



Felsted

Graduate Resident
Assistant in Music
Role Information Pack



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Commence September 2019

Term-time only (34 weeks per year) | £10,650.00 per annum

Full-time | Includes accommodation, bills & utilities and meals

We are looking for a passionate and enthusiastic music graduate with excellent subject knowledge that can communicate effectively with a wide age group of students from Years 9 to 13. It is essential that candidates have an evident passion for Music and a strong interest in the teaching and the learning process, including high expectations for all students to succeed in Music to effectively fulfil the role. Applicants must hold (or is about to hold) a degree in Music (or an equivalent qualification). The role will include covering lessons, supporting Boarding and House duties and, when needed, the possibility of accompanying school trips.

We particularly welcome applications from those who are able to play the organ and are willing to contribute to the co-curricular learning activities at this

'Excellent in Every Aspect' rated independent school.

Full board and accommodation will be provided plus an honorarium payment. This is a fixed-term position commencing from 01 September 2019 until 31 August 2020. This would be an ideal position for someone who holds a degree in Music and is considering a career in boarding education, teaching (though no teaching experience or qualification are required) or a career in music.

If you would like to apply for this role, please visit our website.

www.felsted.org/employment-opps to access our online application form.

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 21 June 2019 at 9:00am
Interviews will be held on Tuesday 25 June 2019

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Job Description: Graduate Resident Assistant (Music)

ACCOUNTABLE TO:

Director of Music

To support and assist the Senior School's Music Department with the weekly programme of curricular music activities, instrumental practice sessions and curriculum lessons in consultation with the Director of Music.

Felsted School has a busy music department with several concerts over the course of an academic year, as well as Chapel services and other events. The Music Department flourishes in the Senior, Prep and Pre-Prep Schools. There are six full-time members of staff and a team of twenty-eight visiting music teachers.

The Music School has a recital hall, recording studio, two classrooms, offices and practice rooms. Music is taught throughout the school - it is compulsory until the end of Year 9, after which students may take it as a GCSE option. In the Sixth Form, students can take the subject either at A Level or IB. The Chapel has a three-manual Willis Organ, and the recital hall has a Model B Steinway grand piano.

The precise job specification can be tailored to suit the successful candidate to some degree. All of the facilities of the Music School and Chapel will be freely available for practice and other musical work which the successful candidate may wish to pursue.

JOB PURPOSE

- Assist with teaching of Year 9 classes
- Teaching assistant in GCSE classes (Year 10 and Year 11)
- Provide one-to-one supervision for A Level/IB students as required
- Devising appropriate teaching materials
- Teaching aural to individuals and groups to help prepare students to ABRSM and Trinity practical exams
- Teaching theory to individuals and groups to help prepare students for ABRSM Grade 5 Theory and beyond
- Assist with the supervision of Private Music Practice sessions
- Assist in the running of co-curricular music groups, in consultation with the Director of Music
- Assist in accompanying in concerts and exams, relevant to level of keyboard skills
- Responsible for covering lessons in the event of an emergency
- School productions - Assist with rehearsals and play with the orchestra as appropriate.
- Assisting with the movement of student across the school site when required
- Assisting with setting up of equipment and instruments within the department as required
- Any other reasonable ad-hoc duties as requested

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

ESSENTIAL:

1. Hold a relevant degree in Music or hold an equivalent qualification
2. Good organisational skills with the ability to work to deadlines
3. Flexible 'can-do' approach to work
4. Positive role model towards young people
5. Able to demonstrate self-motivation and excellent interpersonal skills.
6. Ability to work in a way that promotes the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

DESIRABLE:

7. Competent ICT skills
8. Experience of working with children and/or young people within an educational environment
9. Have excellent piano/accompanying skills
10. The ability to play the organ

REWARD AND RECOGNITION

- Employer and employee contributory Pension scheme (matched contribution at 4%)
- Free life insurance scheme
- Free lunch on full days worked
- Free membership of the Felsted Gym and pool facilities
- Free parking
- Free hot drinks (tea, coffee)
- Membership availability to the Schools' Healthcare Scheme via BUPA
- Free membership to Felsted Connect (discounts and savings online & instore)
- Subsidised on-site Coffee Shop by illy

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Fixed-term contract from 01 September 2019 to 31 August 2020
 - Term-time Contract (34 weeks per year)
 - Location of work will be Felsted School, Felsted, Essex, CM6 3LL
 - Accommodation provided
 - Allowance of £10,650 per annum
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Our History

We are a leading independent co-educational day and boarding school, situated in the picturesque village of Felsted in North Essex. Originally founded by Richard Lord Riche as a Church of England Grammar School, we are proud of a heritage that dates back to 1564.

Felsted School offers an outstanding academic education, combined with excellent pastoral care and co-curricular activities. Felsted is truly international. We offer the International Baccalaureate in addition to A Levels, and as a global member of Round Square, pupils enjoy superb exchange programmes. The School cultivates an environment of self-confidence and intellectual curiosity where pupils benefit from a well-rounded education.

In 2014, we celebrated our 450th anniversary, one of only a handful of schools in the country that have claimed this milestone. The event was marked by a historic service at St Paul's Cathedral and a royal visit by Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.



Felsted Senior School

The Senior School educates some more than 540 students aged between 13-18, of which over 80% of students take advantage of the School's boarding provision. Boarders at Felsted lead full lives. There is time to ensure academic work is completed to a high standard, to be involved in a breadth of co-curricular activities and to build lifelong friendships. Personal qualities such as confidence, independence, organisation and leadership will be developed in a caring and happy community. In addition to our two Day Houses there are eight boarding houses in total at Felsted: six for Boarders in Years 9 to Lower Sixth and two for Upper Sixth Boarders. Each house offers unique environments for study and personal development, supported by a Housemaster or Housemistress (HM), Assistant Housemaster or Housemistress (AHM), a Resident Tutor (RT), a Matron and a Tutor team.

Academic

We enter our students for GCSE, A Level and the International Baccalaureate exams. In our latest results (August 2018), our students achieved the following:

- 28 students took the International Baccalaureate Diploma with 100% pass rate. Our average point score to 35.5 out of a possible 45; 5.5 points above the world average. This result is equivalent to an average score of 2 A*s and an A grade at A Level
- 84 students took A Levels, with 65% of all entries achieving A* to B grades and nearly 90% achieving A* to C grades, with a 99.5% pass rate.
- 98 students took GCSEs. 48% achieved grade 7 to 9 and 97% pass rate (grade 4 to 9). 98% achieved five GCSEs grade 4 to 9 and 95% gained 5 GCSEs grade 4 to 9 including Maths and English.

The following departments gained over 90% 6 to 9 grades: Drama, English Language, English Literature, History, Latin and Music.





International

We welcome students of all nationalities and routinely celebrate cultural diversity. Integrating international and UK students is an extremely important component of the Felsted ethos of valuing and respecting difference.

Through partnerships with organisations such as Round Square and Magic Bus, in addition to a fully integrated International Baccalaureate Diploma programme, Felsted is a globally-minded school that aims to prepare all of its students for international co-operation, communication and understanding, both now and in their future careers.

Sport

Felsted has an enviable reputation both locally and nationally for the high quality of its sporting teams and the dedication and expertise of the school's coaching staff. There is a strong tradition of sporting excellence at Felsted, however all abilities are catered for and every student is encouraged to enjoy a recreational interest in individual or team games, whilst developing a healthy attitude to fitness, exercise and wellbeing.

All students have the opportunity to represent the school in sporting fixtures during their school career, with travel to an away fixture once a fortnight the norm for the vast majority of students. Additionally, students who take their sporting expertise to a higher level will receive the opportunity to join one of the many Sports Trips and Tours.

Music

Music is part of the fabric that makes up Felsted life and has been for many years. The School has forged a strong partnership with The Junior Guildhall in London. The School provides broad opportunities for musicians of all types - our main aim is that everyone who wants to be involved musically can be accommodated. All students are involved in some way, whether it is singing in Chapel, participating in the Inter- House Singing Competition or through individual musical interest.

Felsted musicians are supported by five full-time members of staff and over 25 visiting instrumental and vocal teachers. Tuition is available in a wide range of instruments ranging from the violin, Harp, Saxophone and Drums through to the Cello, Oboe, Organ and Electric Guitar!

Singing plays a hugely important role both in Chapel and in more informal settings. Elsewhere, the School boasts a number of Orchestras, String Ensembles and Wind and Brass Groups.

Drama & The Arts

Felsted has a reputation for drama productions of the very highest quality. Drama overall makes a significant contribution to the co-curricular life of the School. Our Hunt Theatre is equipped technically to the standard of any small professional theatre: the extensive facilities include flexible seating, fully computerised lighting and sound controls, an impressive range of lanterns and sound equipment, dressing rooms, a front-of-house box office and a licensed bar. Larger scale productions tend to be put on in the School's majestic Grignon Hall, which can seat an audience of 400.



To apply for this position, you will need to complete a formal application using our online process. We are unable to accept curriculum vitae (CV's) in substitution for an application form. Our online application form can be found at www.felsted.org/employment-ops.

By submitting an application form you are required to demonstrate how your skills, knowledge and experience relate to the role you are applying for. Your suitability for the post will be assessed by examining the information you provide us on your application form against the requirements within the job description, so it is important you provide as much relevant information as possible.

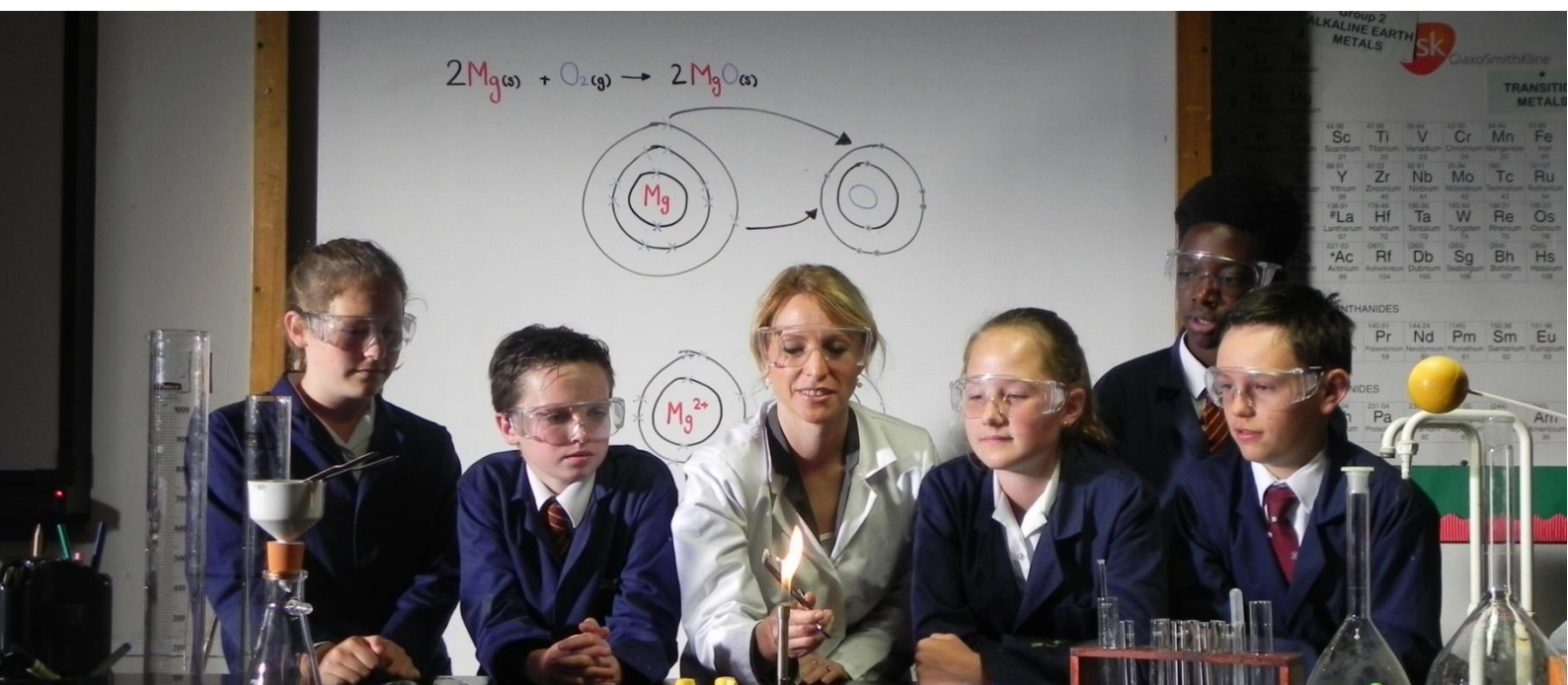
Our application form will ask you to declare any criminal convictions as all positions at Felsted involve a degree of responsibility for the safeguarding and welfare of children. All posts are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013) and therefore all convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as 'spent' must be declared.

Our Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-offenders can be found on our website www.felsted.org/employment-ops.

Once the closing date for receipt of applications has passed, your application will be shortlisted. If you are successful you will be sent an interview invitation by email. If you have not been selected, you will be also be notified by email. The interview will be held with at least two recruiting managers and you will need to bring with you to the interview:

- Identification to prove your Right to Work in the UK
- A completed DBS application form along with three pieces of ID
- Evidence of any qualifications you hold that are necessary for the post you are applying for.
- If appropriate, documentation evidencing changes in your name.

All necessary forms will be attached to your interview invite email. Please note that originals of the above are necessary. We are unable to accept certified copies or photocopies.



Terms of Appointment

If you are appointed to the role, a formal offer letter of employment will be posted to you. The following notes provide guidance, without prejudice, on the likely main provisions of the agreement. However, benefits are subject to amendment from time-to-time.

Appointment Date

The appointment will commence from September 2019 (attendance is required at INSET, which normally takes place during the last week of August).

Salary

The allowance is £10,650 per annum plus accommodation, bills & utilities and meals.

Pension Scheme

Felsted will comply with its legal obligations in relation to the provision of access to a pension scheme. The employer and employee contribution Pension Scheme for this role is The People's Pension.

Healthcare Scheme

Following a successful probationary review period, the appointee is eligible to join the group policy employee funded Healthcare Scheme, currently with BUPA.

Felsted Connect

The appointee is provided with membership to Felsted Connect: an online multi-platform engagement tool where employees have access to hundreds of discounts, offers and cashback from high-street retailers.

Employee Reward Package

A full list of employee benefits can be found on our employment opportunities website pages under 'Employee Reward Package'.

Terms of Employment

This role is a one year fixed-term full-time position. The hours of work are normal School hours. As a member of Common Room, there is the requirement to attend INSET days before and after term starts and finishes. There will also be a requirement to contribute to the co-curricular and boarding life activities (i.e. boarding duties).

Criminal Background Checks

We require all successful applicants to allow Felsted

to process and obtain (at our expense) an Enhanced level criminal background check (including a Barred List check) through the Disclosure and Barring Service. It is a condition of employment that the employee should not have been convicted of a criminal offence against children, nor have been dismissed from or resigned from a previous employer for misconduct of a similar nature. Having a criminal record is not necessarily a bar to employment; it will depend on the nature, circumstances and background of the offence. Our policy statement on the Recruitment of Ex-offenders that can be found on our employment opportunities home page. A full copy of the policy can be found by emailing hr@felsted.org. As a School where regulated activity occurs, under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013) applicants are obliged to disclose **spent** convictions in addition to any **unspent convictions**.

The Disclosure and Barring Service's Code of Practice is intended to ensure that information released in Standard and Enhanced Disclosures is used fairly – and to provide assurance to applicants that this is the case. The Code also seeks to ensure that sensitive personal information is handled and stored appropriately and kept for only as long as is necessary. Further information about the Disclosure and Barring Service may be obtained from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service> and a copy of the Code of Practice is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-code-of-practice>.

You should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in the application being rejected or summary dismissal if the applicant has been selected and possible referral to the police and/or Department for Education.

Other Employment Checks

The offer of employment is also conditional upon satisfactory receipt of the following employment checks.

- a. Proof of your Right to Work in the UK
- b. Two professional references
- c. Barred List Check
- d. Medical Questionnaire
- e. Overseas Police Check (if you have resided outside the UK within the last ten years)
- f. Evidence of qualifications held
- g. TRA & EEA Prohibition Check

We look forward to receiving your application.

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Independent / Co-educational / Boarding & Day / Ages 4-18



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