



CHRIST'S  
HOSPITAL

A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

## APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MUSIC TEACHER - SAXOPHONE (MATERNITY COVER)

An exciting opportunity has arisen at Christ's Hospital for a temporary Visiting Music Teacher of Saxophone to cover maternity leave, beginning in January 2020 for up to one year.

### THE SCHOOL

King Edward VI founded Christ's Hospital in 1552 to take the poor children from the streets of London and provide shelter and education for them. Throughout over 460 years of social and economic change, Christ's Hospital has remained true to its founding principles. It now provides high quality boarding education for children who, but for Christ's Hospital, would not have the chances in life that their potential deserves.

When Christ's Hospital was founded, boys and girls were based in what had been the Grey Friars' Priory in Newgate Street, but the girls and some of the younger boys were relocated to Hertford in the 17th Century. The boys at the Newgate campus were moved to the Horsham site in 1902 and were joined here by the girls in 1985. Christ's Hospital retains strong links with the City of London and many City Livery Companies provide financial support to pupils at the School. The School retains many of its ancient traditions, including the everyday use of its unique Tudor uniform, known as 'Housey' and Band Parade six days a week.

881 pupils are enrolled at Christ's Hospital for the 2019-20 academic year with a 50/50 mix of boys and girls. All are boarders apart from a small number of staff children and day pupils. The main intake each year is at Year 7 (11 years of age) with a small number joining at Year 9 (13+) and 40 to 45 new pupils joining in the Sixth Form. A balanced pupil population is a feature of the School, and we admit children from a wide range of backgrounds. Our selection is based on academic ability, talent in some combination of music, art, drama and sport and the potential to benefit from a first class boarding education. However, the over-riding principle of the admissions process is to help those with need, whether that need be financial, familial or educational.

The School offers a traditional academic education and our expectations of pupils are high. We achieve excellent standards, with 90% of pupils gaining places at Oxbridge, Russell Group universities, art colleges or music conservatoires.

Currently, over 60% of the cost of running the School is funded by Christ's Hospital's charitable Foundation, with the balance coming from grants from a variety of sources and from fees. Around 75% of pupils receive bursary support; 13% pay no fees at all and just over 20% pay full fees. The resultant mix of pupils is refreshingly down to

earth and there is a strong desire to make the most of the opportunities on offer at Christ's Hospital.

The school has a proud tradition of sporting achievement and runs an active and successful broader curricular programme that includes CCF and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Music is outstanding and in addition to the Marching Band, there is a large and impressive Chapel Choir, plus various orchestras, classical ensembles and jazz groups. Drama flourishes with regular productions in the purpose-built 600 seat theatre and the Art School produces work of unusual quality.

The lesson timetable is planned across a two week period (i.e. Week A and B), which is spread across six days, with five lessons on Saturday morning and games or activity sessions on three afternoons each week including Saturday. The school works on a three weekly cycle, with a leave weekend or longer break at the end of every three week period.

Christ's Hospital has its own railway station, with direct trains to and from London Victoria and the South Coast. There is ample parking on the school site.

## THE ROLE

The position would suit a well-qualified and capable saxophone specialist who has an enthusiasm for teaching music within the framework of a large co-educational boarding school.

- Part-time role teaching (at least) one day a week, line-managed by the Director of Music.
- Dates and hours of teaching duties will be agreed by the Director of Music.
- In addition to teaching individual lessons, the VMT will be expected to:
  - Encourage pupil participation in ensembles, examinations (where appropriate), the weekly Lunchtime Concerts and other performance platforms.
  - Potentially lead and manage ensembles, as agreed with the Director of Music.
  - Liaise with Director of Music regarding the organisation of timetables
  - Keep up-to-date registers, both electronic and paper copies (training will be provided if necessary), of pupil attendance.
  - Report pupil absences in accordance with CH procedure.
  - Report any pupil concerns to the Director of Music or Designated Safeguarding Lead as appropriate.
  - Write pupil instrumental reports.
  - Attend inset days and undertake mandatory training as required.

## MUSIC AT CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

Music plays a fundamental role in the life of this remarkable school. Perhaps uniquely, every pupil hears live music played or sung by their peers on seven days a week in term-time. We aim to be concurrently inclusive and exclusive: pupils of all ages and abilities are encouraged and inspired to nurture enjoyment and skill in music; our 30 music scholars and other specialist musicians are offered an individual programme, allowing them to fulfil their potential and reach ever-higher standards of music-making.

The performance opportunities for soloists and ensembles large and small are many and varied, and include regular performances in London.

The Music School is a happy and vibrant place. Between them, the nine resident members of staff and around 30 Visiting Music Teachers (VMTs) offer a full academic programme (including IGCSE, IB and Pre-U) and teach over 550 instrumental lessons a week, supported by a full-time administrator. The vast majority of instrumental lessons are subsidised in accordance with pupil need, and the department provides instruments and accessories as necessary. Pupils are customarily dedicated, high-achieving, and polite, and they relish the broad range of opportunities that are available to them at Christ's Hospital. Where appropriate, pupils are encouraged to take advantage of external opportunities such as junior conservatoires, national ensembles (e.g. NYC and NYO), and summer instrumental and choral courses. The school supports these both in terms of the frameworks and flexibilities it creates, as well as, in many cases, financial terms. Many pupils have gone on to study music at tertiary level.

## REMUNERATION

Christ's Hospital has its own five-tier system of payment to VMTs which closely resembles the ISM/MMA/MU recommended rates. Any ensemble direction will be paid at one rate above the normal rate the holder is paid for individual tuition. Travel expenses are paid up to a maximum of £23.46 per visit.

Christ's Hospital is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All successful applicants are required to complete an enhanced disclosure application with the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service). More details on the disclosure process can be found on [www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check](http://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check).

All new staff appointments are subject to a clear medical check, receipt of satisfactory references including one from the current employer and a cleared Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Check at Enhanced Level. The appointment is also subject to a probationary period during which a month's notice to coincide with the end of term can be given by either party without prejudice.

**Equal Opportunities and Child Protection.** Christ's Hospital is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community. The school also follows current Child Protection procedures for the appointment of new staff.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The job description and an application form can be downloaded from the Christ's Hospital website; please visit our Home page and follow the link [www.christs-hospital.org.uk/about-ch/vacancies/](http://www.christs-hospital.org.uk/about-ch/vacancies/), where you will find full details of the role.

The completed application form should be sent to:

Human Resources Department,  
Christ's Hospital,  
Horsham,  
West Sussex  
RH13 0LU

Email: [hr@christs-hospital.org.uk](mailto:hr@christs-hospital.org.uk)

and should include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees, one of whom should be your current employer.

Applications should be received by **9am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**. Interviews of the short-listed candidates will be held at the school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019**.

If you have any queries about this position, please call the Human Resources office in the first instance on 01403 246635.



Simon Reid  
Head Teacher

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