



MERCHANT TAYLORS'
School

School Counselling Service
External Placement Opportunity

From October 2026

Information for Candidates

The School

Merchant Taylors' School is a leading independent day school offering an outstanding, all-round education for over 1,000 talented boys aged 11 to 18 years. Competition for places is fierce, and entry is by competitive assessment at 11+ and 16+. Merchant Taylors' Prep School caters for an additional 370 boys from 3 to 11 years of age, offering a through-school experience for suitable boys.

Merchant Taylors' School has been one of the leading boys' schools in the UK since its foundation by the Merchant Taylors' Livery Company of the City of London in 1561. Relocated from the City of London to Sandy Lodge, Northwood in 1933, the School sits on 280 acres of playing fields, woodland and lakes. Located a short walk from Moor Park Station (Metropolitan Line), Merchant Taylors' School is approximately 30 minutes from Central London and easily accessible from Middlesex, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

The Position

The School's Counselling Service is available to students and staff. The service offers different approaches, but placement counsellors are required to offer the psychodynamic approach only. We are looking to offer two or three counsellors a 12-month or 2-year placement at the school, subject to satisfactory placement performance.

Suitable candidates will be expected to see up to three clients at a time, for at least a year on a term time basis. The work is open-ended, but it can sometimes be short-term. You will be working with Sixth Form students and adults to ensure that the client hours meet the hours required by BACP. This is an unpaid placement and would suit anyone looking for clinical hours to complete their post-qualifying training from Advanced Diploma or above, or qualified counsellors who may be looking for clinical hours for accreditation.

Placement counsellors will have access to in-house supervision, induction, free lunch and refreshments, free parking on site, in-school mandatory training (Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity etc). However, if any supervisory reports are required by the training organisation, then there would be a cost applied for that at the placement counsellor's expense.

Hours of work in terms of days and times is open to discussion, but currently Tuesdays and Thursdays have availability. We would like to secure the placements this term, but the positions would start in September 2026.

The Process

For further details and an application form, please visit our website <https://www.mtsn.org.uk/vacancies/additional-positions>

Completed applications to be submitted to recruitment@mtsn.org.uk

Closing date for completed application forms only: Monday 14 September 2026. Interviews to be held on Thursday 17 September 2026.

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The Head of Counselling Services, Pamela Llewellyn, is happy to answer any questions. Please contact her on pllewellyn@mtsn.org.uk

Merchant Taylors' School is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This role will bring you into contact with children, you are expected to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Applicants will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

How we use your information

We will use the information which you provided, and which we collect from other sources (such as from references and from the Disclosure and Barring Service) for the following purposes: to assess your suitability for the role for which you have applied, to assess your suitability to work with children and to enable us to comply with our legal obligations (including safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children).

Further information on how the School uses personal data is set out in the School's Staff Transparency Notice, which can be found on the Vacancy page of the School Website.

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