



DARTFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

450TH ANNIVERSARY 1576-2026



DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Required for September 2026

MPS/UPS (LFA) + TLR2a

A well-qualified and enthusiastic Director of Music to lead a successful department and to develop this already innovative and popular department in this high performing school. There are excellent facilities for music, housed in a Performing Arts Centre. Music at DGS is a very popular subject both at GCSE and IB Diploma levels and over 300 students are engaged with our rich and varied extra-curricular programme.

The post offers exceptional opportunities to an outstanding teacher seeking additional responsibilities leading towards school senior leadership.

The Director of Music will lead the Music Department in all aspects of the curriculum and be responsible for curriculum planning, assessment, monitoring and the use and development of resources.

Dartford Grammar School is one of the highest performing schools nationally at key stage 4 and key stage 5, with excellent facilities, designated as 'outstandingly successful' in successive Ofsted inspections, most recently December 2022. The school was recently identified as The Sunday Times State school of the Year in the South East, and has previously been recognised as the IB School of the Decade.

For further details and an application pack please contact the school - telephone: 01322 223039; e-mail: mbexley@dartfordgrammarschool.org.uk

Please return a completed application form, to the Head, Mr Julian Metcalf, Dartford Grammar School, West Hill, Dartford, Kent DA1 2HW.

Closing date: Friday 20th February 2026

Interview date: Week commencing 23rd February 2026

(The school may interview early in the case of an exceptional candidate)

Dartford Grammar School is a selective secondary academy for boys, which admits girls to its sixth form. There are six forms of entry to Year 7, and all of the students joining the school are from the top 25% of the ability range. The current roll is 1,576, including 659 in the sixth form. All students in the sixth form study the IB Diploma Programme.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful applicants.

A LEARNING COMMUNITY DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL CITIZENS

Headmaster: Mr J C Metcalf BA MA

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