



CHRIST'S  
HOSPITAL

A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

## APPOINTMENT OF GRADUATE ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN

Christ's Hospital is looking for a thoughtful, lively and sensitive Christian person to join its busy and effective Chaplaincy Team on a one-year placement from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. The successful candidate will have a good understanding of Christian Theology and have a desire to deepen their experience of working with young people in a faith context. This position is ideal for someone exploring a vocation to ordained or lay ministry.

## JOB DESCRIPTION - SUMMARY OF THE ROLE

### Main duties and responsibilities:

- Attend Morning and Evening Prayer and pray for the life of the community
- Contribute to Sunday, midweek and special services according to experience
- Oversee and encourage the Christian Union and other faith nurture groups
- Provide pastoral support to students
- Map student beliefs and values to enable the strategy of the Chaplaincy
- Teach some lessons in their area of academic specialism
- Take a full and active role as a Boarding House Tutor
- Participate in the co-curricular life of the School
- Carry out such duties that may be reasonably required by the Senior Chaplain
- There is an opportunity to create space for the Graduate Assistant Chaplain to pursue an area of their own interest within the Chaplaincy, by negotiation with the Senior Chaplain

Participation in the School's busy broader curricular programme is expected of all teaching staff and there is considerable scope for staff to get involved in a wide range of activities.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Around 900 pupils are currently enrolled at CH. Half are boys and half are girls and all are boarders apart from a small number of staff children and day pupils. The main intake each year is at Year Seven (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 children are admitted from a wide range of backgrounds. 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. Excellent standards are achieved, with 90% of pupils gaining places at Russell Group universities, art colleges or music conservatoires and several pupils each year go to Oxford or Cambridge.

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 (ie 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. All staff are expected to contribute to the busy co-curricular programme throughout the year and the successful candidate will be required to help out in a boarding house for one evening each week.

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.

**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.

## REMUNERATION

This is a one year placement, commencing on 1 September 2020. The salary is c £13,250 per annum, paid in monthly instalments over that period. The successful applicant will be provided with accommodation in either a one room flat or with his or her own room in a shared dwelling free of charge and including utilities. Laundry and, while on duty, meals in the Dining Hall or Common Room will be provided free of charge during term time only.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

An application pack can be downloaded from the CH 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:

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

Human Resources Department,  
Christ's Hospital,  
Horsham,  
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and should include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees, one of whom should be your current employer/university.

**The closing date for applications is 9am 21 February 2020.** Interviews of the short-listed candidates will be held shortly afterwards.

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



Simon Reid,  
Headmaster.

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