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**Piano Teacher and Accompanist**

**UCS Senior School**

**Visiting Music Teacher**

**Required for September 2025**

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University College School was founded in 1830 to promote principles of liberal scholarship. That remains our first and overriding aim. Intellectual curiosity, breadth of study and independence of mind combine to achieve academic excellence; they are not subordinate to it.

Initially located in Gower Street, as part of University College London, the School was revolutionary in its approach to education, having as a fundamental principle that religion, in any form, should neither be an entry requirement nor a taught subject, believing rather that faith is a matter for the family and the individual. The UCS Foundation, now independent of the University, comprises three schools: the Senior School (850 pupils: 11-18), the Junior Branch (250 pupils: 7-11), and the Pre-Prep (130 pupils: 3-7).

All three schools are in attractive locations. In 1891, the Junior Branch was established at Holly Hill, Hampstead, followed in 1907 by the School's separation from UCL and the acquisition of the Senior School's current purpose-built accommodation in Frognal, opened by King Edward VII. The pre-preparatory branch is based nearby. All three schools fully use the extensive playing fields (including a large all-weather pitch and two pavilions) in West Hampstead.

UCS remains true to the liberal traditions of its founders and continues to work hard to foster independence of mind among its pupils, value their individuality, and create a diverse and inclusive community. Academic results are excellent. Music and drama are very strong at UCS, and the school offers an outstanding range of co-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities.

### **Job Description**

We are seeking an experienced piano teacher and accompanist to join our vibrant Music Department from September 2025. Working in tandem with another member of staff in the Department, accompanying work will include the following as and when required:

- Accompanying ABRSM exams, including Grade 8 and ARSM
- Accompanying Music Scholarship auditions
- Assisting with preparation for and accompanying GCSE and A Level recitals
- Accompanying pupils and ensembles in concerts and school events

UCS has a highly regarded and exceptionally busy Music Department, with a programme of 30 concerts per year. There are over 70 Music Scholars at the school, so you will have the opportunity to work with some very gifted young musicians, including those who attend Junior conservatories.

A piano teacher is also required to teach at least a full day's list of pupils.

### **Child Protection**

University College School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced check for Regulated Activity from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) before a formal offer of employment is made. This is a requirement as the position is within a school working with children aged under 18. UCS will also undertake its own recruitment checks through contact with previous employers, referees, and others, to confirm applicants' identities and their professional records.

### **Salary and Benefits**

Accompanying work is paid on an hourly rate of £57.70 and is an employed position reimbursed through the submission of a monthly timesheet. As a piano teacher you will join our roster of Visiting Music Teachers who are self-employed. The current UCS lesson rate is £32 for a 35 minute lesson.

### **Arrangements for the Appointment**

In addition to completing the accompanying form, applicants should provide a full Curriculum Vitae and a supporting letter. **The closing date for applications is Monday 2nd June 2025 at Midday.** However, please note that we reserve the right to interview and appoint at any stage during this process; early applications are therefore very welcome.