

ST GABRIEL'S

NEWBURY



CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACK

VISITING MUSIC TEACHER - BRASS



A welcome from the Principal

Thank you for the interest you have shown in joining St Gabriel's. I am delighted that you are considering becoming part of our community.

At St Gabriel's, we believe that every member of staff plays a pivotal role in shaping the educational journey of our pupils. Whether in the classroom, behind the scenes, or in pastoral care, your contribution helps us deliver an exceptional learning experience and create a lifelong love of learning.

St Gabriel's is a welcoming and supportive school where staff work together with a shared purpose: to help every pupil flourish. Whatever your role, you'll be part of a dedicated team that contributes to the life and success of our school.

RICKI SMITH



About St Gabriel's

Founded in 1929, St Gabriel's is a vibrant and thriving co-educational independent day school for children aged 6 months to 18 years. With a strong sense of community, our pupils, teaching staff, operational teams and nursery staff together create a warm and purposeful environment where every individual is known and valued.

Our Mission

To provide an education that is both balanced in its approach and inspirational in its content, within a community built on mutual respect and collaboration. We aim to create an environment where pupils are confident, engaged and happy.

We are proud to be a school where the strength of personal relationships is at the heart of everything we do. Our size enables us to focus on each individual — a school where every pupil is noticed for all the right reasons, and where a genuine sense of community flourishes. From this foundation, we work in partnership with families to help every child achieve the success they deserve.

St Gabriel's: a school founded on community, inspiration, understanding and balance.

Located on the edge of Newbury, the school sits within historic parkland landscaped by Capability Brown. At its heart stands an 18th Century, Grade I listed building, complemented by extensive modern development in recent years.

Providing an exceptional educational experience for families in and around Newbury has always been our focus. Over the past decade, we have successfully established St Gabriel's Nursery and extended our co-educational provision throughout the whole school, from Juniors to Sixth Form, ensuring that every stage of a child's journey benefits from the same ethos and excellence.



Our History

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- 2026:** St Gabriel's becomes a fully co-educational Nursery, Junior and Senior School
 - 2024:** Year 9 and Year 12 co-educational entry points
 - 2022:** Start of the Senior School's co-educational journey with boys welcomed in to Year 7
 - 2019:** 90th Birthday and restoration of Oval Room and Library
 - 2018:** Garland Science Laboratories and Theatre refurbished
 - 2017:** Opening of Sandleford Farmhouse as the new Sixth Form Centre
 - 2014:** The Junior School became fully co-educational; The nursery opened its doors to children from the age of six months
 - 2012:** Dance Studio opened
 - 2011:** Opening of the North Block (MFL & Technology Rooms)
 - 2002:** Opening of the Sports Hall
 - 1989:** Dining Room and Technology building opened
 - 1984:** Science Block built
 - 1983:** The Junior School, Falkland St Gabriel's, previously sited at Wash Common moved to Sandleford Priory
 - 1974:** A Board of Governors became responsible for the school after the Sisters left
 - 1948:** The Community of the Companions of Jesus the Good Shepherd (CJGS), an order of Anglican nuns, bought Sandleford Priory and moved the school to its current site
 - c1946:** To accommodate growing numbers following the war the Junior School moved to Falkland Lodge, Wash Common, Newbury and was known as Falkland St Gabriel's
 - 1943:** St Gabriel's relocated to Ormonde House, Newbury in January 1943. A house on Donnington Square was also used to accommodate the growing school community
 - 1939:** The school (80 pupils and staff) evacuated to West Ogdwell Manor in Devon
 - 1938:** From September to December the school evacuated to Wantage, utilising facilities at the former St Katharine's School site
 - 1929:** St Gabriel's was founded in Mill Hill, London
 - 18th Century:** Sandleford Priory acquired by the Montagu family. Mrs Elizabeth Montagu, the founder of the Blue Stocking Society, employed James Wyatt, to make the 13th Century chapel into a dining room, which was then joined to the house by Wyatt's remarkable Oval Room. The grounds were landscaped by Capability Brown
 - 12th Century:** Sandleford Priory founded for the Austin Canons by Count Geoffrey de Perche and his wife, Matilda, niece of King Richard I

About The Department: Music

The Music Department occupies three class-teaching rooms, including a dedicated Junior Music Studio and a Senior Music Technology Suite, where students work using their own devices on cloud-based DAW to produce their own music. The beautiful Oval Room, dating back to the 18th Century, is used for practical performance based lessons as well as providing a wonderful recital venue for numerous formal and informal concerts throughout the year. There are three spacious and recently refurbished teaching/practice rooms and a further two overflow practice rooms used regularly by a team of 11 visiting instrumental teachers. The Music Department also makes use of our professional box theatre for rehearsals, productions and Live Lounge events. Music is at the heart of St Gabriel's and there are 4 choirs and 2 orchestras across the Junior and Senior Schools.

There are also numerous extra-curricular clubs and activities, including jazz bands, chamber ensembles, music production clubs and rock and pop band coaching, taking place before, during and after the school day.



Position: Visiting Music Teacher - Brass

Contract Type: Term time only, starting at 2.5 hours per week with room for expansion

Benefits: In addition to a competitive salary, staff enjoy a range of benefits (see page 7).

Start Date: Summer Term

Reporting to: The Principal

Salary: £37.76 per hour, plus holiday pay

Location: St Gabriel's School, Newbury, RG20 9BD

THE POST

As Visiting Music Teacher, you will be required to deliver inspiring one-to-one lessons across a range of brass instruments (currently mostly trumpet and cornet, although all specialisms are welcomed); ensuring student motivation and progression, showing evidence of raising student attainment and achievement, and demonstrating excellent instrumental and musical pedagogy.

Throughout the year there will also be exciting opportunities to support your pupils in formal and informal concerts, orchestral and jazz band projects and bespoke ensembles for school productions and events as appropriate. It is expected that the successful candidate will be keen to invest fully in the musical life of the school.

THE CANDIDATE

As a Visiting Music Teacher, we require you to:

- be an imaginative and inspirational teacher
- have a desire to grow the number of students learning brass within both the Junior and Senior Schools
- teach up to Grade 8 level and prepare students for external exam entry as required
- support students with performance coursework at GCSE or A Level, as appropriate
- be able to stimulate music making throughout the school
- support the Music Department by playing for school shows, concerts and celebrations, as appropriate
- work as a team within a lively and successful department
- demonstrate a genuine enjoyment and enthusiasm for working with young people in a cohesive, friendly and happy community
- be well-organised, punctual and willing to manage your timetable within a busy school environment

Employee Benefits



LOCATION

Well connected, within easy reach of A34, M4 & A339



CLUB DISCOUNTS

Ultimate Activity Holiday Club discounts for children



EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE

Access to confidential advice & support



COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Regular social events for staff



CONCESSION DAYS

Concession days throughout the year, including Dame Betty Day



PERKBOX

Access to Perkbox Discount scheme



FEE REMISSION

Generous Discounted Fees



CPD

Opportunities for Professional Development



PENSION

Enrolment in outstanding pension scheme and options to upgrade



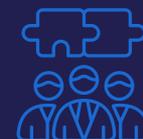
HEALTH & WELLBEING

Range of health benefits incl. 24/7 online GP and Nurse Practitioner Support



FLU VACCINATIONS

Annual on-site free vaccinations



TEAM

Working as part of a highly regarded & committed team



FREE EYE TESTS

Annual free eye-test & contribution towards glasses for regular VDU users



WORKING ENVIRONMENT

33 acres of Capability Brown parkland, including lake and easy access to Greenham Common



COMPLIMENTARY MEALS

Daily nutritious & delicious meals during term time



PARKING

Plenty of free onsite parking

“The benefits at St Gabriel’s go far beyond the great pension scheme and staff discounts. There’s a real focus on wellbeing and work–life balance, and the setting is genuinely beautiful — it’s a lovely place to come to work each day. Staff turnover is low for a reason — people genuinely enjoy being part of this community.”





How to apply

Please complete the School's Application Form and send it to HR@stgabriels.co.uk

Closing Date: 9.00am on Monday 16 March 2026

Applications will be reviewed as they are received and interviews may be arranged before the closing date, so early application is encouraged.

St Gabriel's School values diversity, promotes equality, and is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

For further details please contact HR on 01635 555680 or via email HR@stgabriels.co.uk

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