

## Piano Tutor

Peripatetic – St Augustine's Catholic College, Trowbridge

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### Our College

We are delighted that you are considering joining the peripatetic music team at St Augustine's Catholic College. We hope the information in this pack gives you a clear picture of who we are and what the role involves.

St Augustine's is among the highest-performing non-selective schools in the country, regularly in the top 10% nationally for progress and achievement at GCSE. We also have a strong record of students progressing to Russell Group and Oxbridge universities.

As our most recent OFSTED inspection noted, staff feel proud to work here, leaders are mindful of staff wellbeing and workload, and safeguarding arrangements are effective. There is a warm, welcoming family atmosphere at the College, and teamwork is at the heart of everything we do.

As a Catholic school, our values are explicitly Christian. You do not need to be of the Catholic faith to apply, though we seek colleagues who will support our ethos with commitment and energy, serving the whole College community.

### Music at St Augustine's

Music holds a central place in the life of St Augustine's. The department offers a broad and ambitious curriculum from KS3 through to A Level, led by a dedicated Subject Lead and supported by our inspiring team of peripatetic tutors who give students expert guidance across a wide range of instruments.

Whole-school concerts take place several times throughout the academic year, most notably our Festival of Light in December, Young Musician of the Year (held at Wiltshire Music Centre) in March and our informal Summer Showcase in July. In addition to our in-house events, there are opportunities for students of all abilities to perform in assemblies, in the community or at larger events further afield. Pupil Premium students receive subsidised instrumental tuition so that financial background is less of a barrier to musical opportunity.

We believe learning an instrument is one of the most enriching experiences a young person can have, and our peripatetic team are central to making that possible. We value the relationships tutors build with their students and the consistent, lasting impact of that one-to-one work.

*"Thank you for everything you have done to enable our students to discover so much about themselves through the gift of music. There have been many special moments for individuals and your support has been a key factor in making this possible."*

— Aidan Dowle, Headteacher

# The Role

## Piano Tutor – Role Overview

St Augustine's Catholic College is seeking an experienced and enthusiastic Piano Tutor to join our peripatetic music team. This is a self-employed peripatetic position offering a flexible working pattern during term time.

The successful candidate will deliver high-quality individual and small-group piano tuition to students across a range of year groups and abilities, from beginners through to those preparing for GCSE and A Level performance assessment as well as Grade 8 and Diploma. We currently foresee 5 hours (1 day) of tuition being required from September 2026 although this is expected to grow.

### What you'll do

- Deliver engaging, well-structured piano lessons tailored to each student's age and ability
- Support students preparing for graded examinations (ABRSM or Trinity), exam recitals and public performances
- Contribute positively to the musical life of the College, including supporting concerts and whole-school events
- Maintain open communication with the Head of Music and, where appropriate, with students' families
- Schedule lessons on a rotating timetable so that no student misses the same curriculum lesson each week

### What we're looking for

- A skilled and experienced piano teacher with a passion for working with young people
- Strong communication skills and the ability to build positive, encouraging relationships with students
- Reliability, professionalism, and a commitment to high standards of tuition
- Current Public Liability Insurance (a copy must be provided to the College annually)
- Current or willingness to become a GSW Music Hub Associate Tutor – this is preferred and the College will support the process for the right candidate
- Commitment to safeguarding and the welfare of children and young people

### What we offer

- Use of College music practice rooms, free of charge during term time (subject to availability and agreement with the Head of Music)
- Rooms available Monday to Friday, 8.00 am – 5.00 pm
- A working year of up to 33 weeks, avoiding the first and last week of each long term
- Flexibility to reschedule missed lessons in the final week of each term if needed
- The College will assist in promoting piano lesson opportunities to students and families
- Pupil Premium student lessons subsidised by the College at the agreed rate
- Music club sessions remunerated at the current supply teachers' rate on submission of a claim form

# Terms & Conditions

## Peripatetic Music Teaching – General Terms

*The following terms apply to all peripatetic music teachers working at St Augustine's Catholic College (updated June 2026).*

### Lesson Arrangements

- Private music lessons are arranged directly between the peripatetic teacher and the student's family. The College has no part in invoicing parents and leaves financial arrangements entirely to the teacher.
- The College will assist in promoting lesson opportunities to students and families.
- The College cannot subsidise additional lessons for GCSE and A Level students beyond the standard allocation; any further lessons become a private arrangement between teacher and student.
- Lessons for Pupil Premium students will be subsidised by the College at an agreed rate.

### Timetabling

- Lessons may be planned across 33 weeks of the academic year, avoiding the first and last week of each long term.
- Missed lessons may be rescheduled in the final week of each term where needed.
- Lessons must be scheduled on a rotating basis so that no student misses the same curriculum lesson every week.

### Use of Facilities

- Music practice rooms are available free of charge during term time, subject to prior agreement with the Head of Music and College availability.
- Rooms are available Monday to Friday, 8.00 am – 5.00 pm.

### Insurance & Compliance

- All peripatetic teachers must hold a current Public Liability Insurance Policy covering the tuition they provide. A copy must be submitted to the College annually.
- It is strongly preferred that tutors are GSW Music Hub Associate Tutors, or are willing to become one. The College will support this where needed.
- All appointments are made subject to a satisfactory Enhanced DBS check being completed prior to commencement. Under no circumstances should any individual begin work on site until this check has been cleared and confirmed by HR.

# How to Apply

## Application Process

To apply for this position please visit our website [Vacancies page](#) and click the Apply button.

Your personal statement should set out your interest in the role, your relevant experience and skills as a piano teacher, and how you feel you would contribute to the musical life of St Augustine's.

**Application deadline: 3.00 pm, Tuesday 7 July 2026**

Applications received after this deadline may not be considered. The College reserves the right to appoint before the closing date if a suitable candidate is identified, so early application is encouraged.

To arrange an informal conversation about the role or to find out more, please contact Head of Music Michal Sorga on [sorgam@st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:sorgam@st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk)

## Safeguarding & Pre-Employment Checks

St Augustine's Catholic College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

All appointments are conditional upon the satisfactory completion of the following:

- Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check
- Verification of identity and relevant qualifications
- Confirmation of current Public Liability Insurance
- Completion of safeguarding training

No individual should begin work at the College until all required checks have been completed and confirmed in writing by HR.

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