

Peripatetic Violin Teacher

Candidate Information

Location: Harpenden, Hertfordshire

Hours: Part-time, term-time



Introduction to Aldwickbury School

Aldwickbury is an independent day and flexi-boarding Pre-Prep and Prep School for children aged 4-13, located in 20 acres of grounds on the outskirts of Harpenden in Hertfordshire. From September 2026, Aldwickbury is excited to be opening a Nursery for children aged 3-4 years old, extending the opportunity to be part of this outstanding school. Operated as an Educational Trust, the School is administered by a Board of Governors and is a member of the Independent Association of Prep Schools (IAPs).

At Aldwickbury School, we inspire children to develop a love of learning, empowering them to try their best, embrace challenges, be themselves, and seize opportunities that come their way. Our approach focuses on nurturing the individual potential of each child, ensuring they feel supported in a safe and stimulating environment. Our award-winning education is built on strong values, a deep sense of community and a culture of care that runs through every part of school life.

Aldwickbury is a non-selective school with an emphasis on personal and academic growth. We encourage pupils to take risks, celebrate their successes, and learn from their mistakes, and we are incredibly proud of the value we add to their education. Through our dedicated staff, we aim to provide an outstanding experience that prepares pupils for their next stages in education at a wide range of excellent senior schools.

Our Ethos

Our community is one where all staff should feel supported, where kindness connects us as 'one team'. We work with passion to deliver an outstanding education for the pupils.

Our culture is one of integrity, respect and high ambition, underpinned by a growth mindset. We are encouraged through endeavour and self-reflection to develop, grow and support each other's wellbeing and happiness.

Independent Boys' School of the Year 2024

We are immensely proud that Aldwickbury has been awarded the prestigious title of Independent Boys' School of the Year at the highly regarded Independent School of the Year Awards. Even more significantly, we are the first-ever Prep School to win this category.

This incredible achievement is a testament to the unwavering dedication and hard work of our entire team, and their ability to ignite the passion for learning across all aspects of the school. It is also a testament to the boys' enthusiasm for embracing opportunities and rising to challenges - qualities that help make Aldwickbury such a special community. Central to this success is our strong team ethos and the invaluable support of our parents, governors, and wider school community. Together, we have built an inspirational environment where pupils are not only happy, but also challenged, kind, and able to flourish as their authentic selves.



The Role

Job Title: Peripatetic Violin Teacher

Accountable to: Director of Music

Job Purpose: Aldwickbury School seeks to appoint an outstanding violin teacher to teach individual and class lessons across the Prep School from September 2026. The role requires the violin teacher to provide pupils with a rounded musical education, and the successful applicant will be an experienced and talented teacher who is able to inspire young musicians

The Music Department

The Music Department is flourishing and vibrant, with around 250 one-to-one music lessons delivered each week and approximately 12 different ensembles. The pupils perform regularly in class, in informal concerts and at formal end-of-term concerts. There are also a variety of productions throughout the year involving pupils of all ages.

Music is highly valued at Aldwickbury, and the children are inspired by the passion and expertise of the teaching staff. This enthusiasm has led to a steady increase in the number of pupils taking up lessons and becoming involved in co-curricular music. A number of pupils have gone on to achieve music scholarships and awards at their 13+ destination schools.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

Aldwickbury is committed to continuous improvement, and all staff are expected to actively participate in school activities and embrace a flexible, forward-thinking approach.

While every effort has been made to outline the key duties of this role, additional responsibilities may be assigned as needed by the Director of Music and updated in line with the evolving needs of the school.

- Teach 30-minute individual lessons and three class music lessons within the Junior Department, as directed by the Director of Music
- Lead an ensemble group, encouraging participation and musical progression
- Actively promote the violin and support the recruitment of new music pupils
- Demonstrate a passion and enthusiasm for the violin, fostering a positive, encouraging learning environment
- Plan and deliver a tailored programme of study for pupils, ensuring clear progression and continuity in learning
- Set appropriate learning goals and encourage regular, purposeful practice between lessons
- Maintain accurate attendance records and lesson notes using the school's music administration system
- Prepare, motivate and support pupils to perform in concerts, assemblies and other school events
- Prepare pupils for music examinations, where appropriate
- Support pupils applying for and auditioning for senior school music scholarships
- Attend performances, concerts, church services and other school events as required



Person Specification

The successful candidate will be an engaging, enthusiastic, and highly skilled violin teacher who can inspire pupils of all abilities and nurture a lifelong enjoyment of music.

Qualifications and Experience

- A recognised music degree or equivalent professional qualification in music education
- A recognised teaching qualification and/or significant vocational experience in teaching
- Proven experience teaching to primary and/or prep school-aged pupils
- Experience preparing pupils for graded music examinations, auditions, and music scholarships
- Thorough and up-to-date knowledge of examination requirements

Skills and Personal Qualities

- Strong communication and motivational skills, with a child-centred and encouraging approach
- Warm, engaging, and approachable, with excellent interpersonal skills when working with pupils, parents, and colleagues
- The ability to inspire confidence and a love of playing, tailoring teaching style to suit the needs of individual pupils
- A pleasant and professional manner combined with enthusiasm and energy
- A genuine commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, in line with school policy

Terms of Appointment

Hours of work: Part-time, up to 1 day per week. Approximately 7 hours, including individual teaching, 3 class lessons and an ensemble group

There is a degree of flexibility within these hours which can be discussed at interview

Contract: Term-time only

Salary: £36.76 per hour (reviewed annually)

Benefits: Contributory pension scheme
Free on-site parking
Use of the School's facilities at times allocated to staff, including the swimming pool and sports hall
Employee Assistance Programme



Interview and Application Process

The closing date for applications is **24th August 2026**.

Early application is advised, as applications will be considered as they are received and we reserve the right to appoint at any time in the process.

Interviews will be arranged with the shortlisted candidates on **28th August 2026**.

Thank you for your interest in joining Aldwickbury School. The information in this document is non-contractual but is designed to give you an overview of the post.

All posts are subject to enhanced statutory checks.

Aldwickbury is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

The school aims to provide a safe and nurturing environment where all pupils are happy and can be themselves.

Aldwickbury expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

