



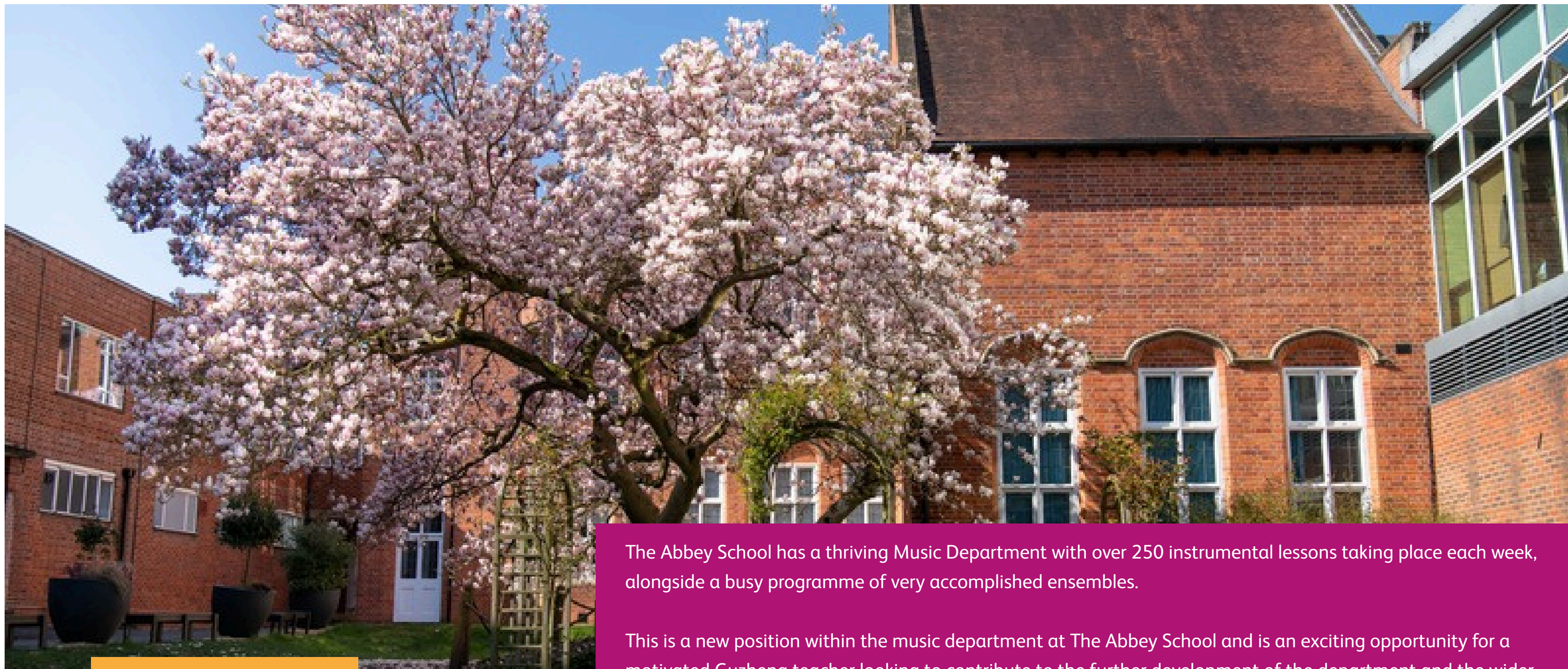
# The Abbey



## Peripatetic Sitar and Hindustani Singing Teacher

Starting as soon as possible





The Abbey School has a thriving Music Department with over 250 instrumental lessons taking place each week, alongside a busy programme of very accomplished ensembles.

This is a new position within the music department at The Abbey School and is an exciting opportunity for a motivated Guzheng teacher looking to contribute to the further development of the department and the wider school community.

We are seeking a new Peripatetic Sitar and Hindustani Teacher to join our wonderful Abbey community.

# Introduction



# The Abbey



<https://vimeo.com/1010491740>





# Welcome from the Head

The Abbey is a remarkable all-girls community of learning and brilliant experiences. It is a place of curiosity, adventurous spirits, and the excitement of discovery. We focus on individual care and attention in a warmly supportive atmosphere, full of fun and laughter. Our students have the assurance to take risks, explore interests and passions, and engage generously with the world and with each other.

Our results are outstanding, but what matters to us is how students achieve them. Our goal is to equip girls to achieve academic excellence with confidence, purpose and joy. This means providing exceptional opportunities across the widest spectrum of learning and activities. We offer more student-led learning and choice in our curriculum than almost any other school, so that students take charge of their own futures and mature into the people they mean to be.

What's special about The Abbey is the atmosphere. We're a diverse, down-to-earth community full of enthusiasm, spark and energy. We have played a leading role in all-girls education for over 130 years. During that time we've adapted and innovated and that is true now more than ever. In today's world, all-girls education matters: it helps our students face the future on their own terms, ready to make the world a better place for themselves and the communities around them.

I look forward to receiving your application to join The Abbey as a valued member of our community.

Dr Sarah Tullis



# Role description

## Job Overview

This post will require the successful candidate to deliver individual 30-minute lessons in sitar and Hindustani singing to pupils between the ages of 11-18. This is an exciting opportunity for the postholder to nurture interest in South Asian music both with individual students and within the wider school community. A deep knowledge and enthusiasm is essential, as well as a track record of group performance at a high level. The successful candidate will be expected to play an important role in widening extra-curricular opportunities as and when the need arises. Working with students at The Abbey is extremely rewarding. Pupils exhibit a high level of enthusiasm and motivation.

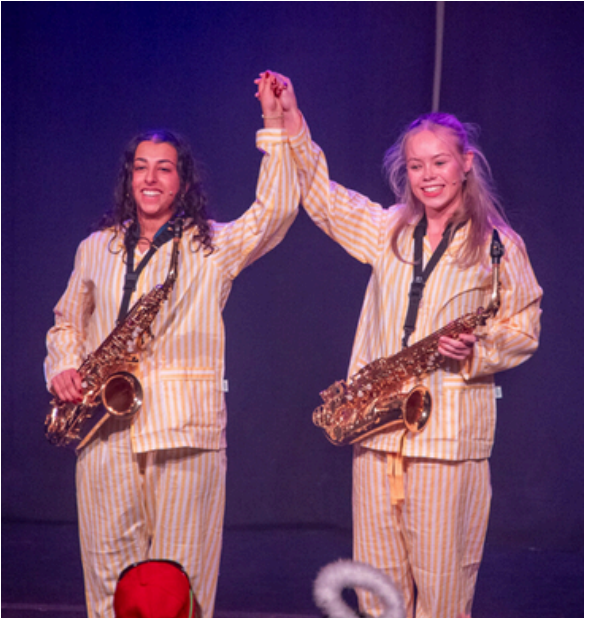
## Key Responsibilities

- The successful candidate must be a highly skilled sitar player and Hindustani singer, with intimate knowledge of South Asian musical styles.
- Deliver weekly 30-minute individual lessons to pupils over the course of the academic year.
- Encourage performance, both in solo and group settings, as much as possible.
- Keep a clear up-to-date record of attendance and record brief lesson notes.
- Complete annual progress reports for each pupil.
- Must deliver engaging and inspiring age-appropriate lessons to pupils.
- Must display a professional standard of sitar performance, teaching and group coaching.
- Must be available to work occasional evenings for concerts, instrumental parents' evenings and other music department events.
- The successful candidate must have a clear and willing commitment to personal and professional development and will undergo a professional review with the Head of Instrumental Studies.

## Person Specification

- Educated to degree level or equivalent.
- Knowledge of, and expertise in, East Asian music and performing styles.
- Must possess a fun and engaging approach to teaching.
- Excellent communication and organisational skills.
- Creative and energetic - this is a brand new position within The Abbey music department and we welcome candidates who are committed and who possess a high level of creativity.
- Actively contribute to the school's marketing, admissions, engagement, and development strategies to promote student recruitment and enhance the school's reputation.
- A demonstrable commitment to excellent customer care, with a focus on ensuring positive and professional experiences for families, external stakeholders, and partners.
- Understanding of Safeguarding requirements within an educational setting
- Commitment to the School's ethos and values





# Location, Estates and Facilities

The Abbey's town centre location places us at the heart of a thriving, busy and diverse community, whilst our extensive coach network helps us provide accessibility from locations across Oxfordshire and Berkshire for both Junior and Senior girls.

As one of the most vibrant towns in the UK, with a focus on technology and innovation industries, Reading offers wonderful opportunities, from the glories of the Chilterns and the Thames, and beautiful parks, to outstanding shopping and a constantly evolving cultural and restaurant scene.



Whilst we embrace the benefits of being a town centre school, with a solid urban vibe, we have excellent sporting facilities, with astros, tennis courts, netball courts, a large gymnasium, swimming pool and diving facilities along with our fitness suite. These facilities are supplemented by partnerships with Reading University, Reading Rowing club at the Redgrave Pinsent rowing lake, and other excellent local facilities. We were delighted to host the national GSA event of Girls go Gold in September 2023.

All our classrooms are well equipped to support effective teaching and learning, including IT resources to support the school's one to one digital device policy.



# Terms of appointment

An excellent remuneration package commensurate with the importance of the role and the experience of the successful candidate will be offered.

All eligible teaching staff will be automatically enrolled into the School's defined contribution pension scheme, Aviva APTIS. The School will contribute 15%; a % of this may be used as flexible pay as per the employee's instruction. Comprehensive life cover and ill health capacity insurance is also available to all teaching staff.

## Appointment process and how to apply

Applicants should complete [The Abbey's application form](#) and provide a covering letter which fully addresses the competencies as described in the job description and person specification and outlines their interest in The Abbey.

The Abbey is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful candidate must be willing to undergo an enhanced disclosure through the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Protecting your personal data is of the utmost importance to The Abbey and we take this responsibility very seriously. The information that you provide on this form will be used to process your application for employment. The personal information that you provide will be stored and used in a confidential manner to assist our recruitment process. More details as to how we will process your data is set out in the Recruitment Privacy Notice and Data Protection policy.

If you succeed in your application and take up employment with The Abbey, the information will be used in the administration of your employment. We may check the information provided by you on this form with third parties.



# Abbey Life & Benefits



The Abbey



3 Course Meal  
Dining



Electric Vehicle  
Leasing Scheme



Free Parking



Cycle to Work  
Scheme



Sports Facilities



Employee Assistant  
Programme (EAP)



Pension



Income Protection



Family Friendly  
Policies



Concessions &  
Discounts



Private  
Healthcare  
Scheme



Interest Free  
Ticket Loan



Professional  
Development



Staff Accommodation  
(subject to availability)



IT equipment &  
Resources



# Key dates

