

Director of Music

We are looking for an inspirational and dedicated musician to lead our Senior School Music department from September 2018.

The successful applicant will:

- Be an outstanding classroom practitioner with a passion for teaching Music;
- Be able to communicate effectively with colleagues and support them in ensuring that all pupils make excellent progress;
- Have proven leadership and people management skills;
- Be able to deliver a clear and ambitious vision for the future of Music at Colfe's, both academic and extra-curricular;
- Teach Music across the full age range of the Senior School;
- Be responsible for the departmental budget and departmental planning;
- Receive strong support and mentoring as a Head of Department;
- Direct a number of ensembles;
- Be likely to have good keyboard and/or choral skills

The Music Department consists of the Director of Music, a full-time Music Teacher, a Director of Instrumental Studies/Music Technician, a part-time Arts Administrator and more than twenty Peripatetic Teachers. The Music Department is housed in its own dedicated suite of very well-appointed rooms, which include two teaching rooms, music technology room, six practice rooms, office, kitchen and recital hall.

In Years 7-8 all students study Music within the curriculum. In Year 7 every student participates in the Year 7 Instrumental/Choral Scheme receiving free tuition on orchestral instruments or engaging in choral workshops. In Year 9 Music becomes an optional subject and students receive four lessons per fortnight. We follow the Edexcel specifications at GCSE and A-Level Music, where take-up and results are both very good. Many of our students are members of high-quality choirs or orchestras outside school and a number of students go on to study Music at university or conservatoire.

The department runs a comprehensive programme of extra-curricular activities including choirs, orchestras, chamber and pop music coaching, wind, brass and swing bands. In addition to this, across the Junior and Senior Schools our peripatetic teachers teach approximately three hundred instrumental lessons per week. There are many performance opportunities for pupils at Colfe's ranging from high-profile events in external venues to informal platform concerts and assemblies. We have recently formed a partnership with Trinity Laban Conservatoire and are hosting a series of Lunchtime Recitals to showcase their talented students.

Music Scholarships are offered at Year 7 and Year 12 entry – auditions for which are coordinated by the Director of Music.

Teachers appointed to posts are expected to maintain the highest professional standards and to contribute fully to the extra-curricular life of the school. In return, those who join Colfe's can expect to become part of a caring, purposeful and committed community.



Headmaster: Richard Russell MA (Cantab.)

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Application procedure

The recruitment process will require all applicants to complete an application form, accompanied by a letter of application, current CV and details of two referees, who will be contacted prior to interview, in accordance with the School's Safer Recruitment procedures. There will be interviews and a lesson observation for short listed candidates.

The application should be submitted either by post, marked private and confidential, to:

Mrs A Ross
Human Resources
Colfe's School
Horn Park Lane
London SE12 8AW

Or electronically to: recruitment@colfes.com

Applications should be sent **as soon as possible** and by **Wednesday 28 February** at the latest. Colfe's reserves the right to appoint to this post before the closing date if necessary.

Colfe's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers, prohibition from teaching and the Disclosure & Barring Service.