the School's dining room during term time. Free refreshments are also provided at morning and afternoon breaks in the Staff room.

**Closing Date:**

Applications must be made using the School's application form which can be downloaded from the School's website:

<https://www.menuhinschool.co.uk/school/information/employment-opportunities>

Please note that a CV without a completed application form will **not** be considered.

Applications should be sent to Cathy Whitnall, Music Administrator, the Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke d'Abernon, Cobham, Surrey KT11 3QQ or [cathy.whitnall@menuhinschool.co.uk](mailto:cathy.whitnall@menuhinschool.co.uk).

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

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