ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL



Position: French Horn Teacher

We are pleased to be advertising for the post of French Horn teacher as part of the wider Music Department, supporting the pupils and staff at St Paul's Cathedral School.

Letter from the Head

This is an excellent opportunity for a committed and enthusiastic person to join one of the UK's most vibrant and successful prep school music departments. Music permeates the whole life of the school and is central to our ethos.

We are seeking an outstanding teacher of French horn to teach individual lessons to pupils aged 7-13. The post is currently 3-4 hours of teaching each week, although this would extend to 5 hours if the candidate were able to offer trumpet tuition as well. In addition, for the right candidate, there is the possibility of training our junior brass ensemble (grades 2-3).

The successful applicant will be kind, and enthusiastic about teaching and learning, keen to develop their own pedagogy and have the drive to develop their pupils. If you have highly effective teaching skills, the ability to inspire, empower and motivate students and an enjoyment of working, we would welcome your application.

School Context

St Paul's Cathedral School is a co-educational independent preparatory school (Reception to Y8). The majority of our 290 pupils are Day Pupils. We educate the Choristers of St Paul's Cathedral who are boarders at the school, accommodated in a purpose-designed boarding house.

The Choristers, under the direction of Andrew Carwood MBE, follow an extended termly programme, enabling them to play a central role in Cathedral worship at Christmas and Easter. Music permeates the whole life of the school and is central to our ethos.

Music opportunities abound, for both Choristers and Day Pupils. In addition to our twice weekly whole school services in the Cathedral, our pupils regularly perform for the livery companies and at high profile events such as the blessing of the Lord Mayor of London. Every day at St Paul's Cathedral School, ordinary children achieve extraordinary things, with the support of a dedicated and collegiate staff team. Our philosophy is that all achievement must be rooted in wellbeing.

Until September 2023, all Choristers were boys; we have recruited our first girl Probationers who are currently Day Pupils. From September 2025 girl Choristers will take up boarding places, following a major refurbishment of what is now staff accommodation and will become a second boarding house. By September 2025, our co-educational boarding (Year 3 to Year 8) will have the capacity for 60 students and this major expansion has led to the requirement for additional music support.

Job Description

Responsibilities and Tasks:

- To plan and teach all French horn lessons to individual pupils
- To potentially lead a junior brass ensemble
- To potentially teach 1-2 hours of individual trumpet lessons (if the candidate offers trumpet as a specialism as well)
- To keep records of all assessments and reports on pupils' progress, in line with school policy
- To communicate regularly (as necessary) with parents/guardians of individual pupils
- To undertake regular safeguarding updates and any other relevant training, as required by the school

Person Specification

Person Specification: French horn teacher

Please note that suitability for the post will be assessed through production of the applicant's qualifications, interview and application letter. Online checks in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024 are conducted as part of our application process and all appointments are made subject to pre-employment checks including an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service certificate.

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	• Performance degree (diploma or equivalent) in French horn • Teaching degree (diploma or equivalent)	• Performance and/or teaching qualifications in trumpet also
Experience	• Has taught individual French horn lessons to under 18s	• Has considerable experience teaching French horn to pupils aged 7-13 • Has taught trumpet to grade 8 • Has prepared pupils for music scholarships at 13+ • Has directed ensembles involving children aged 7-13
Personal competencies and qualities	• Alignment with the school's philosophy of achievement rooted in wellbeing • Creativity and resourcefulness • Excellent communication skills with young children • A collaborative approach, with a growth mindset	

	• Ability to prioritise own workload, to work independently and as part of a team • Self-motivated, reliable, organised and punctual.	

Terms and Conditions

This post is employed (contract) and offers a competitive salary with a generous Employer Defined Contribution pension scheme. The post is part time, starting in October 2024.

Application

Applications are welcome from diverse backgrounds.

All applications must be made via the School's online application form, accompanied by a letter addressed to the Head, Mrs Judith Fremont-Barnes.

Application forms are available on the school website (vacancies page).

Please submit your completed application to the Deputy Bursar tkeller@spcs.london.sch.uk

The closing date is 9.00am on **Tuesday 23rd September 2024.**

The school reserves the right to close the advert if a suitable applicant is found before the closing date. Late applications may be accepted if an appointment has not already been made.

Safeguarding Statement

Safeguarding is the responsibility of all staff at St Paul's Cathedral School and all staff are expected to share our commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children in our care. Staff must be aware of the procedures within the school which support safeguarding and must act in accordance with the school's Safeguarding Policy and Staff Code of Conduct. See the School's Website for the Safeguarding Policy, and the Recruitment, Selection and Disclosure Policy.