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ALLEYN'S

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Appointment of  
**Visiting Music Teacher (VMT)**  
**Teacher of Cello**

Part-time, term-time only from 28 April 2025

Information for Applicants

# Letter from the Head of the Junior School

## Dear Applicant

Thank you very much for your interest in the position of VMT Teacher of Cello. Alleyn's Junior School is a close-knit community and a wonderful place to work. I am the Head, Simon Severino, and I am writing to you to explain why I think it is so special.

Alleyn's Junior School caters for children between 4- and 11-years old and is part of Alleyn's School, a 400-year-old co-educational independent school on a 30-acre campus in the heart of Dulwich, South London. Whilst the children embrace the school's shared facilities, including acres of grounds with a breath-taking view of the City of London, a highly-regarded 300-seat theatre and our much loved swimming pool and numerous sports facilities, they also benefit from a self-contained junior school community, in its own beautifully redeveloped and architecturally recognised buildings. This means that every child is seen as the individual they are and able to find their feet quickly on their school journey. Helping children to find their thing and be all that they can be is very much our shared goal.

We are well known for being an academically selective and highly performing junior school. Most importantly though, we offer our children a broad, holistic education so that they can discover their passions and build the foundations for a lifelong love of learning. Working at Alleyn's Junior School, you'll find yourself working with bright, curious and engaged children who bring with them the passion, enthusiasm and creativity that makes every lesson unique and inspiring. Whatever their interests might be, we fling open the doors for them!

Life is full and busy here at Alleyn's Junior School, as children throw themselves into a full range of sport, music, dance, drama, art and other cocurricular clubs. Because they automatically receive a place at the Senior School, they have the time and the space to be children, to explore learning for learning's sake and to find the joy of discovery and enlightenment through the academic curriculum, our cocurricular offer, our House system which extends from reception through to Year 6, and through copious amounts of play.

As a team, we are one staff, coming from both independent and state settings and working closely together, whether we are teachers or play an operational role. We love to work as a team for our school events. Whether it's our annual Year 6 play, our infant nativity, our comedy show *A Bit of a Laugh* and our *Alleyn's Junior School's Got Talent* competition, staff come together to play their part. Because we work together in every aspect of school life, we enjoy a strong bond, regular social events and a shared common space. There is a real sense of camaraderie and true partnership, with everyone supporting each other, and there are plenty of opportunities for development and progression.

The Alleyn's Junior School community is inclusive and welcoming, and we work in partnership with our parent body, who regularly come on site before and after school, as well as for events, coffee mornings and workshops. Diversity and inclusivity are very important to us, and this is something we as staff have worked closely with parents on, to make sure that children understand from an early age that diversity is a cherished and important part of life and that their experience at school reflects that. The genuine diversity of pupils is reflected in the diversity of our staff body.

The informality, the warmth and the unpretentious approach at Alleyn's Junior School really is infectious, and I hope you will feel it the moment you walk through the doors. There is nothing entitled, stuffy or pompous about this school, on the contrary we have an unpretentious warm, energy, that permeates through every classroom.

I am delighted that you are interested in Alleyn's Junior School, and I look forward to reading your application.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Simon Severino**  
The Head (Junior School)



# About The Role

Alleyn's Junior School is looking to appoint a well-qualified and enthusiastic Cello Teacher (VMT) to begin teaching from Monday 28 April 2025. The successful candidate will have the ability to inspire and motivate primary school students in individual lessons from beginner to more advanced levels, across Years 2 to 6.

This part-time, term-time, self-employed position involves one day of teaching per week, on Mondays. The suggested hourly rate for individual lessons is £49.50 per hour.

In addition to individual lessons, the role also includes the opportunity to coach two small Strings Groups for students who have opted out of the Year 5 instrumental Scheme. These 40-minute sessions take place between 9:40 – 10:20 am and 10:40 – 11:20 am each Monday during term-time. The hourly rate for group sessions is £52.

We look forward to hearing from passionate and skilled candidates who are eager to make a positive impact on our students' musical development.

## Applications

The application form can be downloaded from our website, [www.alleyns.org.uk/jobs](http://www.alleyns.org.uk/jobs). Candidates should complete all sections of the form and submit it together with a completed Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form, full CV and covering letter.

Please address your covering letter to the Junior School Head, Simon Severino, explaining in your letter why you are interested in this particular position at Alleyn's. All documents should be emailed to [jobs@alleyns.org.uk](mailto:jobs@alleyns.org.uk).

Alternatively, they can be posted to: Mr Simon Severino, Head, Alleyn's Junior School, Townley Road, London SE22 8SU.

The deadline for applications is midday on **Monday 3 February 2025**.

If you have any questions you are very welcome to contact Human Resources by email at [jobs@alleyns.org.uk](mailto:jobs@alleyns.org.uk) or by phone on 020 8613 5016.

## Interviews and Appointment

Interviews will be conducted at the School **week commencing 10 February**. This will consist of interviews with relevant colleagues including the Junior School Director of Music. Those invited to interview will be asked to teach an individual lesson to a Year 4 or 5 pupil and to coach a small string ensemble (Years 5 and 6). Please note that references may be taken up before the interviews. If you would prefer to be contacted first please state this.

## Safeguarding Checks & Equal Opportunities

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and an enhanced DBS check.

As an Equal Opportunities employer we welcome applications from all applicants who meet the requirements for the position. However we are especially keen to receive applications from those in minority groups for which the School is currently underrepresented. We celebrate diversity and thrive on the benefits it brings.



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