



**Yehudi
Menuhin
School**

TEACHER OF ACADEMIC MUSIC

Candidate Information Pack



The deadline for applications is Friday 27th February 2026.

Interviews are expected to take place on Tuesday 10th March and Friday 13th March 2026.

A welcome from the Headmaster

Thank you for expressing an interest in this role. I hope you find this document informative, and it explains everything you need to know about working at our very special school and whether it is the place for you.

The Yehudi Menuhin School is a world-leading specialist music school set in beautiful rural Surrey. We strive to promote a collegiate working environment with a strong sense of community. Staff and pupils are on first name terms, and all staff are encouraged to take an active part in the broader life of the school.

We are committed to the wellbeing of all our community and aspire to promote a healthy sense of balance in our pupils and staff. Ongoing professional development is very important to us, and all new staff are given an induction and the training necessary to fulfil their duties.

YMS is an exceptional place full of creative, talented people from all over the world. We would be delighted to receive your application, and we look forward to welcoming you to this unique school.

Robin Harskin
Headmaster

The Yehudi Menuhin School

Founded in 1963 by the world-renowned violinist and educator Yehudi Menuhin, the school provides a place for musically gifted children from around the world to develop their talents to the highest level within a stimulating academic environment. It was accorded the status of Centre for Excellence in the Performing Arts in 1973 and has a global reputation as one of the world's leading music schools.

Today's school provides a holistic education for around 90 exceptional pupils aged from 9 to 19, with specialist tuition on the stringed instruments, piano, classical guitar, harp and composition. Pupils split their time between their academic and musical studies and are given many opportunities to perform in front of an audience. Concerts take place regularly in The Menuhin Hall, but also in local state schools, care homes and churches, carrying on Menuhin's belief in the importance of giving back to the community.

The school also boasts a Virtual Menuhin School, which offers pupils not enrolled at the school the unique opportunity to receive specialist music education in a virtual environment, receiving musicianship, theory and instrumental training and the chance to connect with other young musicians across the globe.

Pupils are admitted based on talent, potential and passion for music, not on their ability to pay the fees. Today, around 90% of pupils require some level of financial assistance to attend YMS. The School is one of nine specialist UK schools that are supported by the Department for Education's Music and Dance Scheme.

YMS Alumni include renowned international soloists such as Nigel Kennedy, Nicola Benedetti CBE, Tasmin Little OBE, Alina Ibragimova, Valeriy Sokolov, Kathryn Stott and Melvyn Tan. Many other alumni are shaping the global cultural landscape through teaching at leading conservatoires and performing with world-class orchestras and chamber ensembles.

Purpose of the role

This is a rare and exciting opportunity to teach Academic Music at one of the world's most renowned specialist music schools.

YMS has fewer than 100 students, all of whom are exceptional young classical musicians. The school has a strong ethos, started by its founder Yehudi Menuhin, of nurturing the whole child and delivering a broad and deep musical education, rather than solely focusing on instrumental performance. As such, the role of Teacher of Academic Music is key to providing our pupils with the thorough musical knowledge and understanding which is necessary for their future success.



Key points about the role:

Contract Type:

Permanent, either part-time (at least 0.5 FTE) or full-time (dependent on the precise role and availability of the successful candidate)

Term-time only however with some availability during the holidays by agreement with the successful candidate.

Reporting to:

The Director of Music

Salary:

£35,000-£45,000 per annum (full-time equivalent) dependent on experience and the precise role agreed.

Start date:

1 September 2026

Holidays:

Term-time only

Probation Period:

1 Term

Pension:

The School offers a very generous pension, contributing 13.5% every month, with the employee contributing at least 6%.

Location:

Stoke D'Abernon Cobham, Surrey, UK

Key Benefits:

- Free School lunches during term times
- Use of the School's swimming pool (when available)
- Free lunchtime concerts
- Free or reduced tickets for Menuhin School concerts
- Discounted tickets to other school events (outside of school)
- Free parking
- 24/7 access to AXA Thrive app for mental wellbeing
- AXA Health telephone line access for medical support and advice
- 24/7 access to DAS counselling services
- Life Assurance
- A health cash plan provided by Medicash

Job Specification/Key Areas of Responsibility

The main responsibility of the successful candidate will be to prepare and deliver lessons in Academic Music up to and including A level.

Willingness to commit to the broader musical life of the school will be viewed favourably. In particular, we are looking for someone who would be able to do any or all of the following:

- Manage and/or contribute to the Saturday morning programme at school.
- Lead the school's outreach programme.
- Prepare older pupils for conservatoire/university entry.
- Run the musical provision of the Virtual Menuhin School (VMS).
- Oversee the school's Supporting Studies.
- Help to take pupils to concerts and other activities outside school.

This job description may be amended from time to time.

No job description can be fully exhaustive; all members of staff are requested to undertake any tasks reasonably requested by the Head.

Person Specification

Key personal specifications:

- Higher education qualification(s) in Music.
- Experience in preparing, teaching and assessing an Academic Music curriculum.
- Appreciation of the academic and pastoral needs of highly talented young musicians.
- Deep knowledge and understanding of safeguarding matters.
- Compassion, empathy, kindness, patience, humour.
- Excellent organisational skills and a meticulous eye for detail.
- Cultural sensitivity and inclusivity, valuing diversity within an international school setting.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to build trust with pupils, staff and families.
- Delight in teamwork and love of collaboration and community.
- Unwavering professionalism and respect for confidentiality.

The successful candidate will:	Essential	Desirable
Enhanced DBS check	✓	
UK right to work check	✓	
UK and EEA prohibited list checks	✓	
Satisfactory references	✓	
Medical declaration	✓	
Verification of qualifications	✓	
Maths & English GCSE or equivalent	✓	
First Aid at Work		✓

Shortlisted candidates will be assessed using:

- Completed application form
- Covering letter
- Interview
- References
- Documentary evidence
- Observed lesson(s)



How to apply

If you would like any more information about the post, or would like to discuss the job before applying, please contact HR by email recruitment@menuhinschool.co.uk or call 01932 584790.

Please complete our [application form](#) if you feel you are a suitable candidate and are interested in applying.

The deadline is 5pm on Friday 27th February 2026. Interviews are expected to take place on Tuesday 10th March and Friday 13th March 2026.

Your application form should be completed in full and submitted along with a covering letter addressed to the Head, Dr Robin Harskin. **Your application will not be accepted without a covering letter.** Early applications are encouraged, and the School reserves the right to close the application process early should a suitable candidate be found.

The Yehudi Menuhin School is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children. The School is registered with the DBS and successful applicants will be required to complete successfully the Disclosure Procedure at Enhanced level. It is an offence for a person barred from working with children to apply for this post.

The Yehudi Menuhin School is an Equal Opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community.

