



Yehudi
Menuhin
School

VMS CELLO TUTOR

Candidate Information Pack



The deadline for applications is Wednesday 11th November 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 CBE, Alina Ibragimova, Paul Watkins, Colin Carr, 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 is seeking to appoint an engaging and enthusiastic cello teacher to provide lessons for our Virtual Menuhin School (VMS) cellists. During this exciting time of growth and development, this is a unique opportunity for a cellist with experience of teaching to the highest standard and an ambition to work with young musicians in the transformative early stages of their musical development.

Those considering applying should be keen to work with young pupils, aged from 7 years to 18 years old who show strong musical promise. You will be a passionate advocate for the instrument, with the patience to inspire and engage young cellists in both one-to-one virtual lessons and group classes. VMS Tutors will guide and encourage pupils' progress toward achieving the highest levels of musical attainment.



Key points about the role:

Contract Type:

Permanent, Part-time

Start date:

January 2027

Note: Due to international laws relating to online working, applicants must be resident in the UK.

Reporting to:

Head of VMS

Holidays:

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Salary: Competitive – to be confirmed

Please note the VMS term is only 10 weeks; 30 weeks per year.

Key Benefits:

- 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

Hours:

5 hours of teaching **per pupil** per term (10-week term (10 x 30 minute / 5 x 1 hour lessons)) beginning with **3-4 pupils** plus 2 hours of studio classes per term.

Probation Period:

4 months

Scope of increasing pupil numbers over time, however this is not guaranteed.

Pension:

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

Location:

Virtual Teaching

Job Specification/Key Areas of Responsibility

- Support and guide VMS cellists through regular lessons, clearly articulating goals and milestones along the way.
- The VMS Instrument teacher may also be asked to support and advise on additional projects to engage VMS pupils further with performance and musicianship.
- Provide termly written feedback for parents on pupils' progress and review end of term assessment submissions.
- Regularly provide lists of recordings or videos for pupils to engage with between lessons.
- In the future, the potential to teach twice per term studio classes for all cello students to attend virtually.
- Any other duties or responsibilities reasonably requested.

No job description can be exhaustive; all members of staff are expected to undertake any duties or responsibilities reasonably requested.

As the school develops other programmes, there may become opportunities to teach on-site in person, however this is not required or guaranteed.

The post holder's responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons for whom they are responsible, or with whom they come into contact, will be paramount. The successful candidate must adhere to, and ensure compliance with, the School's Safeguarding Policy at all times. If, in the course of carrying out the duties of the post, the post holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School, they must immediately report any concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Person Specification

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

- Keen to work with young pupils, aged from 7 to 18 years old, who have been studying their instrument for at least one year and who show strong musical promise.
- Act as a passionate advocate for the instrument, with the patience to inspire and engage young cellists in both one-to-one lessons and group classes.
- Have strong communication and organisational skills to correspond with parents to ensure appropriate lesson times for pupils in varying time zones and sensible distribution of lessons across the term is essential.
- Proactive approach to working with the Head of VMS and wider VMS team to communicate pupil progress and raise any concerns or suggestions regarding the program.
- A formal teaching qualification is not required for this role but demonstratable experience of teaching to a high standard will be required.

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- Access to a stable and reliable internet connection and the appropriate technology (webcam & microphone) or the ability to travel to site where they can be provided with a room and device is essential.
- A formal teaching qualification is not required for this role but demonstratable experience of teaching to a high standard will be required.

The successful candidate will:	Essential	Desirable
Demonstrable teaching experience	✓	
Demonstrable performing experience	✓	
IT proficiency	✓	
Resident in the UK	✓	
The successful candidate will be required to meet the following conditions:		
Enhanced DBS check	✓	
UK right to work check	✓	
UK and EEA prohibited list checks	✓	
Satisfactory references	✓	
Medical declaration	✓	
Verification of qualifications	✓	

Shortlisted candidates will be assessed using:

- Completed application form
- Covering letter
- Interview
- References
- Documentary evidence
- Scenario based activity

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 **Wednesday 11 November 2026** at 12 noon.

Interviews will take place the week commencing **16 November 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.



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