



Yehudi
Menuhin
School

ASSISTANT CELLO TEACHER

Candidate Information Pack



The deadline for applications is Friday 25th September 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 (YMS) is looking for a new Assistant Cello Teacher. This role offers a valuable opportunity to play a vitally important role in the musical, creative and pastoral development of the pupils.

The Assistant Teacher will work alongside our principal cello teachers to provide one hour's extra tuition to the pupils per week, and to help pupils practise efficiently, prepare for their lessons, and develop independent learning skills. The Assistant Teacher may also be required to deputise for principal teachers and/or give half-hour lessons to pupils taking cello as their second study. All staff are expected to play a proactive role in providing pastoral support to the pupils.

The successful candidate will be a first-rate instrumentalist and a confident and experienced performer as well as an excellent teacher.

The Assistant Teacher will play a key role in the recruitment of new students through the use of their own networks and occasional attendance at auditions. The Assistant Teacher may also be asked to represent the School in recruitment initiatives such as Open Days, school visits and via partnerships with external organisations.

Beyond these core activities, there is some scope to define the role, as outlined in the Job Specification below, to the strengths and interests of the individual. Creative and practical input would be welcome as the School continues to evolve, and a willingness and ability to participate in the development and delivery of educational workshops, online content and outreach activities will contribute to the successful evolution of the role.



Key points about the role:

Contract Type:

Permanent, Part-time

Reporting to:

Director of Music

Salary:

£15,000-£20,000 per annum depending on the number of hours agreed

Hours:

6 to 10 hours per week

Start date:

As soon as possible

Holidays:

School holidays only (plus statutory allowance)

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 Mediacash

Requirements:

- A satisfactory enhanced Barred List check
- UK right to work check
- UK and EEA prohibited list checks
- Satisfactory references
- Medical declaration
- Verification of qualifications

Job Specification/Key Areas of Responsibility

The main responsibilities are as follows:

- To work as an Assistant Cello Teacher, delivering one-to-one lessons in support of the work of the Principal Teacher, under the direction of the Director of Music.
- To assist, and liaise closely and regularly with, the principal instrumental teachers with regards to the musical needs and development of the pupils allocated to them.
- To monitor the practice of the pupils and to be readily available to help with any technical or musical problems which may arise.
- To deputise for Principal Teachers and deliver Second Study lessons as required.
- To assist in preparing pupils for concerts, both inside and outside the school, and to attend student concerts when requested by the Director of Music, including occasional evenings and weekends.
- To play an active role in the pastoral support provided to the pupils of the School.
- To actively support the School's Outreach Officer in the creation and delivery of a successful outreach programme.

Person Specification

The successful candidate will be a musician (cellist) with the necessary skills to fulfil the responsibilities of this role and to command the respect of those studying and working in a world-renowned music school.

Candidates must:

- Hold appropriate academic and musical qualifications and have prior experience of teaching to a high level.
- Be an outstanding musician and instrumentalist and have experience as a performer, with ongoing international activity (concert and/or educational) being highly desirable.
- Be a team player who is respectful of other's needs and opinions, able to see the bigger picture and willing to contribute positively and efficiently to a culture based on a collaborative, collegiate atmosphere.
- Understand and be able to engage with the individual and specific musical and pastoral needs of highly gifted/talented pupils to bring out the best in them.
- Be proactive, open-minded and creative in supporting our aims to continually develop the musical life of the School and the pupils' musical education.
- Be able to juggle a number of different competing demands simultaneously.
- Be a skilful communicator, both orally and in writing, who is able to deal sensitively with the pupils, their parents, the music teachers and other staff, thereby contributing towards a harmonious, forward-thinking department.

- Have excellent presentational skills, have a passion for creative music making, to be able to speak and perform confidently in public, and set professional standards to which the pupils can aspire.
- Be able to work and remain calm under pressure, have the stamina to work long hours and the resilience to deal with setbacks.
- Be comfortable working with a wide range of ages and ability - e.g. from an 8-year-old full of potential, to an 18-year-old preparing for an international competition.
- Be understanding of the pressures and challenges which young performers face in a high-performance learning environment and have the ability to support and engage with them through patience and empathy.
- Be confident and proactive in proposing new ideas and initiatives to support the musical and pastoral development of the pupils.

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 for applications is on **Friday 25th September 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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