



RADLEY

Visiting Music Teacher Organ

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The Department

The organ is a regular part of every boy's daily life at Radley. The whole school sings (enthusiastically!) in Chapel services five times a week, with weekly Sung Eucharist or Choral Evensong led by the 130-strong Chapel Choir. Organ pupils regularly accompany hymns and anthems in Chapel or play voluntaries before and after services. Boys are regularly awarded Organ Scholarships at Universities and Cathedrals. Current former pupils are Organ Scholars at Magdalen College Oxford, Selwyn College Cambridge from September and Trinity Hall Cambridge.

There are currently around 20 organ pupils, some of whom are ex-choristers and others who have been drawn to learning the organ during their time in Radley. A new Nicholson & co three-manual mechanical-action organ was installed in Chapel in 2021, and the new Music School houses a 2-manual tracker action organ by Peter Collins. There are two harpsichords and several boys are developing into keen Continuo players. There is also a two-manual mechanical-action organ in St James's Church, Radley (across the road from the College).

There is a vibrant series of concerts and other performances throughout the year, including a Summer Organ Recital Series given by boys, staff and visiting professional musicians. There are regular opportunities to work with guest musicians in masterclasses and workshops most recently by David Briggs.

Radley's organ pupils range from relative beginners to those preparing for Oxbridge organ scholarships. We aim to motivate and encourage these students to continue and progress throughout their time at Radley, giving all of them the same attention and opportunities.



The Role

Due to unprecedented demand for organ lessons and continued growth in interest in the instrument at Radley, we are looking for an additional excellent and inspiring organ teacher to join our organ team from September 2026. Currently, this would be for one day a week (around 8 pupils), but with potential for this to grow over time.

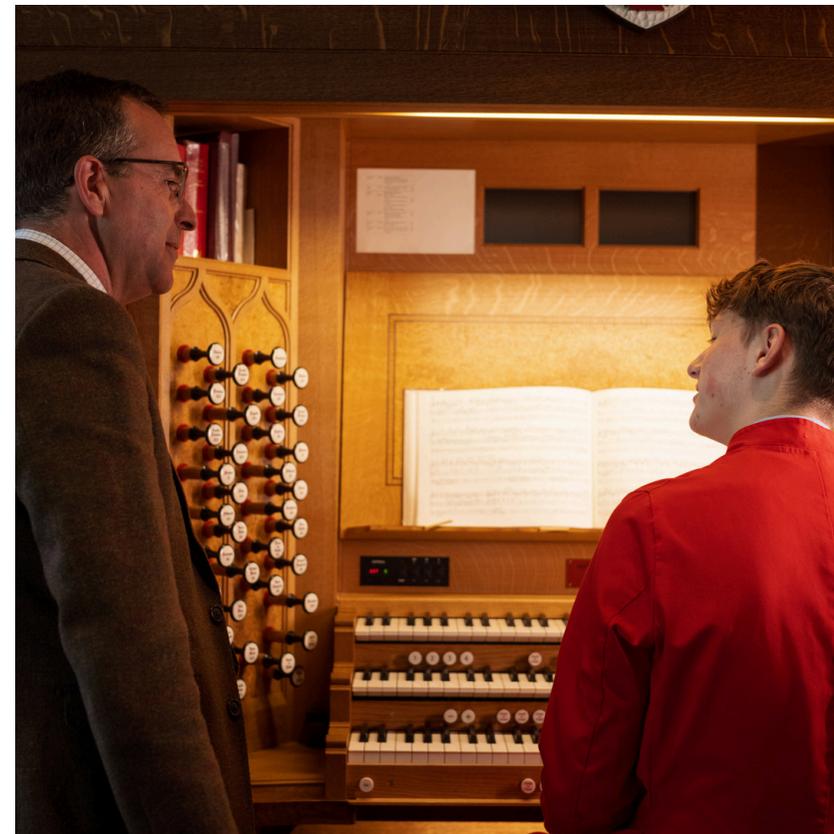
As well as knowledge of teaching strategies, teaching repertoire and adaptability to the individual, the successful applicant will show an active interest and insight into current instrumental teaching, research and development, and in pursuing their own professional development as an instrumental teacher.

In general, the role of a Visiting Music Teacher at Radley is defined as:

- the teaching, progress and development of each individual student within their specialism;
- designing a curriculum for each pupil based upon a shared goal;
- helping the pupil to achieve this by their professional help and expertise;
- encouraging pupils to take advantage of further opportunities, whether in ensemble music, competitions and wider musical development at school, or through courses, ensembles and competitions externally;
- being imaginative in ensuring that all boys are exposed to the experience of live performance;
- keeping records of a pupil's instrumental progress and up to date with all documentation;
- providing clear and helpful reports to parents at the end of each term;
- keeping abreast of current developments in instrumental teaching;
- working with the Head of Section to attract future music scholars.



“This is an unbelievably impressive place, steeped in tradition yet evolving by the minute.” Talk Education





How to Apply

Applications should be submitted via our online application form. The deadline for applications is 12 noon, Monday 13 April, but we reserve the right to consider applications as they arrive. Interviews will take place week commencing 20 April 2026.

Selection Process

If selected for interview, applicants will be given a guided tour of the music school, have an interview with the Precentor, Head of Instrumental Music and be required to teach a short 20-minute lesson and/or coach an ensemble.

Your interview will include a brief session with our Human Resources department, to undertake a number of identity checks. A list of valid identity documents will be sent to you prior to your interview.

In the event of not being successful, please be assured that all copies of identification will be destroyed.

Safeguarding

Radley College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all employees to share this commitment. Employees must, at all times, have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in line with the provisions of the Children Act 2004 (as amended) and Keeping Children Safe in Education (as amended) and be fully aware of, and understand, the duties and responsibilities that apply to their role in relation to these requirements.

All employees must attend appropriate training in accordance with College and local Safeguarding Board stipulations. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

A disclosure, at the enhanced level, will be requested from the successful applicant but a criminal record will not necessarily be a bar to obtaining this position. You will also be required to produce original evidence of qualifications as well as evidence of the right to work in the UK.



Radley College

Radley College is an independent full boarding school for boys aged 13-18 in Oxfordshire. Named Best Public School 2024 by Tatler, we are proud of our position as one of the world's leading schools, but it is our ability to unlock the potential in every boy and the sense of community here that makes us special.

Founded in 1847, Radley is proud of its tradition but is celebrated for academic excellence, innovation, and dynamism. We are fortunate to do all of this on a beautiful 800-acre campus with genuinely worldclass facilities a few miles from the thriving city of Oxford.

We aim to nurture intellectual entrepreneurs; boys who can use their strong academic understanding to solve real-world problems. Exam results matter and our excellent A-Level and GCSE results evidence this. But we know that life doesn't have a syllabus, so we work hard to equip boys with the characteristics, life skills and values that will help them thrive in the workplace and in life.

Beyond the classroom, opportunities are limitless. Our boys excel on the sports field, in the concert hall, on stage and as part of our partnerships programme. Community is the central pillar of our ethos. All our boys meet in Chapel five days a week and we eat centrally, which helps to foster a sense of connection across the College

More on music at Radley can be viewed here [Music at Radley College](#)



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