



St Swithun's
WINCHESTER

Management Accountant

Required from July 2026
Full time (Part-time hours
considered)





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Welcome from the Headmistress

Thank you for your interest in St Swithun's!

We are proud to be a High-Performance Learning School and a member of the Fellowship of World Class Schools.

The High-Performance Learning philosophy is that:

- **High achievement** is an attainable target for everyone;
- **Intelligence** is not fixed; we can all become cleverer;
- **High performers** are made, not born, they work for it.

HPL involves the systematic and explicit encouragement and empowerment of students to develop the ways of thinking and ways of behaving that will equip them for success both in school and beyond. It is the cornerstone of our philosophy.



Jane Gandee, Headmistress

We are also a girls' school and as such we expect and support all our students to **enjoy and excel** in a range of subjects and activities according to their interests and not their gender. We seek to be free from unhelpful stereotyping and to offer genuinely limitless education.

Further, we are a high trust community, and we try always to behave with a seriousness of intention and a lightness of touch. We believe the best of staff and students and often see our expectations exceeded and a joke cracked along the way.

If this short introduction resonates with you, we will very much welcome an application from you.





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Our school

St Swithun's School, Winchester is a leading GSA and HMC school offering day, weekly boarding and full boarding for 520 girls aged 11-18. The senior school has six boarding houses for full and weekly boarders, with separate houses for those in their first year and those in the upper sixth. There is also an adjoining IAPS Prep School for girls aged 3-11 with a co-educational nursery.

The girls benefit from excellent teaching, sporting and recreational facilities. St Swithun's is academically selective and regularly appears in the top 30 schools in the national league tables.



Our Location

The school is set on a campus of 45 acres overlooking the Hampshire Downs and within the South Downs National Park. The school is within walking distance of the centre of Winchester, and only a 50-minute journey from central London.

Winchester and its surrounding areas offer outstanding local cultural, historical, sporting and entertainment opportunities in addition to fantastic access to outdoor pursuits. Southampton, Portsmouth, Salisbury and Bournemouth are all easily accessible on public transport.



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Our ethos

St Swithun's is an appropriately academic school which means that we celebrate intellectual curiosity and the life of the mind, but not to the exclusion of all else. We expect our pupils to develop individual passions and through them to acquire a range of skills and characteristics. These characteristics will include a willingness to take risks, to question and to debate, and to persevere in the face of difficulty. In the words of Samuel Beckett: "Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better." If a girl can immediately excel at everything, we ask of her, we as educators must set the bar higher.



We want all pupils to learn about life beyond the school gates, to appreciate the rich variety of our world, to develop an understanding of compassion and to value justice. We encourage all pupils to become involved in fundraising and community work. They should appreciate how their decisions and their actions can affect those around them.

By the time, a pupil leaves St Swithun's she will be well-educated, courageous, compassionate, committed and self-confident with a love of learning, a moral compass and a sense of humour.



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Our community

St Swithun's was founded in 1884 by Anna Bramston, daughter of the Dean of Winchester, and Christian values underpin our approach to education. We provide a civilised and caring environment in which all girls and staff are valued for their individual gifts and encouraged to develop a sense of spirituality and of kindness. We believe that kindness and tolerance are at the heart of any fully functioning community. Our staff are friendly and supportive, and the school is committed to supporting the wellbeing and professional development of its employees.



The school is committed to maintaining the vision of its founder by offering bursaries for girls who would otherwise not have the opportunity of a St Swithun's education.



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Our facilities



School buildings are modern and well equipped. As well as academic classrooms and science labs, there is a magnificent performing arts centre with a 600-seat auditorium, a music school, an art and technology block, sports halls and a full-size swimming pool.

We have recently started the first phase of a major project to create new indoor sports facilities. Information about our Active Lives project can be found [here](#).

There is an impressive library, higher education and student guidance department and ICT facilities. The grounds are spacious and encompass sports fields, courts and gardens.

The School is registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee and as a charity and has a wholly owned subsidiary company (St Swithun's School Letting Company Limited).

A separate charity, [Bramston Foundation](#), looks after our transformational bursary programme.



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Management Accountant

Role overview

St Swithun's is seeking a committed and flexible Management Accountant to play a key role supporting the full range of finance activities across the school. This is an excellent opportunity for someone who enjoys a varied role and takes pride in providing professional, thoughtful, and efficient finance support in a busy and dynamic school community.

Working alongside the Head of Finance and the wider Bursary team, the Management Accountant plays a key part in delivering a high-quality finance service to the school (prep and senior), Letting Co Subsidiary and the Bramston Foundation CIO. The Management Accountant contributes to all finance activities, including financial analysis, reporting, budget management, VAT management, compliance, and process improvements. You will also support the payroll assistant with payroll activities, ensuring a smooth and professional experience for all staff and, the accounts team processing invoices. You will be encouraged to ask questions, share ideas, and suggest improvements to processes, contributing to the continuous development of the department.

The successful candidate will keep up-to-date with changes to financial legislation and have a solid understanding of producing statutory accounts and experience of audit management.

You will build strong working relationships across the school community, combining professionalism and empathy to ensure fair, consistent, and effective financial solutions and compliance.



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Key responsibilities

Financial Reporting and Analysis

- Prepare timely accurate monthly and termly management accounts.
- Carry out month-end close procedures, including journal postings, accruals, prepayments, and balance sheet reconciliations.
- Monitor fee income, bursary and scholarship expenditure, and related income streams.
- Support scenario modelling relating to pupil numbers, fee levels, and scholarship allocations.
- Contribute to month-end reporting processes, ensuring deadlines and financial procedures are met.
- Assist producing financial reports for governors and senior leadership team.
- Prepare annual statutory accounts for St Swithun's and its subsidiary, working with auditors.
- Oversee the monthly payroll process, ensuring accuracy, timely submission, and compliance with statutory requirements.
- Oversee maintenance of the general ledger and accurate transaction coding.
- Assist with fixed asset management, including additions, disposals, and depreciation.
- Support compliance with Companies Act, Charity Act, VAT, Corporation Tax, Payroll and Gift Aid regulations.
- Contribute to financial accounting, management reporting and cashflow processes.
- Assist in ensuring accuracy of Balance Sheet and Cashflow reporting.



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Budget Management

- Assist with financial reports for performance analysis and KPI reviews.
- Support annual budgeting, working closely with budget holders.
- Prepare rolling financial forecasts.
- Monitor capital expenditure and provide variance analysis.
- Support decision-making and school projects with modelling and forecasting.

VAT Management and Compliance

- Prepare and assist with prompt VAT returns.
- Review transaction processing for VAT accuracy.
- Keep up to date with VAT legislation and implement changes.
- Support VAT recovery reviews and improvements.
- Assist with VAT registration processes.

Process Improvement

- Identify improvements to financial processes and reporting.
- Review financial procedures and controls.
- Support early adoption of finance processes.

General

- Any other duties appropriate to the role as assigned by the line manager.



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Person Specification

The successful candidate will be a high-calibre qualified accountant with excellent management, communication and technical skills along with commercial acumen.

Experience and Qualifications

- ACCA/CIMA/ACA (or equivalent) with extensive post qualification experience.
- Experience in management accounting , producing monthly management accounts.
- Experience in budgeting, forecasting, variance analysis and of producing statutory accounts.
- Specialist VAT knowledge and group VAT compliance experience.
- Experience in process improvements.
- Experience in managing external audits.

Desirable: Previous work in a school or other regulated environment.

Skills and Abilities

- Enthusiastic about the role of finance in supporting a thriving school.
- Strong communication and relationship-building skills.
- Excellent excel skills, experience with iFinance and iSAMS would be advantageous.
- High level of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Ability to manage competing priorities and meet deadlines.
- Commitment to continuous improvement and professional development.

These qualities will be assessed through application, references and during the interview process.



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Terms and conditions and application process

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This is a permanent full-time position, based at the school. The usual hours of work are 08.30 to 17.00 Monday to Friday, with a half hour unpaid lunch break. Candidates looking for a part time role (30 hours per week minimum), or for some reduced working during school holidays, are also encouraged to apply.

The salary for this role will be dependent on the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate and is anticipated to be between £40,000 and £45,000 FTE.

The school offers a range of benefits, which includes:

- Generous DC pension scheme
- Free membership of the school swimming pool
- Free or heavily subsidised access to a range of activities on site including yoga, Pilates and strength and conditioning.
- Discount on school fees
- Refreshments whilst working, and free meals when on duty
- Access to an employee assistance programme

APPLICATION

The closing date for applications is 9am on Monday 22nd June 2026

Applications must be submitted on the online school application form which can be found [here](#). (CVs will not be accepted as an alternative)

For any queries about the role or the application process, please contact the HR Department:

Telephone: 01962 835798 or email: recruitment@stswithuns.com

Applications will be considered as they are received, and we reserve the right to close applications before the closing date.



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Child protection and safeguarding

“St Swithun’s is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

All staff are expected to share and support this commitment, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure & Barring Service.”

Child Protection Statement

- Every child has the right to freedom from physical, racial, sexual, verbal or mental abuse (this includes bullying and intimidation). Our overriding aim is the protection of the individual child within the school.
- We require staff to be fully aware of what child abuse is and the different forms in which it may present itself, and of their duties in respect to child protection.
- We will provide adequate training (both as part of an induction and an ongoing process) in recognising abuse, and what to do if abuse is suspected.
- We are committed to maintaining good communication within the School on child protection issues and to following recognised procedures.
- The Head ensures that the recommended procedures are followed when recruiting staff.



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Equal opportunities

St Swithun's welcomes applications from candidates from a diverse range of backgrounds. The school will recruit predominantly based on an applicant's relevant skills, experience, capabilities and potential for development. The ability to work collaboratively with others will also be considered.

St Swithun's is committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all staff and job applicants. We aim to create a working environment in which all individuals are able to make best use of their skills free from unlawful discrimination or harassment, and in which all decisions are based on merit (apart from in any necessary and limited exemptions and exceptions allowed under the Equality Act).

We do not discriminate unlawfully on the basis of age, disability, marital or civil partner status, race (including nationality, ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, gender reassignment or pregnancy or maternity (defined in the Equality Act 2010 as protected characteristics).

If you have questions about our recruitment processes or would like any support to access our recruitment process fully, please do contact us at recruitment@stswithuns.com.



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Explanatory notes

Application Form

Applications will only be accepted from candidates completing the enclosed application form in full. CVs will not be accepted in substitution for completed application forms.

Candidates should be aware that all posts in the school involve some degree of responsibility for safeguarding children, although the extent of that responsibility will vary according to the nature of the post. Please see the job description for the post.

Accordingly, this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore all convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as 'spent' must be declared.

The successful applicant will be required to complete a disclosure application form from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

In accordance with government guidelines, we will seek references on shortlisted candidates for teaching and some other posts, and approach previous employers for information to verify particular experience or qualifications before interview. In other cases, if this has not been done, any offer of a post will be conditional upon receipt of satisfactory references.

References should be from the applicant's current or most recent employer. If the current/most recent employer does/did not involve work with children, then the second reference should, if possible, be from the employer with whom the applicant most recently worked with children. Referees should not be a relative or someone known to the applicant solely as a friend.

If you are currently working with children, on either a paid or voluntary basis, your current employer will be asked about disciplinary offences, including disciplinary offences relating to children or young persons (whether the disciplinary sanction is current or time expired), and whether you have been the subject of any child protection allegations or concerns and if so, the outcome of any enquiry or disciplinary procedure. If you are not currently working with children, but have done so in the past, that previous employer will be asked about those issues. Where neither your current nor previous employment has involved working with children, your current employer will still be asked about your suitability to work with children, although they may, where appropriate, answer not applicable if your duties have not brought you into contact with children or young persons. The School will only accept references obtained directly from the referee and will not rely on references provided by the applicant or on open references or testimonials.

You should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in the application being rejected or summary dismissal if the applicant has been selected, and possible referral to the police and/or DfES Children's Safeguarding Operation Unit.



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Invitation to Interview

If you are invited to interview, this will be conducted in person and the areas which it will explore will include suitability to work with children.

All candidates invited to interview must bring documents confirming any educational and professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post (e.g. the original or certified copy of certificates, diplomas, etc.). Where originals or certified copies are not available for the successful candidate, written confirmation of the relevant qualifications must be obtained from the awarding body. All candidates invited to interview must also bring with them:

At least two forms of identification, i.e. current driving licence (including photograph), a passport, a full birth certificate or marriage certificate, a utility bill or financial statement showing the candidate's current name and address. These must be issued within the last three months and provide verification of address. Documentation confirming their national insurance number, where appropriate, any documentation evidencing a change of name.

Please note that originals of the above are necessary – photocopies or certified copies are not sufficient.

Any offer to a successful candidate will be conditional upon:

- Receipt of at least two satisfactory references (if these have not already been received).
- A check of the DfES barred list database, and the Protection of Children Act List as appropriate.
- A satisfactory DBS disclosure.
- Where the successful candidate has worked or been resident overseas in the previous ten years, such checks and confirmations as the school may require in accordance with statutory guidance.
- Satisfactory completion of the probationary period.
- Verification of medical fitness appropriate for the job's requirements.
- A written declaration that neither they nor anyone in their household is disqualified from working with children.
- Verification of professional status, such as GTC registration, QTS Status (where required), NPQH.
- Verification that the teacher/applicant is not subject to a prohibition order issued by the Secretary of State.
- Verification of successful completion of statutory induction period (applies to those who obtained QTS after 7 May 1999).



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