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Our School

Denstone College is an independent boarding and day school for pupils aged 4-18 set in rural Staffordshire. The school has over 750 pupils with 100 being part of our on site Prep School.

In 2023 the College celebrated 150 years. The high standard of wellbeing and academic provision is remarkable, and this has been confirmed by the latest Ofsted, ISI inspections and HESA (Health in Education Association). A Level results are usually in line with those of the very best all-round schools nationally.

Denstone offers boarding from aged 7 through to 18 with a range of boarding options available, from full time to flexible boarding in our boarding facilities around campus.

With dedicated, talented and inspiring staff, fantastic facilities and as impressive a rural setting as you could find, we balance the pursuit of academic excellence with a broad co-curricular programme. Denstone College offers students more than 40 sports and activities.

The College offers opportunities for a range of co-curricular activities including outdoor pursuits, music and drama.

Meet The Head

Lotte Tulloch

To define a Denstone education is to look beyond the here and now, to gaze in to the future and imagine what our children will become.

Parents invest emotionally in the College, safe in the knowledge that their children will be taught well, coached wisely and raised to be upstanding citizens of the future. They will be confident and happy and both interested and interested.

Our commitment to the individual needs of each child surpasses the expected and as a result, our diverse community conforms to no stereotypes.

As Head, I believe passionately in the celebration of success and allowing that positive culture to bleed through all elements of school life. Children need positivity, excellent role-models and a platform from which to shine; to be their own beacon of excellence.

No website, prospectus, virtual tour or social media platform can do this College justice – a place which thrives on human interaction and relationships. Please do take the time to come and see us in action – the door is always open.

Lotte Tulloch
Head



Our Vision

Our Vision is simple, as a provider of independent education, we aspire to encourage our pupils to jump up and down, making a difference in areas they have a passion in.

Woodard Schools

The Woodard Corporation is a significant charity founded on the vision of Canon Nathaniel Woodard, providing high quality education in an actively Christian school environment for all. Today, Woodard educates over 30,000 pupils across academy, independent and state maintained schools. Our aim is to be the educational provider of choice and a valued voice in UK education.

Mission Statement

To provide inspiration, discovery, and understanding to our pupils by delivering excellence in the classroom and beyond.

Create opportunities by providing the highest possible standards of educational achievement in an environment where pupils are encouraged to realise their true potential.

To support the stresses each one of our community faces, offering an education which is balanced with academic excellence and co-curricular exploration.

Remain true to the Woodard corporations founding values, widening access to a sound Christian education.

Unlock Denstonacity

At Denstone College, we have a word to describe our pupils, parents and staff, it is Denstonacity, this is a noun which describes us as having 'the ambition to explore every possible version of ourselves.'

As a College and Prep, we want to empower our community into being able to make a difference in the world, creating role models all around our campus.

The Campus



Denstone College sits within 150 acres of rural Staffordshire, with a large variety in activities and provisions to provide a fantastic well rounded education for all.

Across the site we have a range of dedicated teaching spaces and a fantastic library, offering engaging and exciting space to learn. At the heart of the school is St Chad's Chapel, a facility all pupils experience as part of their day to day life. We also have a theatre, and recently renovated Dining Room experience.

We have multi-use facilities across the campus through our Sports Hall and Astro-turfs, these have provided opportunities to compete and enjoy hockey, netball, badminton, tennis, basketball, football, martial arts and even our own climbing wall.

With sports in mind, we have a range of pitches suitable for cricket, rugby, lacrosse, football and a dedicated running track. The school also has its own Athletic Development Centre, supporting not just our high performance athletes but also every other pupil. Two facilities which help Denstone stand out are our on-site swimming pool as well as our 9 hole golf course situated at the back of the school.

Music at Denstone College

The purpose of music, as Glenn Gould famously said, 'is not the release of a momentary ejection of adrenaline but rather the gradual, lifelong construction of a state of wonder and serenity.'

At Denstone, we understand that school music has the potential to leave a hallmark on the character of every pupil that will stay with them for the rest of their lives, bequeathing them a beautiful inheritance of musical ability and appreciation that they will treasure for ever.

We believe that it is our responsibility, as a department, to foster a love of music that will stay with the children we teach for the rest of their lives. We believe in excellence and participation in equal measure, and take it as an axiom that all can enjoy and make progress in music, regardless of their current level of attainment.

Music is thriving and incredibly important at Denstone College: it is central to college life and is incredibly well resourced. We are housed in a purpose-built facility, the Roper Music School, which boasts two generously sized classrooms, IT Suite, Recording Studio, Keyboard Room, an Ensemble Room, nine Instrumental/Vocal teaching rooms, Staffroom, Instrument Store and the Director of Music's Office. In addition, we have a Rehearsal Room in the Old Music School, which is permanently set up for larger ensembles/percussion, a designated Performing Arts space under development, and we use the College Chapel and School Room (College Theatre) for larger rehearsals and concerts.

We have a part-time Music Secretary and we currently have 20 specialist Visiting Music Teachers offering 'one-to-one' tuition on a wide variety of instruments, some offering a few hours and others teaching here on multiple days. This includes the visiting teachers of LAMDA and Dance, which the Department manages as part of our contribution to the wider performing arts scene at the College.

The Prep offers a dynamic and well-structured music program, led by the Prep Head of Music, who delivers all class music lessons and coordinates performances. The Director of Music oversees the Prep Head of Music in collaboration with the Head of The Prep. The Prep building includes a dedicated music room equipped with a variety of instruments, providing an inspiring space for students to develop their musical skills. While most individual music lessons are taught by peripatetic teachers, all Prep 2 and Prep 3 pupils learn an instrument as a class under the Prep Head of Music's coordination. The Prep also provides ensemble opportunities, including a chapel choir, a show choir, a prep band and a percussion group, all of which rehearse during break times, enriching the school's musical culture.

We believe that performance is incredibly important to our students' musical development and progress. We traditionally have a number of performance opportunities throughout the school year, at the College, at the Prep School and externally, and a number of ensembles on offer to our pupils. Our Chapel Choir sings weekly in our chapel service, and we also currently run a Chamber Choir, a Show Choir, a Contemporary Choir and our advanced choir call The Denstone Singers. Instrumentally, we are an eclectic department: we currently have Orchestra and Junior Concert Band, String, Flute, Brass, Clarinet and Recorder Ensemble, Big Band, and opportunities for pupils to play in a pit band. Pupils from Denstone go on to study music at university and conservatoire level, and some pupils perform in National and Regional competitions.

1st Form (Year 7) pupils currently receive two class music lessons per week, with 2nd and 3rd Form each receiving one period. We offer Edexcel GCSE Music and Eduqas A level Music and currently have one class in each year group.

We are actively seeking an enthusiastic, dynamic and collaborative Visiting Music Teacher to teach Cello to our dedicated students. The successful candidate will be hard-working, skilled in teamwork, and have the drive to develop their own teaching skills, as well as to share good practice with colleagues. First and foremost, however, they will have a genuine love of music and a desire to inspire the same thing in their students.

These are exciting times for Music at Denstone College as we continue to encourage our entire school to get involved in music making.

The Living Wage Foundation



The real Living Wage is higher than the government's minimum, or National Living Wage, and is an independently calculated hourly rate of pay that is based on the actual cost of living.

Over 15,000 organisations, including Denstone College, voluntarily choose to pay the real Living Wage because we believe that a hard day's work deserves a fair day's pay. You can find out more about the Living Wage by visiting www.livingwage.org.uk

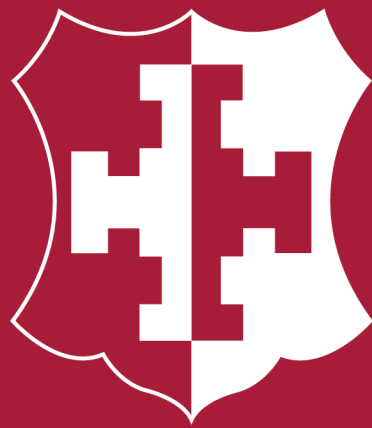
Job Description

Job title: VMT - Cello

Responsible to: Director of Music

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Teach pupils, ranging from complete beginners, to those of a high standard, the technique and musicianship required to play an appropriate music instrument, offering encouragement support and guidance as necessary.
- Organise timetables in conjunction with the music secretary via Involve Education, adhering to the College policy.
- Complete weekly registers and lesson notes on Involve Education.
- Prepare appropriate pupils for Music Exams.
- Where appropriate, and following consultation from the Director of Music, organise, promote, rehearse and direct ensembles in extra-curricular activities.
- Prepare pupils for concerts, festivals and competitions (as appropriate) and encourage pupils to take the available opportunities to develop all aspects of their musicianship.
- Aim to attend concerts that your pupils/ensembles are performing at.
- Promote the general progress and well-being of any pupils assigned to her/him.
- Act in the professional manner of a schoolteacher, maintaining good order and discipline among the pupils and safeguarding their health and safety, both when they are authorised to be on the college premises and when they are engaged in authorised College activities elsewhere.
- Promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young persons for whom you are responsible and with whom you come into contact following the College Safeguarding policy.
- Undertake such training as may be reasonably required by the College to properly adapt to the changing requirements of the College and the role or as may be necessary to fulfil the College's statutory or regulatory obligations.



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