



Candidate Pack and Application Details

Graduate Music Assistant/ Musician in Residence

From September 2021



A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE SCHOOL:

- Worksop College and Ranby House is a co-educational independent school, for students aged 2-18. Since September 2016 Years 7-13 have been educated on the main College Campus, whilst Nursery - Year 6 remain at Ranby House. The school has around 600 pupils, with c.420 of these based on the College site where about 50% of pupils board on a regular basis. Woodard Schools (Nottinghamshire) Limited owns both schools, the company being part of the Woodard charitable trust.
- The College was founded in 1895 and stands on a 300 acre estate of trees and grassland adjacent to Clumber Park, a National Trust property of exceptional beauty.
- The College facilities are centred on a majestic range of purpose-built Victorian buildings, with a particularly fine Chapel, Library and Great Hall. In addition to many significant programmes of refurbishment, a brand new boys' boarding house was opened in February 2015 and a new Sixth Form Centre in September 2017.
- College grounds include an 18-hole golf course, an indoor swimming pool, a Sports Hall, squash courts, tennis courts, netball courts, two Astro turf hockey pitches, an athletics track, four cricket pitches, six rugby pitches and two football pitches.
- The school has a strong Christian ethos, but welcomes pupils from all faiths or those who have no faith at all.

Please visit www.wsnl.co.uk for further information about the College.

OVERVIEW OF THE POST:

For September 2021, Worksop College is looking for an enthusiastic and talented recent graduate to assist its staff in providing an inspirational education by practical example in any instrumental or vocal discipline. Knowledge of video and sound recording would be advantageous.

The post may be adapted to suit the specific talents of the candidate; involvement in the wider aspects of the boarding community is essential. The post will allow time for personal study, but is intended to suit someone with an interest in pursuing a career in education. Given an exceptional candidate and after an initial year of work, the College may offer financial and other resource support towards qualification as a teacher. The strength and value of the of the training provided in this post has contributed to the success of recent incumbents in gaining pivotal roles at other independent school music departments and, indeed, the second and fifth holders of this position continue to work at the College today.



The MOUNTGARRET MUSIC DEPARTMENT at Worksop College

Facilities

The Mountgarret Music School was officially opened by Peter Cropper of the Lindsay String Quartet in 1999. With 12 practice rooms, two teaching rooms, a computer room, recording studio and a large recital room with a 9-foot Grotrian Steinweg piano, it is a superb, well-equipped facility.

Teaching

ACADEMIC

Music is taught to all members of Years 7-9 for 45 minutes per week. Year 9 may opt for Music+, giving them a further 90 minutes per week of musical study. Currently, for both GCSE and A level, the EDEXCEL specifications are taught. Each year pupils go on to study music at University, whilst others have successfully gained places at the UK's music colleges and conservatoires.

INSTRUMENTAL

Around 200 individual lessons are given each week by a team of 16 visiting teachers. Pupils are encouraged to take ABRSM examinations, and aural and theory classes are available. Many have reached grade 8 standard before reaching the 6th Form. Department ensembles include the College Orchestra, String Ensemble, Bert's Big Band, Chapel Choir, Chamber Choir (*Schola Cantorum*), Wind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble and many small chamber ensembles. Opportunities for performance are numerous and include regular lunchtime concerts, in addition to more substantial evening concerts, Jazz night, the annual Speech Day concerts, and events out of school.

Each year the College awards a number of Music Scholarships, Choral Scholarships and Exhibitions to pupils who are able to demonstrate great potential and/or accomplishment on their chosen instrument. There are currently 29 pupils with Music Awards in the College. Candidates may apply for these awards at any stage.

Chapel

In keeping with the ethos of a Woodard School, Chapel is central to the life of the College, and the choral tradition is perhaps the strongest element of the department. The 50-strong Chapel Choir sings a complete mass setting and a communion motet/anthem in the weekly full school Eucharist, in addition to a termly Choral Evensong, Preparatory Schools' Choral Day, Carol Services and the annual Commemoration of Benefactors Service on Speech Day. The choir regularly sings evensong at local cathedrals such as Southwell, Lincoln, Ripon and York and over the past few years has toured Belgium (2015), Italy and the Czech Republic (Easter 2012) singing at venues such as Ghent Cathedral, Basilica di Santa Croce and St Vitus Cathedral. In July 2019, the choir undertook a short tour to Guernsey and featured on a 1-hour live radio interview on BBC Radio Guernsey. The Chapel Choir has also performed in concert with the *Swingle Singers*, and live on radio with Caius Choir Cambridge for a BBC Radio 3 broadcast of choral evensong from our chapel. The magnificent Chapel (seats 500) contains an excellent three manual organ built by Keats which was completely rebuilt by Andrew Carter in 2001.



Worksop Music Concert Series

The College has its own professional concert series, which is run by the Director of Music. Recent artists have included The Swingle Singers, VOCES8, Graffiti Classics, Gonville & Caius College Choir, Red Priest and Harry the Piano. Two large-scale choral concerts are scheduled each year, given by North Notts Chamber Choir (which is resident at the college) in combination with the Chapel Choir. Recent concerts have included Handel's *Messiah*, Mozart's *Requiem* and Stanford's *Songs of the Fleet*.



THE RÔLE

Worksop College is looking to appoint a talented and energetic individual to join this exciting department. This post may be adapted to suit the specific talents of the candidate but duties will include some or all of the following:

- A share in the accompaniment of pupils in concerts, competitions and examinations as well as organ playing for chapel services;
- provision of Theory and Aural Classes;
- running of after school composition clinics/seminars;
- assistance with the choirs, orchestra and chamber groups as required by the Director of Music;
- supervision of Music Scholars' practice sessions (all full-time staff take a share in this) – both monitoring attendance and helping students to practise effectively;
- assistance with rehearsals for Musical Productions;
- assistance with the running of the recording studio and the recording of concerts (no prior experience necessary);
- regular co-teaching of Year 7-9 classes and assistance with the teaching of other aspects of the Music curriculum according to the GMA's own specialisms or areas of interest;
- help with the upkeep of the department's libraries, especially the chapel choir library;

In addition to musical activity, the successful candidate will be part of a team of Graduate Assistant Staff with similar wider responsibilities within the school and in this way Worksop College aims to provide individuals with an all-encompassing experience of school life.

In the classroom

In the first few months, our Graduate Assistants are given plenty of opportunity to observe lessons and learn about what it takes to teach. You will be expected to support teachers by preparing activities before the lesson, as well as assisting in class.

As the year progresses, you can move on to teaching elements of classwork with the support of the class teacher – there is ample opportunity to learn more and test your communication skills.

Pastoral Care

In addition to the academic role, every Graduate Assistant at Worksop is expected to contribute fully to the wider aspects of education. Worksop College is renowned for the quality of its pastoral care and all Grads are attached to one of the eight boarding or day houses.

Extra-curricular

All members of staff at Worksop are expected to play a full part in extra-curricular activities. These embrace a full range of sports, music, societies, expeditions, drama, many forms of art and technology, CCF, voluntary service, and a wide range of hobbies.

Evening Activities

A wide range of evening activities run from 8pm. During the week, you will oversee students partaking in their activities and hobbies, whether that may be a book club, badminton or computer programming.

Whilst the above list may seem extensive, it is recognised that the candidate will also need some time to pursue personal goals (such as instrumental practice) and possibly a certain degree of freelance activity. The College would seek to support such activities provided that sufficient notice is given and that duties at the College can be covered. In return, it is anticipated that the Graduate Music Assistant will fulfil, and possibly enlarge, the role in proactive and creative manner.

What else we can offer for the right people

- An opportunity to observe teaching and decide whether a career in teaching is right
- A second year as an unqualified teacher where we cover the costs of qualification through Teach Direct

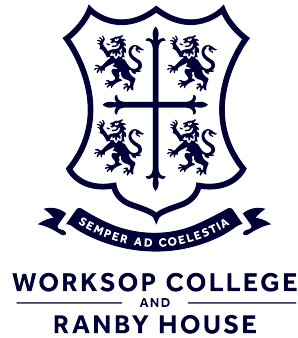
What we give in return

- On site rent-free accommodation
- Use of our facilities (including a gym, swimming pool, tennis courts, golf swing room)
- All meals during term-time
- Remuneration £15,500 (Ten monthly payments of £1,550)

Further details regarding the post can be sought from Timothy Uglow, Director of Music – 01909 537143 or t.uglow@wsnl.co.uk



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Application Process

Application Deadline: 12 noon, Friday 9th April 2021

Interviews: subject to Covid-19 regulations, prior to or week commencing 12 April 2021. The College reserves the right to appoint in advance of this deadline. Early applications and expressions of interest to the Director of Music are encouraged.

Interested applicants must complete our online [application form](#) and upload a CV and covering letter.

Further information about the school is available at www.wsnl.co.uk

Successful candidates will be subject to the relevant checks.

Informal enquiries about this post may be made to:

Timothy Uglow, Director of Music at the College
email: t.uglow@wsnl.co.uk tel: 01909 537143

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Worksop College and Worksop College Preparatory School, Ranby House forms part of the Woodard Family of Schools.

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They offer the highest standards of academic education coupled with a supportive and nurturing environment where every individual is encouraged and valued.

