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Accompanist in Residence

UPPINGHAM



From the Headmaster, Dr Richard Maloney



Music is a core part of the Uppingham experience for all our pupils. Our pioneering history as a leading music school is well-known, and Uppingham's present-day performance and ensemble work is in a very strong place. The whole school community values our musical tradition and is proud of what our musicians achieve.

The Accompanist in Residence provides professional piano accompaniment for rehearsals, performances, and related musical activities. The accompanist plays a vital role in supporting soloists, choirs, instrumentalists, and ensembles while contributing to the overall artistic quality of the Music Department.

We are looking for an outstanding pianist, accompanist and teacher, whose expertise will enhance the quality of every performance.

We hope you find this a challenge you want to take on. You will find the facilities wonderful, the people fantastic, and our ambition unparalleled. We aspire for Uppingham to be the very best school and want the very best people to work with us.

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Dr Richard Maloney
Headmaster

Music at Uppingham

For pupils who strive to excel in music as part of a rounded education, Uppingham offers the best music provision of any non-specialist music school in the country. Music is quite simply a way of life at Uppingham. For any pupil with a passion for music, in any form – whether jazz or classical, polyphony or hip-hop – we offer boundless inspiration, opportunity and encouragement. We celebrate and support individual excellence and mass participation – catering to the musical ambitions and abilities of all pupils.

Throughout its history, Uppingham has been associated with music-making pioneers – and that spirit of adventure and vitality is sustained today by our internationally renowned director of music and our inspirational teaching team of professional musicians. Their work is enriched and extended by visiting world-class performers who support our wide-ranging programme of masterclasses and workshops.

Our pupils have access to no fewer than three music schools, equipped with state-of-the-art music technology and professional-quality performance spaces. Music-making runs through the whole community at Uppingham. Everyone who plays an instrument is encouraged to take a full part in group music-making, whether as part of major ensembles or orchestras (Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Orchestra, Wind band), or in specialist groups such as the Chamber Orchestra, String Ensemble, Pipe band, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble or Wind Ensemble. Additionally, there are numerous choirs, including the Chapel and Chamber Choirs, Concert Choir, Paul David Studio Singers and various pupil-led close harmony groups. The pupils have a vast range of performance opportunities at all levels, from our weekly Lunchtime Concerts and regular Faculty concerts, Scholars' concerts and Jazz Jam evenings to our annual Recital Competition, Music for Remembrance, Advent Carol Service, sell-out Jazz Cocktails and Canapes concert, symphonic orchestral concert and summer musical showcase. Whilst most of our performances happen in and around Uppingham, we shall next term additionally be giving performances in London and Saffron Hall and, in the summer, the Chapel choir will tour to Italy. In every musical endeavour, we challenge pupils to develop independence and self-discipline; to explore their own artistic identities. Our pupil-led orchestras, bands, ensembles and choirs stage regular professional-calibre performances, which never fail to leave audiences stunned by their quality and virtuosity.



About the role: Accompanist in Residence

The Accompanist in Residence will provide professional accompaniment for pupils across various musical activities. This position involves supporting pupils in rehearsals, performances, exams, competitions and fostering a creative and dynamic environment. The Accompanist in Residence will collaborate closely with vocalists and instrumentalists of all levels, ensuring they are prepared for performances.

In addition to their accompanying duties, they will offer one-on-one piano teaching. A key aspect of this role is creating a supportive and encouraging learning environment for pupils, providing constructive feedback and fostering a love for music.

The role also includes involvement in pastoral care, offering tutoring and support within the boarding house setting, helping to build a well-rounded and supportive experience for the pupils.

Excellent sight-reading skills and the ability to turn around accompaniments quickly is paramount.

Collaboration is central to this role, as the Accompanist in Residence will work closely with the Director of Music, Head of Keyboard, and other music faculty members to select and prepare repertoire for various events.

At a date agreed with the Director of Music, the Accompanist in Residence will organise and perform a recital at the school, either solo or collaboratively with colleagues.

This role is for the duration of the academic year 2025/26.

About the person

We are looking for an outstanding pianist, accompanist and teacher, who is a dynamic and inspirational character. The ideal candidate will have a degree in Music, Piano Performance, or a related field, with strong proficiency in piano accompaniment across a wide range of styles and genres.

A strong rapport with pupils, the ability to inspire, communicate effectively, and work both independently and within a team are essential.

An understanding of boarding school life and a willingness to engage in its full programme, including extracurricular and pastoral activities, is required.

Teaching at Uppingham

Remuneration and Benefits

The salary for this role will be discussed at interview. The School offers an extensive range of benefits including a school fee discount scheme for children of staff, free gym membership, subsidised medical scheme, excellent pension scheme, and free Westfield Healthcare and Rewards package which includes discounts in retail outlets, restaurants, cinemas and with holiday providers.

All members of staff are expected to live within reasonable distance of the School so that they can contribute to boarding school life easily and effectively.

Assistance with reasonable removal expenses is provided. School property is sometimes available initially, at a subsidised rate, for those who wish to rent, and some partly furnished flats are provided for those coming straight from university or overseas. Most staff prefer to buy their own houses in due course, and there is a wide range of property available in the town and surrounding villages.

One of Uppingham's great community strengths is dining in house. Each day teaching staff are invited to lunch in a boarding house; a genuine pleasure in the midst of a busy week.

Life in Rutland

Rutland – England's smallest county – is located in a beautiful part of the country. Alongside the stunning countryside, with Rutland Water only six miles away, there are a mass of leisure pursuits on our doorstep.

The town offers a range of independent stores and its location allows access to a number of thriving cities and towns. Uppingham is equidistant between Peterborough and Leicester which have excellent shopping centres, and Leicester, Nottingham and Birmingham all enjoy first-class theatre and concert facilities. Cambridge can be reached in 50 minutes and Oxford in an hour and a half. London is an hour by train from Corby, Kettering or Peterborough.

Uppingham town has nurseries, two maintained primary schools and an 11-16 community college, with sixth form colleges in nearby towns, such as Oakham and Stamford. There is a considerable community of young children within the area.

The next steps

Closing date:

Wednesday 30 April 2025, 9.00am

Interviews:

TBC

Informal enquiries about the post may be made to the Assistant Director of Music (Director of Music from September 2025), Andrew Webster, ajk@uppingham.co.uk.

Applications must be made on the School's application form, which can be obtained via the School website or from hr@uppingham.co.uk.

Completed applications should be returned to hr@uppingham.co.uk or by post to:

HR Department, Uppingham School,
High Street West, Uppingham, Rutland LE15 9QE

Uppingham School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Successful candidates must be willing to undergo full screening in accordance with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE), including an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. Issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of pupils will be explored at interview.

At Uppingham School, we value a truly inclusive, fair and equal work environment for all. Opportunities to work at Uppingham School are open to all, at all levels. We want to further increase the diversity of our workforce and actively encourage and welcome applications from candidates who have black, Asian, and minority ethnic backgrounds.





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