



CUMNOR HOUSE SUSSEX



Visiting Music Teacher – Double Bass

Cumnor House Sussex is looking for an inspirational and highly motivated Double Bass VMT to join its staff. Cumnor House has long had a very strong reputation for an excellent academic provision that includes securing places for our children at the top Senior Schools in the South East and the country, as well as winning numerous academic and extra-curricular scholarships. It is a school rightly known for the warmth and strength of its community, the breadth and depth of its educational provision, and its positive and supportive culture, all of which are encapsulated in our motto, “Aim High, Be Kind, Dare to be Different”. We are looking for an outstanding musician and inspirational teacher who will be able to maintain and enhance Cumnor’s excellent reputation for rich and rewarding music making. Music at Cumnor takes full advantage of our superb 400-seat theatre, and the charming 18th century Music Barn is home to music lessons for all in the Prep School.

Contract type: Zero hour

Hours of work: Term time

Salary: Our current hourly rate for VMTs is £46.00, and lessons are 30 mins.

Description of Role

Reporting to the Director of Music

Visiting Music Teachers (VMTs) are self-employed members of staff at Cumnor House Sussex who teach individual music lessons. The successful applicant will be highly qualified and experienced, with the ability to teach pupils of all ages and abilities. The role may include Early Years and Advanced teaching depending on the skills and experience of the successful applicant.

Desirable Qualities and Experience

- Must possess a qualification in their instrument to at least degree level or hold a BA or equivalent in academic music
- Experience of working with string ensembles, both in rehearsals and performance-directing.
- Experience in teaching individual Double Bass lessons, a wide knowledge of Double Bass repertoire and an existing practice as a professional Double Bass player
- The ability to teach Double Bass up to Grade 8 standard, both from a technical and musical basis
- The ability to teach initial musical development, working imaginatively with pulse, rhythm and pitch to lay the musical foundations for tuition on string instruments in subsequent years.
- Ability to communicate warmly, positively and authentically with parents about their child's progress and potential
- Maintain a positive, flexible and good-humoured approach
- Consistently exhibit high standards of conduct including punctuality, professional appearance and discretion
- Empathy with the Cumnor principles, and the ethos and aims of independent education.

Discipline, Health and Safety

- Maintain good order and discipline among the children and safeguard their health and safety in accordance with the school's policy, on school premises and when on authorised activities elsewhere;
- Be aware of individual dietary and medical needs, including allergies, and of the procedures in case of emergency;
- Be aware of your department's Risk Assessments and adhere to the conditions thereof;
- Maintain condition of all equipment used, and alert the office (for photocopiers) or Head of Finance when attention is needed.

Safeguarding Responsibilities

All staff have a key role to play in identifying concerns early and in providing help for children and are expected to act in accordance with the School's Safeguarding & Child Protection Policies:

- Safeguard and promote the welfare of children;
- Foster a culture of openness, safety, equality and protection;
- Provide a safe and welcoming environment where both children and adults feel secure, able to talk and believe that they are being listened to;
- Play a key role in the prevention of harm and an equal responsibility to act on any suspicion or disclosure that may indicate a child is at risk of harm;
- When concerned about the welfare of a pupil, acting in the best interests of the pupil.

Application Process and Safeguarding

To apply, please complete our application form (which can be found on our website) and submit it with a covering letter by Friday 14th of June to hr@cumnor.co.uk

Interviews of selected applicants will be held weeks commencing 17th and 24th of June, and would involve a visit to the School. We reserve the right to make an appointment at any time prior to the closing date. If you would like to make enquiries, please call **Karen German on 01825 790347**.

Cumnor House Sussex is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. An offer of employment will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure, satisfactory safeguarding interview and pre-employment references, verification of ID, medical fitness and relevant qualifications, and other security checks including Overseas and Teachers Barred lists.