

A personal note from the Head Master to those who have taken an interest in the role of Director of Development and Head of Foundation at Wells Cathedral School.

The appointment of a Director of Development and Head of Foundation is a really exciting opportunity for Wells Cathedral School. We have worked hard in recent years to build up the wider community of the School, notably our own alumni, parents and other supporters such as the Old Choristers and Friends of Music, and ensure that all the wonderful groups who have an interest in the work and the flourishing of the School are connected and in touch.

Alongside this, the School has also been working hard to ensure we deliver the best possible opportunities for our current pupils while also doing what we can to make it possible for future pupils to join us. At a time when the cost of providing our excellent all-round education for pupils, alongside our world-class music specialist tuition, continues to rise, the need to find additional ways to financially support our aims and mission does not diminish. As an all-round boarding and day school which encompasses one of the UK's five Music Specialist schools, we champion creativity, aspiration and excellence in all that we do. Our successful candidate will have the opportunity to not only maintain our existing 'friend-raising' initiatives but also to lead on delivering our recently developed and launched structure and strategy for the School's fundraising efforts to help secure the continued success of what is repeatedly said to be a unique educational experience for pupils.

Wells Cathedral School is an inspiring place. As a School we have a world-class reputation, and we are fortunate to live and work in one of the country's most beautiful locations and in conjunction with the 13th century Gothic masterpiece that is Wells Cathedral. But more importantly, since my own arrival in September 2018 I have been repeatedly impressed by the talents and character of the pupils, the enthusiasm, expertise and dedication of the staff, and the warm and welcoming family-feel which pervades this wonderful School. This is a lively and busy place which combines hard work with fun, eschews complacency and seeks an ambitious future. Primarily, this is a place which puts its pupils at the centre of its being. We have something really special here, and I look forward to appointing someone who has the vision, experience, business skill and creativity to help our Foundation thrive even more effectively, and in so doing add to this School's remarkable history.

The successful candidate will work closely with our existing Foundation Trustees and staff, as well as our Governors, with me as Head Master, and the whole Senior Management Team, as we work together to implement our strategic vision for the School as a whole. They will also appreciate the unique possibilities for our School, and have a proven track-record of delivering excellent results in the field of development and fundraising.

**From the Head Master
Alastair Tighe**

I hope that you will be attracted by this position and the opportunities it offers to make a really significant difference. I am looking for a Director of Development and Head of Foundation with ambition for him/herself and for the School. I hope that we might meet soon, and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alastair Tighe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Alastair Tighe
Head Master