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HIGH SCHOOL

Job Description

Job Title:	Peripatetic Singing Teacher
Job Purpose:	To provide individual Singing lessons at the Senior School and the Girls' Preparatory School
Reporting Line:	Head of Instrumental Music
Start Date:	September 2026
Tenure:	Permanent (variable hours contract), Part-time (approx. 13 hours per week initially)
Days:	Preferably Wednesday and Friday
Salary:	£53.49 per hour (including holiday pay)

The Music Department at Surbiton High School is vibrant, thriving, and ambitious. We have over 400 individual music lessons taking place each week, and a large team of classroom teachers and VMTs (Visiting Music Teachers). The Department achieves strong outcomes at both GCSE (Edexcel) and A Level (Eduqas), and students regularly go on to study Music at outstanding institutions. The Department runs a wide range of ensembles across multiple genres, and the busy concert programme includes performances locally and at major venues, including Cadogan Hall and Sinfonia Smith Square. Choral music enjoys a very high profile, and we are ideally looking for a candidate with a strong choral interest.

Key Responsibilities:

- To provide high-quality individual singing tuition to girls aged 8-18, from beginner to advanced
- To make and submit a weekly timetable
- To maintain accurate attendance records and promote good pupil attendance
- To report safeguarding concerns in line with School policy
- To read and understand the School's Individual Music Lessons Terms & Conditions
- To write weekly practice notes for each pupil to take home after their lesson
- To monitor a personal School email account and respond to emails in a timely manner
- To maintain good communication with parents
- To write an annual report for each pupil
- To attend the VMT Annual General Meeting and the annual VMT Parents' Evening
- To complete entry forms for music exams and performance platforms organised by the Department
- To promote and foster a culture of excellence



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Person Specification

The successful candidate will be likely to fit the following profile:

Qualifications

- Good Honours degree (Performance/Teaching degree preferred but not essential)
- Evidence of further relevant professional development would be an advantage

Skills

- The ability to lead, inspire, and support pupils and colleagues
- The ability to accommodate a wide range of musical styles, ages, and abilities
- Excellent organisational, administrative, communication, and ICT skills

Experience

- A proven track record of high-quality instrumental teaching
- Evidence of successful teaching at all levels
- Experience of leading and collaborating with colleagues

Knowledge

- Up-to-date knowledge of music pedagogy and ability to share best practice with colleagues

Personal Qualities

- High levels of personal and professional integrity
- Ability to exercise discretion and confidentiality
- Ability to form positive rapport pupils, staff, and parents
- High standards of personal presence and presentation and attention to detail
- Ability to communicate concisely and sensitively, both orally and in writing, to a variety of audiences

Attitudes

- A committed team player
- Willingness to be flexible in a busy school environment
- A commitment to make decisions that are in the best interests of the pupils
- High expectations for pupil attainment, personal development, and conduct
- Organised, energetic, positive, and able to self-direct
- The belief that music is for everyone and that all forms of music-making have value
- Ability to think creatively and imaginatively
- Committed to Surbiton High School's ethos
- Ambitious and aspirational for oneself and for the School
- Committed to professional development and show a willingness to undertake appropriate training for this role



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To Apply

Please apply online via the link on the TES or our School [website](#)

Closing date for Applications:

Midnight, Sunday 31 May 2026

Interviews to be held week commencing:

8 June 2026

Please note that the School reserves the right to appoint at any stage during the recruitment process. For any queries relating to the role or your application, please email recruitment@surbitonhigh.com



The Benefits of Working for Surbiton High School

- Competitive Salary
- Extensive CPD Opportunities
- Flexible Working
- Complimentary School Lunches
- Contributory Pension Scheme
- Excellent transport links
- Working as part of a motivated and committed team



About Surbiton High School

We aim to inspire, encourage and empower our staff and pupils to be the very best they can be.

Surbiton High School is a friendly and vibrant community where people matter, results count and where a passion for excellence drives everything we do. We are a school with a real heart and soul, where we look beyond the A* to offer a breadth of opportunity which allows every pupil to flourish and every staff member to develop and succeed.

Our inspirational Teachers are committed to delivering a rich curriculum and programme of co-curricular activities which challenge our pupils to explore ideas for themselves. We feed our pupils' minds, but we also care passionately about their character development and happiness. Our approach to education means that Surbiton High School pupils achieve the very best exam results and are also compassionate, authentic young people with strong values, keen to make a positive difference in the world. Our Educational Support Staff are the backbone of the School, and are dedicated to supporting our aim of creating an intellectually rigorous and challenging academic environment which runs smoothly and efficiently.

Surbiton High School has approximately 1610 pupils aged between 4 and 18. Our Junior Schools are divided into the Junior Girls' School and Boys' Preparatory School, and the Senior School is girls only from age 11 upwards.

We are looking for applicants who are passionate about inspiring those around them, bringing out 'The Best in Everyone' and working with us to become the number one School of choice in South West London.

Read more on our website: www.surbitonhigh.com



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Additional Information

Equal Opportunities

Surbiton High School is a member of the United Church Schools Trust, Charity Number 1016538 and is an equal opportunity employer. We expect all employees to act in a manner which is consistent with the Trust's principal objective: to provide education based on Christian principles. While we recognise that employees may come from other faith groups (as indeed do many of our pupils), we expect everyone in our community to conduct themselves appropriately in the light of this objective. As a School we, in turn, respect the different faiths of our colleagues and pupils, and welcome them and their contribution.

In Surbiton High School, male colleagues and those from ethnic minorities are under-represented among our staff; we would therefore wish to encourage them to apply. However, the aim of the selection process is to appoint the best possible candidate, and gender and ethnicity are not criteria for selection.

Eligibility for Employment

Surbiton High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all who work at the School to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Any offer of employment is thus conditional on clearance from the above, on the receipt of: two satisfactory references, a satisfactory medical questionnaire, proof of qualifications, overseas checks where applicable, and on proof of right to reside and work in the UK.

Choice of Referees

We wish to have someone who can write knowledgeably about your abilities to perform professionally in a position similar to this one. We also need to have the most recent possible references. Your referees should therefore normally include your current – or most recent – employer. If you are unable to supply referees who fit into the above categories, please explain this in your application. We shall carry out such further reference checks as are necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of children. Please provide professional, rather than home addresses for your referees, and supply email addresses in all cases.



United Learning

United Learning is a unique group of independent and state schools working together to achieve the best in everyone. Our vision is to provide excellent education so that all young people are able to make a success of their lives and, if we are to realise this vision, we need to make sure we attract, develop and reward the key ingredient – you.