



Yehudi
Menuhin
School

TEACHER OF MUSICIANSHIP VIRTUAL MENUHIN SCHOOL (VMS) Candidate Information Pack



The deadline for applications is Friday 1st May 2026

We reserve the right to appoint sooner and encourage early applications

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

The Yehudi Menuhin School's unique virtual school provides opportunities for young musicians from around the world to engage in world-class musicianship and instrumental lessons online. This position is for a Teacher of Musicianship in VMS.



Key points about the role:

Contract Type:

Permanent, Part-time

Reporting to:

Head of VMS

Salary:

£5,000 per annum

Hours:

It's anticipated the teaching will more or less follow the present routine as follows:

- Fridays 15:30 - 17:00
(3 x 30-minute Musicianship classes - groups up to 4).
- Saturdays 07:15-10:30
(4 x 30-minute Musicianship classes - groups up to 4)
(1 x 30-minute Music History - group up to 15)
(1 x 45-minute Homework Clinic - group up to 15)

Start date:

1 September 2026

Holidays:

Term-time only

Probation Period:

4 months

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 responsibilities are as follows:

- Teach weekly online General Musicianship classes covering a wide range of musical skills including Aural, Harmony, Pitch and Rhythm to all VMS students.
- Set weekly homework, mark and provide feedback and guidance to students.
- Set and review termly end of year assessments.
- Regularly assess students' progress and determine if students are in the appropriate classes.
- On an ad hoc basis, conduct Musicianship Assessments with prospective pupils to determine suitability for programme and class group.
- The VMS Musicianship teacher will also be asked to support and advise with additional projects to engage VMS pupils further with performance and music.

Person Specification

The ideal candidate would have the following experience, skills, knowledge and personal attributes:

- The desired candidate will have completed or be near completion of their Masters level studies in any musical speciality at a recognised Music College or specialist institution, having successfully completed undergraduate training in music from a Music College or University.
- Candidates that have a speciality in composition and theory are desired, although candidates that have training in all instruments are welcome to apply.
- Group teaching experience in aural training is essential, and individual teaching experience for pupils between 7-13 is desirable as our VMS provision offers classes of 1:1 up to 4:1 with very specialised training in aural skills, theory and harmony.
- Be keen to work with young students, aged from 7 years to 13 years old, who show strong musical promise.
- Be passionate about students learning core musical skills alongside their instrumental lessons that will be essential for their continued musical development.
- Have strong communication and organisational skills to work with the VMS Co-ordinator to accommodate varying pupil time zones.
- Access to a stable and reliable internet connection or the ability to travel to site where they can be provided with a room and device is essential.
- The ability to teach from the piano is required, whether this is via an acoustic piano in the teaching room, or through a MIDI controller into the candidate's computer with appropriate music technology software to facilitate this. The school is able to support with these requirements.

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 on Friday 1st May 2026 at 12 noon.

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.

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