

Visiting Music Teacher (Brass)

January 2024

Approximately 10 hours per week

Royal Russell School educates over 1000 girls and boys between the ages of 3 and 18 and is situated on a beautiful green campus of 110 acres in the Shirley Hills near Croydon, only 30 minutes from Central London. We have over 150 boarding students in the Senior School, and are proud of our day and boarding facilities that rank amongst the best in the South of England. Our pupils, parents and staff experience a warm and friendly environment with strong pastoral care for every pupil alongside a comprehensive co-curricular and enrichment programme. We aim to build on this alongside improving academic success to continue to be the family school of choice in South London. The Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) has recently judged the school as 'excellent' in all areas.

We are seeking a dynamic, highly motivated and effective Brass Teacher to join our team of 21 Visiting Music Teachers in our thriving Music department which also includes 3 Classroom Teachers and an Administrator. Many of these staff have links to local conservatoires, opera houses, cathedrals and churches and exceptionally high achieving local youth orchestras and ensembles. We have excellent facilities including numerous practice rooms, an auditorium, 29 state of the art Apple Macs with the latest music technology software, 6 wonderful grand pianos (Bechstein, Yamaha, Kawai) in fabulous condition, many uprights and a recording studio. Our students take part in a large range of approximately 20 weekly instrumental and vocal ensemble, including a Swing Band, an Orchestra, a Jazz Band, a Barbershop, Choristers and a Chamber choir. Similarly, we provide many opportunities for performance both formally and informally across both Junior and Senior schools. There is currently not a Brass Band, but the successful candidate will be expected to start this.

You should be able to enthuse and inspire students with a love of music and able to teach brass to Junior and Senior School students at all levels. The majority of our brass students are trumpeters, with two students learning the trombone in the Senior School. The ideal candidate would be able to teach up to grade 8 trumpet and be confident in teaching the trombone and French horn. You will be self-employed and handle your own billing to parents (current rates are £43.25 per hour) but support will be provided. Students receive an average of 45 minutes of tuition per week, with 30 lessons taught in total over the whole school year, so depending on numbers you should expect to receive £973.13 per student per year. We expect staff to encourage all students to engage in the life of the Department and participate in the great range and variety of musical events taking place throughout the year. Additional payment is available, at a different rate, for coaching ensembles to prepare for concerts. This role is a springboard to meeting a pool of engaging and dedicated students who are excited to achieve success in music at all levels. You will be expected to write reports on students once a year using the School's reporting system, and to attend a business meeting at the start of the academic year.

Please visit <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/discover/vacancies> for further details about our School, the role and the application process. You can also contact us by email at hr@royalrussell.co.uk or telephone HR on 020-8657-4433. Applications will be considered on receipt and should arrive no later than **9.00 am on Monday 4 December 2023**. Interviews will be at the school on **Thursday 14 December 2023**. We reserve the right to interview at any point during the recruitment process so early applications are encouraged. Applicants who have not heard from us by **Friday 15 December 2023** should presume that they have not been successful on this occasion.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and all appointments are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (including a check against the Children's Barred List), and other pre-employment screening including a check on the Secretary of State list of prohibited staff, references and medical fitness.