



King's College
TAUNTON

Appointment of
Graduate Musician (Part time)

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AN INTRODUCTION TO KING'S COLLEGE, TAUNTON

King's College is a thriving boarding and day school of approximately 490 pupils. It combines strong academic achievement, traditional values and excellent pastoral care with a progressive, modern outlook, providing girls and boys aged 13–18 with the opportunities, confidence and ability to reach their full potential within a happy and caring environment.

King's Hall Prep School (located some three miles away) combines with King's College to provide a continuous education from 2-18. The two schools are run by one governing body, with many functions (marketing, strategy and finance for example) undertaken jointly.

King's College has a rich and welcoming family and community ethos. Just over 60% of the pupils board. For a relatively small school, it has an enviable record of success in all areas.

The school has regularly topped GCSE and A level league tables for Somerset. A broad range of co-curricular activities is offered, and the school is renowned for its success in sport, music, performing arts, fine art, design technology and outdoor pursuits. In many of these activities our pupils have achieved success at national and even international levels.

Good discipline is encouraged in a firm and positive way within a supportive pastoral framework. King's College is strong on manners and social skills. Pupils go on to thrive at good universities and in their professional careers.

In short, King's is a purposeful, outward-looking, down-to-earth, highly successful school.

ABOUT TAUNTON

Taunton is the county town of Somerset, in the South West of England. It is a busy market town with excellent road and rail links, located between junction 25 and 26 on the M5, 25 minutes north of Exeter and 35 minutes south of Bristol.

A growing commercial and residential centre, Taunton has a splendid small theatre, the County Cricket Ground, a successful rugby club, a delightful museum, the usual shopping outlets and restaurants, and a regular farmers' market.

The fast West Country train service reaches Paddington in under two hours.

In their everyday life around the school, our pupils show the confidence to succeed, and the determination to give of their very best.



THE ROLE *Job Summary*

King's College is now looking for a graduate musician to join the music department team and take a full role in the running of this busy department on a fixed-term basis for the academic year 2022/23.

As the role will involve work in the classroom, as well involvement in the running of the wider department, it would ideally suit someone who is perhaps thinking about a career in education, or who might be considering working with young people and music.

The successful candidate will be carefully guided through their time here and there may be the opportunity to undertake professional development whilst at the College.

The successful candidate will have an active role in shaping the musical development of our pupils, as part of a progressive and forward-thinking department.



The Department

More than a quarter of our pupils take music lessons each week, and a similar number are involved in the broad co-curricular offering. That number is increasing, and the department must expand in turn to accommodate this.

The Director of Music (King's College) has responsibility for the musical life of the college and works closely with the Head of Academic Music (King's College), a part-time teacher of music technology and the Director of Music at our prep school (King's Hall). In addition to these, the college employs a College Organist and 17 other VMTs, many of whom run weekly ensembles. It is an exceptional, and friendly team.

There are currently 13 weekly ensembles in the senior school, including 5 choirs, our joint schools symphony orchestra, chamber music, rock and jazz. As the department is currently expanding, we will add to this next year, and the successful applicant will have a hand in that change. As well as this, we run a concert and trips schedule of around 25 events per year, not including a weekly sung eucharist. In the academic year 2022/23 we will be staging our biennial musical and taking the chapel choir to Tuscany.

Duties

To support the Director of Music and music staff in the daily running of the department. The specifics of this role will be multifarious, and by nature will develop and change depending on the successful applicant.

Typical duties will include work in the classroom with younger years classes in both schools, 1:1 work with pupils in preparation for exams or as instrumentalists, administrative responsibilities, the creation and design of programmes, posters and online content, accompanying pupils in practices and performances (if able), arranging and preparing parts for ensembles, taking a part in the evening staffing rota for the department and working with scholars in practice sessions.

There will also be an expectation that the successful candidate will take an active role in the life of this busy boarding school. Depending on the skillset of the successful applicant, there may also be the opportunity to start new co-curricular groups.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications, skills and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music degree and evidence of high-level musicianship • Proficient in the use of ICT (particularly the use of Microsoft Office programmes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability with and experience of working with Logic Pro and Sibelius • Understanding of a boarding environment • Ability as a pianist
Personal attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Openness and kindness • Enthusiasm • Energy • Independence • Ability to think creatively 	

The qualities and experience outlined in the person specification will be assessed by the following methods:

- Sight of original qualifications
- King's College application form
- Interview
- References from current employer and other, chosen, professionals

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates are expected to have read the enclosed appointment policy and agreed to the terms within.

King's College has its own pay scale and there are discounts at both King's Hall and King's College for staff children.

Please apply by completing the appropriate King's College application form (we are unable to accept CVs without our application form).

Please write a brief letter of application addressed to the Headmaster, including a breakdown of your current remuneration package and send by email/letter to:

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The closing date for applications is 9.00am on Monday 23 May.





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