

CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACK

TEACHER OF DOUBLE BASS

(part time working half day per week)

WELCOME

I am delighted that you are considering this opportunity at North London Collegiate School.

This is an exceptional opportunity to contribute to a community that is redefining excellence in girls' education. The [Sunday Times](#) Parent Power Guide 2026 has recently named NLCS the *Independent Secondary School of the Year 2026*, and we are proud to be ranked the No. 1 girls' school in the country. This prestigious accolade reflects our outstanding academic achievement as well as the depth, breadth, and vibrancy of school life.

With additional awards for *Independent International Baccalaureate School of the Year 2026* and *Independent Secondary School of the Year in London 2026*, NLCS offers an inspiring environment where passionate teachers are empowered to innovate, spark curiosity, and help girls achieve remarkable things.

North London Collegiate School (NLCS) was founded in 1850 by Frances Buss, an early pioneer of girls' education. NLCS is one of the country's most illustrious academic day schools.

The School provides an ambitious academic education and achieves some of the best results in the country. The focus in the classroom is on fostering a deep love of learning and our teachers are passionate subject experts. The School has a strong intellectual tradition but it is also defined by an ongoing commitment to innovation. The school's Ideas Hub is a centre for creative thinking and pioneering curriculum development.

Pupils benefit from an exceptional range of activities beyond the classroom through our co-curricular and academic enrichment programmes. We welcome over 250 visiting speakers per year, we offer 18 different sports, host over 40 concerts and several ambitious dramatic productions each year, publish multiple student-led magazines, and offer activities as varied as Model United Nations, Chess, VEX Robotics and Magic Club.

Our pastoral care is focused on developing happy, independent and resilient young women. Our pupils are free to be themselves at School but ready to embrace the opportunities of the world beyond NLCS. Our community is welcoming and inclusive and celebrates its rich diversity.

At NLCS, we deeply value our staff and are committed to their well-being and professional growth. We understand that a supportive and nurturing environment is crucial for everyone, not just our students. Our comprehensive staff development programme and strong support network ensure that our staff thrive both professionally and personally.

We are looking for a new Double Bass Teacher to teach high quality lessons for half a day per week.

If you would like to join this dynamic and friendly community of pupils and staff, I would be delighted to receive your application.



VICKY BINGHAM
HEADMISTRESS





THE SCHOOL



North London Collegiate School has an international reputation for academic excellence, combined with exceptional pastoral care and extra-curricular achievement. NLCS is an academically selective girls' school. There are 790 students in the Senior School, 233 of them in the Sixth Form, and approximately 310 in the Junior School. The School takes pride in the religious and social diversity of its intake.

The School's aims are to provide an ambitious education for all its pupils and to enable each girl to make the most of her own gifts. The highest priority is to maintain a team of professional teachers to whom each pupil is important, and who can teach their subject(s) with enthusiasm and drive. All pupils are expected to learn to recognise academic excellence and realise that it is attainable.

Alongside these aims for the classroom, staff strive to make school a place where the whole personality can grow. Good relations between staff and pupils, and between girls themselves, are fostered. At NLCS, education is much more than passing examinations and the girls are encouraged to try themselves out in a variety of ways. Staff strive to maintain a community which is tolerant and teaches service to others.

Set in over 30 acres of parkland, the School has extensive facilities. These include a new Wellbeing Centre which underlines the School's commitment to ensuring that NLCS continues to provide as rounded and supportive a pastoral offering as is possible.

In 2025, 83.4% of GCSEs were a grade 9, and a notable 95.9% of grades were 9/8. At A-Level our students achieved an impressive 54.3% A* grades, 86.1% A*- A and 96.1% A*- B. In addition to A-Levels, we offer the International Baccalaureate in the Sixth Form and we have an outstanding record of success. Our students gained an average point score of 42.94 in 2025, placing us again among the best IB schools in the world.

Places are heavily oversubscribed, and entry is extremely competitive.

Our leavers receive offers from an impressive range of university destinations including Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale and Princeton, as well as other leading universities such as Warwick, Edinburgh, UCL and Imperial. We are extremely proud of our alumnae (Old North Londoners), who have achieved international prominence in a wide variety of career pathways from music, drama and the arts through to science, sports, politics and law.

We have an extensive schedule of extra-curricular activities including a weekly 'speakers' programme for all students in Years 11, 12 and 13. NLCS students regularly reach the finals of national and international competitions, such as Fin Schools, chess, Young Enterprise, coding and debating.

There is also a remarkable commitment to outreach and charity work, reflecting the rich and harmonious diversity of the School.

To find out more about the school, click [HERE](#).



TEACHER OF DOUBLE BASS

THE OPPORTUNITY

We require a highly qualified musician, who is an outstanding, accomplished Teacher of Double Bass.

THE ROLE

The successful candidate will be required to deliver high-quality, weekly lessons to their individual students and ensure that all have a well-planned programme of study. They will be required to help prepare any of their students taking IGCSE, A level or IB Music for their assessed performances. They will prepare their students for concert performances and graded music exams for Trinity, ABRSM and other boards where applicable. Successful candidates will be confident teaching students from Year 5 through to 6th Form. Initially the role is one half day per week, (approximately 3-4 hours), depending on take up.

SALARY

Self-employed £33.30 per 35 minutes lesson.

MUSIC AT NORTH LONDON COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

At North London Collegiate School we aim to provide a broad range of musical opportunities for all students and strive for ambitious music making. We encourage students to develop skills as a performer irrespective of level and offer a wide variety of musical experiences both within and beyond the curriculum.

All styles of music thrive at North London Collegiate School across classical, popular and world music genres. Students are encouraged to participate in a range of auditioned and non-auditioned musical activities, comprising choirs, orchestras and various ensembles. Chamber music provision is a particular specialism of the school. Each year, groups are selected to perform in the Final Concert of the South East Schools' Chamber Music Competition, most recently held at St George's, Hanover Square. A significant number of students attend one of the junior conservatoires in London; also being members of the principal national youth ensembles including National Youth Orchestra and the National Children's Orchestra, National Youth Concert Band and National Youth Choir and have had success in national and international competitions.

Students have numerous performing opportunities, ranging from our all-inclusive end of term concerts to our prestigious Old House Concert Series dedicated to solos and smaller ensembles. Students also have the chance to perform in external venues in London and abroad on tours, our most recent Tour being to Lake Garda and Verona.

Around 480 individual music lessons are taught each week by almost 30 distinguished Visiting Music Teachers in our purpose-built Music School. All the major musical disciplines are offered; and students are given many opportunities to develop their musicianship through masterclasses as well as developing their leadership through mentoring and conducting.



THE PERSON

The successful candidate will demonstrate strong communication skills, warmth and empathy. They will have a high level of organisational and interpersonal skills, be committed to maintaining the nurturing and supportive ethos of the school, and be an enthusiastic, caring and positive role model within the School community.

GENERAL SKILLS REQUIRED

Excellent interpersonal and management skills, with the ability to relate well to people on all levels, to encourage and motivate, and to show ambition for the School and its direction

Ability to work effectively as a member of the team, to show initiative and imagination and to have vision and the ability to inspire others

First class organisational and administrative skills with the ability to remain calm under pressure and to work to tight deadlines, managing competing priorities

High level of teaching skills and commitment to developing and maintaining high standards

Excellent written and spoken English

PERSON SPECIFICATION

It is highly desirable that applicants have the following attributes

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Good honours degree in Double Bass performance from a University or Conservatoire.

Postgraduate study in Double Bass performance or related field is desirable.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Able to foster a positive rapport with students of all ages.

Excellent communication skills to enable effective dialogue with students, parents and staff.

Excellent IT skills—the role will require and ability to use software to schedule music lessons.

Ability to inspire students at all levels and promote their instrument throughout the Junior and Senior Schools.

Professional performance portfolio is desirable.

EXPERIENCE & KNOWLEDGE

Successful previous teaching experience

OTHER

Personal integrity, honesty, energy, stamina and enthusiasm

A sensitivity to the needs of young people and a commitment to their support, care and nurture

Willingness to give generously to support School events and activities

Commitment to personal development and life-long learning

Track record of working collaboratively across departments

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVITY



North London Collegiate School condemns unequivocally discrimination and inequality in all its forms.

Our School was founded on the principles of respect and compassion, service to others, and active, positive participation in society and the wider world. We cannot change the past, but we must learn from it. It is not sufficient to say that we are not racist – we must be actively anti-racist in our actions, policies and educational delivery.

As a school, we are proud of our heritage of supporting, embracing and celebrating all the members of our community, as exemplified in our School Aims.

We recognise and celebrate the benefits of having a diverse school community, in which individuals value themselves, one another, and the different contributions that everyone can make to the school, our wider community and the world.

Our students are taught to value and respect themselves and others as they work hard to prepare to take leading roles in our future society.

In the provision of equal opportunities, the School recognises and accepts its responsibilities under the law and opposes discrimination based on the protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

We oppose all bullying and unlawful discrimination on the basis that a person

has a special educational need or learning difficulty, or because English is an additional language. We are committed to being an equal opportunities education provider, and to equality of opportunity for all members of our school community.

North London Collegiate School aims to ensure that all policies and practices conform with the principle of equal opportunities and comply with the public sector equality duty set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

We will tackle inappropriate attitudes and practices through our staff leading by example, through the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme, through our supportive school culture and through our school's policies. Our teaching will reflect the diverse nature of our modern world and we will seek through our extracurricular activities, partnerships and School societies to challenge inequality and inequity, promulgate fairness and equality for all and to celebrate the differences that make us all unique and valuable members of society.

We believe that our School community is an agent for change in the world, and we continue to seek to ensure that more generations of young people leave North London Collegiate School empowered and enabled to take the next steps forward in their education and lives for their own benefit and for the good of society as a whole.

TERMS, CONDITIONS & BENEFITS

KEY DATES

Closing date for applications:
Friday 17th April at 7.00am

Interview Date:
Tuesday 28th April 2026

SALARY

£33.30 per 35 minutes session.

START DATE

Required from September 2026

LOCATION

NLCS is a short walk from Canons Park or Stanmore stations.

Staff arriving at Edgware Station on the Northern Line can use our free Station Shuttle-bus service.

For further information please visit our Travelling to School page [HERE](#)

MEALS

A free lunch is available for all staff during term time. Thomas Franks, our dedicated caterer, accommodates all dietary requirements.

CANONS SPORTS CENTRE

Canons Sports Centre is located in the beautifully landscaped grounds of NLCS. Staff have free access to the Sports Facilities at designated times. This includes the Fitness Studios, Swimming Pool and Multi-Purpose Sports Hall.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Our Performing Arts Centre which has a 350-seat theatre holds up to 40 productions and concerts each year.

Tickets are available to staff with the majority of performances being free or at a discounted price.

SAFEGUARDING

NLCS is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all members of all staff to share this commitment.

Applicants must declare any criminal convictions as the post is exempt under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Appointments will be conditional upon the receipt of a satisfactory response to a check of police records via the Disclosure and Barring Service and references from previous employers.

We are an Equal Opportunities employer.



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Founded 1850

