



King's College
TAUNTON

CHORAL DIRECTOR

CLOSING DATE:
MONDAY 20 APRIL 2026



HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

At King's, we are committed to ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to unlock their potential, regardless of background or circumstance.

Thank you for your interest in the role of Choral Director at King's College.

We require an enthusiastic, engaging and well-qualified Choral Director to join our Music team from September 2026 to lead the Chapel Choir and Chamber Choir.

We look forward to hearing from you and considering your application.

We are looking for a musician who can share their expertise and love of choral music, focusing both on high-level performance and participation in this high-profile aspect of the school. The Chapel Choir performs weekly at College Eucharist as well as at major school events, such as Remembrance and the Leavers' Service. Whilst this is a stand-alone position, it could also be combined with a part-time teaching role, teaching either academic music or another subject offered at King's.



Michael Sloan
Executive Head, King's College Taunton

King's College is an exciting, forward-looking and rewarding school to work in. We support all staff to develop their skills, providing frequent access to high quality professional development, utilising the skills and experience of colleagues through our peer-coaching programme and tailoring professional development to each individual and their aspirations. We believe that investing in the development our staff is a key element in ensuring excellent learning and pastoral care.

We are keen to embrace new ideas and technologies to ensure that teachers at King's are at the forefront of teaching and learning innovation, and are rightly proud of the quality of pedagogy witnessed daily around the school. Newly qualified teachers will be supported in completing their ECT years at King's by the Head of Staff Induction, who has vast experience in guiding and training ECTs.



King's College and King's College Prep are Woodard Schools. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the safe welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

ABOUT THE SCHOOLS

King's provides continuous day and boarding education for girls and boys aged two to 18 years. It comprises King's College Prep which has approximately 300 children from 2 to 13 and a senior school with approximately 400 pupils from 13 to 18.

The schools are situated on separate sites in the south west of England and combine traditional values with state-of-the-art facilities. Both 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.



KING'S COLLEGE

South Road, Taunton TA1 3LA

Main School Building

- 1 The Chapel
- 2 The Quad
- 3 Dining Hall
- 4 Woodard Room
- 5 Latin
English
Philosophy of Religious & Ethics
Modern Foreign Languages - upstairs
- 6 Main School Corridor
Headmaster's Office
PA to the Headmaster's Office
Examination Office
Admissions Office
Careers Office
Maths
- 7 Philip Richards Building
Library - upstairs
IT Helpdesk
Visitor toilets
- 8 Headmaster's House
- 9 Silvermead Studio and Arts House
- 10 Briar Lee Tennis Courts
- 11 Sixth Form Centre
Head of Sixth Form Office
Development Office
- 12 School Uniform Shop
- 13 Cookery School

- 14 Laundry
- 15 Shooting Range
- 16 CCF and Outdoor Pursuits
Stores
Chindits
Army/Navy/Marines
- 17 Finance Office
- 18 Design Technology Centre
- 19 Squash Courts
- 20 First Team Cricket Pavillion
- 21 First Team Cricket Pitch
- 22 Buttler's Ramp
- 23 Tennis and Netball Dome
- 24 Tennis and Netball Courts
- 25 Sports pitches
(rugby/cricket/athletics/football)
- 26 All-weather Hockey Pitch
- 27 Cricket Pavilion
- 28 Athletics Cabin
- 29 Sports Performance & Cricket Centre
- 30 Swimming Pool
- 31 Changing Cabins
- 32 Sports Hall
Climbing Wall
Gym
PE Classrooms

- 33 Science Centre
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
History
 - 34 Geography Centre
 - 35 The Amphitheatre
 - 36 The Theatre
Black Box
Auditorium
 - 37 Music School
The Octagon
Music Technology
Practice Rooms
 - 38 Medical Centre
- A Bishop Fox House - Boys
 - B Carpenter House - Girls
 - C Meynell House - Girls
 - D King Alfred House - Boys
 - E Taylor House - Girls
 - F Woodard House - Boys
 - G Tuckwell House - Boys



A RURAL COUNTY OF ROLLING HILLS

Taunton is surrounded by natural beauty, with the Blackdowns, Mendips and Quantock Hills on the doorstep, plus Exmoor National Park, the Somerset Levels and Dartmouth are a short drive away.

Somerset is renowned for its cheddar cheese and cider. A wealth of apple orchards once made Somerset the cider capital of the UK, whilst the Cheddar Gorge caves are still used to mature cheese today.

Taunton is the county town of Somerset, in the South West of England. It is a busy market town located between junction 25 and 26 on the M5.

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.

If you love the great outdoors, you can be on the beach in 40 minutes and the Quantocks are just 15 minutes away. For those who prefer city lights, the fast West Country train service reaches Paddington in under two hours. By car, Exeter is 25 minutes south, Bristol 35 minutes north and you can reach Bath in about an hour.



KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Music Department at King's College is a vibrant, high-profile and integral part of school life, offering pupils a wide range of opportunities to engage in music at all levels. Choral music sits at the heart of this provision, with the Chapel Choir performing weekly at the College Eucharist and at major services and events throughout the year.

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-qualified Choral Director to lead the Chapel Choir and Chamber Choir from September 2026. The successful candidate will play a key role in maintaining and developing a high standard of choral music, while also fostering a culture of inclusivity and participation.

The postholder will work closely with the Director of Music and Chaplain to deliver the College's choral and liturgical programme, including weekly rehearsals, services and major school events. They will select and prepare repertoire appropriate to the Church year, support performances beyond the College, and contribute to concerts, festivals and outreach initiatives.

The Chamber Choir provides an additional opportunity for more advanced singers to engage with a broad and challenging repertoire, and the Choral Director will be responsible for developing this ensemble alongside the Chapel Choir.

King's College is a forward-looking and supportive school, committed to high-quality professional development and collaborative working. Staff are encouraged to contribute to the wider life of the school, including its rich co-curricular programme.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We are looking for an inspirational and skilled musician who is passionate about choral music and able to share that enthusiasm with pupils of all abilities. The successful candidate will be an experienced choral conductor with the ability to lead both liturgical and concert repertoire to a high standard, while creating an inclusive and supportive environment for all participants.

They will demonstrate excellent musicianship, including strong keyboard skills, sight-reading and the ability to coach and develop young singers. Experience of Anglican liturgical music and choral traditions would be advantageous.

The ideal candidate will be highly organised, able to manage rehearsals, performances and choir administration effectively, and will work collaboratively with colleagues across the school. They will also be committed to contributing to the wider musical life of the College through concerts, outreach and enrichment opportunities.

Above all, we are seeking someone who combines high expectations with warmth, enthusiasm and a genuine commitment to pupil development and wellbeing.

PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

	Essential Criteria	Desirable Criteria
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant musical qualifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Degree in music Formal teaching qualification
Knowledge and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven experience as a choral conductor Experience of leading choirs in rehearsal and performance Understanding of how to develop pupils' musical skills and confidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of working in a school setting Experience of Anglican liturgical music Experience of preparing pupils for concerts and competitions
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong conducting and rehearsal technique Confident pianist with strong sight-reading and accompanist skills Ability to select appropriate and challenging repertoire Strong administrative and organisational skills Ability to work collaboratively with staff and external partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of arranging or composing choral music Ability to teach academic music or another academic subject offered at the school
Personal Qualities and Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enthusiastic, inspiring and committed to music education 	

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, including teaching a lesson
- References from current employer and other, chosen, professionals

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APPOINTMENT PROCESS



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

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

Please write a brief letter of application, addressed to the Headmaster, complete the application form enclosed and send by email or letter to:

HR Department

c/o King's College, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3LA

recruitment@kings-taunton.co.uk

01823 328231 / 01823 328190

The closing date for applications is 9.00am Monday 20 April 2026.

Interviews will be held later that week or in the week beginning Monday 27 April.



We encourage.
We are courageous.
We are King's.



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