**Application Pack** 

# Head of Music (Senior School)

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# A Message from the Principal



It gives me great pleasure to introduce St George's - one of the leading and most academically successful British International Schools in Europe.

At St George's we are proud of our rich history of providing a world-class education to both expatriate and internationally-minded local families in one of the world's most iconic cities. Our community - uniquely in Rome - represents more than 90 different nationalities and this infuses our school with vibrancy, inclusivity, tolerance, respect and support.

Our highly-qualified team of teachers includes many leading educationalists and experts in their field who inspire the pupils to genuinely be the best they can be. As a leading school, we are committed to not only recruiting and retaining the very best teachers, but also to ensuring that we constantly develop and improve the education they provide for our pupils through a focus on training, coaching, research and innovation.

Our close links with the world's highest performing and most aspirational universities ensure Georgians are filled with ambition and have the highest possible expectations for their future. Whilst our (I)GCSE and IB results are among the best of any school of its type in the world, and are comparable with leading independent schools in the UK, we believe that a truly outstanding education is about so much more than just examination results. Our focus on the nine Cs ensures our pupils become highly successful individuals who are equipped to excel whatever the global economy of the future looks like, but who are also proud of who they are and their own unique combination of qualities, talents, passions and challenges.

Our rich programme of co-curricular activities allows pupils to develop a wide range of interests beyond the curriculum. Our sports facilities are without parallel in the city. Our performing arts and music productions are breathtaking in both their ambition and scope. The artwork that adorns the school would not look out of place in any professional gallery. And, perhaps unsurprisingly for a school with such close links to the city's diplomatic community, we have consistently excelled on the international stage in our Model United Nations endeavours.

Above all, however, we are proud of the young people we are helping to develop at St George's. Our pupils are welcoming, polite, compassionate, independent and entrepreneurial. They are also convinced that they have the capacity to make a difference in this world. Nowhere is this evidenced more clearly than in the excellent work that the pupils put into the school's orphanage in Zambia.

Thank you for your interest in joining our team.

Mr David Tongue BSc (Hons), PGCE, MSc

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**Principal, St George's British International School** 



# **Head of Music (Senior School)**

St George's British International School is seeking a Head of Senior School Music to join the department in September 2023. This post offers an exciting opportunity for an ambitious, dynamic and skilled individual to work within a thriving Music department across Key Stages 3-5.

Reporting to the Director of Music, the successful candidate will lead the Music Department in the Senior School and deliver co-curricular music activities to Senior School pupils at St George's. The role holder will have experience in a range of musical contexts and will be an exceptional classroom practitioner, with the drive, energy, stamina and determination to deliver exceptional results in this important area of the school life.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

Teaching and Learning

- To teach Music across the Senior School, including at IGCSE and IBDP
- To encourage all pupils to reach their academic potential through enthusiastic and personalised teaching, tailored challenge, rigorous record keeping and follow up
- To help lead the Music Department by building and maintaining an ethos of high expectations, hard work and independence in learning
- To support the co-curricular activities programme by providing leadership for the development and provision of either the instrumental or choral programme
- To manage appropriate procedures for the moderation of teacher assessments to ensure reliability and consistency

- To maintain an up to date knowledge of current curriculum developments and initiatives
- To be aware of, and comply with, all the School policies including those for marking and assessment, teaching and learning and reporting
- To develop and share schemes of work and resources
- To assist with covering colleagues as required
- To attend all meetings and INSET as required
- Deputise for the Director of Music as required
- The ability to lead the choral enembles as part of the school's co-curricular programme would be an advantage

#### Pastoral

- To show an active interest in each child's personal circumstances and to foster the personal and social development of each pupil
- To actively promote the social, moral and cultural ethos of the school community
- To create an atmosphere of support by being aware of, and fully compliant with, all of the school's pastoral policies
- To be familiar with all the school's policies on Health and Safety and be proactive in ensuring the safety of all members of the school community at all times
- To promote exemplary behaviour and a responsible attitude amongst pupils
- To be aware of and act upon all policies regarding the safeguarding of children

#### Professional

- To promote pride in the school among the pupil body through high standards of dress behaviour and commitment
- To ensure that all communication is acted upon appropriately and in a timely manner
- To attend Parents' Evenings, Assemblies and other school events during term time as the Principal may from time to time require
- To be responsible for all school resources, particularly those in your care, reporting damage or loss to the appropriate authority within the school
- To contribute to the virtual learning environment, the website, social media and publications in support of your work
- To contribute to the school's Self Evaluation and Development Plan
- To foster a close partnership with parents, initiating contact in appropriate circumstances and ensuring that there is a record of this
- To carry out any reasonable professional request made by the Principal or Head of School

#### **Personal Skills**

- Enthusiastic and passionate about education with a sound understanding of UK and international best practice
- Flexible and adaptable to the varied demands of working in a world-class school environment
- Proactive in all aspects of school life
- Able to work independently and collaboratively as part of a team

- Creative and innovative across and beyond the curriculum
- Able to work successfully under pressure, with excellent organisational skills
- Reliable and respectful
- Able to demonstrate a positive and proactive attitude towards participation in professional development and the school's induction and appraisal processes
- Able to present a professional image in line with the high expectations of St George's
- A talented communicator
- A confident and competent user of IT in the classroom and for administrative purposes

## Formal Qualifications / Experience

- A good UK Honours Degree (or equivalent)
- A certified teaching qualification (i.e. Qualified Teacher Status)
- A distinguished record of teaching
- A strong record of professional development





### **How to Apply**

Closing date for applications 27 March 2023

Start date September 2023

Job reference number **HEMUFT0323** 

Short listing will commence immediately after the closing date.

We reserve the right to appoint before the closing date.

Early application is strongly encouraged.

Please complete the Application for Employment form available at www.stgeorge.school.it/employment. Please submit your completed application via email to jobs@stgeorge.school.it, inserting the job reference in the title of the email.

Within the application form, please include a statement outlining your strengths and stating why you wish to be considered for the role. Please indicate your curriculum strengths and co-curricular interests. Please do not submit a CV or send certificates or testimonials at this stage.

Please note that, as well as a face-to-face or virtual interview, the selection process may include another form of assessment, such as a presentation, video lesson, administrative test or other demonstration of practical skills if relevant. Shortlisted candidates will have references taken up prior to interview.

#### **Conditional Offer of Appointment**

Any offer to a successful candidate will be conditional upon the following:

- Verification of identity, qualifications and professional status
- A safeguarding check
- Receipt of at least three satisfactory references (one of which should be from your current or most recent Head Teacher, Head Master or Principal)
- Verification of medical fitness (completion of a medical declaration)

Non-EU applicants will be required to produce their University Transcript with courses taken and final grade of their First Degree

#### Remuneration

The successful candidate will receive a competitive salary and benefits package that is consistent with the status that St George's holds as a HMC school.

#### **Equal Opportunities**

St George's is an equal opportunities employer. Discrimination will not be made on the grounds of race, ethnicity, religion, age, nationality, marital status, sexual orientation or other basis.

St George's British International School is committed to safeguarding and to promoting the safety and welfare of children, young people and adults. Every member of staff employed at St George's has a responsibility to safeguard. St George's endeavours to provide a safe and welcoming environment where all staff and learners are respected and valued.