



DANES HILL SCHOOL

COMMERCIAL MANAGER

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Our School Values

At Danes Hill, we work to create a school culture that fosters personal growth, inspires passion, empowers courage and nurtures respect. We believe that these core values truly embody the spirit of our community and guide us on our journey towards excellence. Our school values were articulated through a comprehensive consultation process, involving our dedicated staff team, the valuable input of our parents through consultations and surveys, and the voices of our pupils. Through this collaborative effort, we gained a clear insight into what makes Danes Hill special.

Following careful analysis of feedback, we are proud to share our four school values:

Growth, Passion, Courage, and Respect.

These values reflect the qualities we aim to instil in our pupils, forming a strong foundation for their academic and personal success. Our current focus is on embedding these values into every aspect of our school culture.

We aim to promote our values at every turn, ensuring that they become an integral part of our pupils' lives. Our assemblies are dedicated to living out these values, exploring real-life examples and discussing the importance of embracing growth, pursuing passions, showing respect, and demonstrating courage. To encourage and celebrate our pupils' embodiment of these values, we are targeting house points dedicated to recognising acts aligned with our values. We are also establishing pupil awards that commend individuals who consistently exhibit our values in their daily lives.

For our pupils to be able to embrace them, our shared understanding of our values is based on the following statements:

- I can demonstrate Growth by – working hard, giving my best effort, investing in my own development, being active in the development of those around me, expanding my horizons, nurturing my community
- I can demonstrate Passion by – being inspired, showing curiosity, showing ambition in all I do, striving to succeed, showing dedication in all things, not giving up
- I can demonstrate Courage by – developing the confidence to take risks, trying new things, not being afraid to fail, speaking up for myself and for others, telling the truth
- I can demonstrate Respect by – having an awareness of others as well as myself, treating everyone with dignity, showing others kindness and consideration, showing others empathy

We are excited about the positive impact our values are already having on our community. Together, we can nurture a culture where growth, passion, respect, and courage thrive. By embracing these values and ensuring that we model and demonstrate them in our professional lives, we are confident that our pupils will develop into confident, compassionate, and resilient individuals, well-prepared to face any challenge that comes their way.

A contemporary prep school for modern families

A forward-thinking education designed for 21st Century families

With our 55 acres of stunning, beautifully maintained grounds, we blend rigorous academics with innovative learning, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence in a supportive, inclusive environment. We understand the evolving needs of modern families and prepare pupils for life in a rapidly changing world.

Thank you for showing an interest in Danes Hill School. We are more than just a place of learning, we are a vibrant, caring community where childhood is cherished, and every day is filled with possibility. With around 600 pupils aged 2 to 13, our journey begins at the Pre-prep site and continues through to the Prep school, where curiosity, creativity and character are nurtured with intention and joy. I am a dedicated Prep School Head who passionately believes in the value of 13+ education. Together with my wife, I have the privilege of leading our school, shaping a community where children are inspired, nurtured, thrive, take risks and prepared for the next stage of their journey.

Our values, passion, courage, growth and respect are at the heart of everything we do. They shape our teaching, our relationships, and the way we support each other and each child to become their very best self.

We are proud of our warm and dedicated staff, who bring energy, imagination and compassion to their work. Together, we create an environment where learning is exciting, childhood is celebrated, and every pupil is encouraged to explore their talents whether in the classroom, on the stage, in the lab, or out on the sports field.

It's impossible to capture the magic of Danes Hill in words, seeing is believing. If you believe in the transformative power of education, want to inspire young minds, and are eager to join a team that truly makes a difference, we would be delighted to hear from you and to welcome you to our school so you can experience this hidden gem for yourself.

Colin Baty
Head

ABOUT THE ROLE

Job title:	Commercial Manager
Job purpose:	To lead the development and management of new commercial income streams for the School, including holiday clubs, commercial lettings, film location hire and other revenue-generating initiatives. You will manage all aspects of the process from sales and business development through to operational delivery, ensuring high-quality customer experience and alignment with the School's ethos and reputation. This role contributes directly to the School's financial sustainability and wider community engagement.
Reporting to:	Chief Financial Officer
Hours:	Part time: 20 hours per week, all year round, mornings. Availability to work throughout the school holidays is essential. Some flexibility required to cover meetings or events which may be held outside normal hours.
Required:	As soon as possible
Salary:	£38,760 per annum FTE, rising to £40,800 after first year in post pro rata (£19,380 actual starting salary based on 0.5 FTE), plus potential bonus depending on targets
Benefits:	Generous pension scheme. Free lunch on site during term time. Annual flu jabs, online EAP service and counselling. Training and development support. Parking on site.
Closing Date:	October 6 th . Please note that applications will be reviewed as they are received, and the recruitment may close ahead of this date, if the right candidate has been found.

COMMERCIAL MANAGER



Job Specification

We are seeking a dynamic and commercially minded Commercial Manager to drive new income opportunities for our School. This exciting role will focus on developing and managing holiday clubs, commercial lettings, film location hire and other revenue-generating ventures.

You will take ownership of the full process — from identifying opportunities and marketing the School's facilities, through to negotiating contracts and ensuring smooth operational delivery. With strong sales, relationship management and organisational skills, you will help secure the School's long-term financial sustainability while maintaining the highest standards of customer service and safeguarding.

We are looking for someone who:

- Has a proven track record in commercial income generation, lettings, hospitality or events.
- Can confidently market, negotiate and deliver new business.
- Is highly organised, proactive and able to manage projects from start to finish.
- Brings energy, creativity and professionalism to building lasting partnerships.
- This is a unique opportunity to make a real impact in a thriving independent prep school, contributing directly to our future success.

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Primary duties and responsibilities

- Delivering friendly, informed and responsive communication in line with normal expectations of a Commercial Manager role.
- Managing the end-to-end process: identifying opportunities, marketing, negotiating contracts, coordinating bookings, and ensuring smooth operational delivery.
- Actively marketing the School's facilities and services to target audiences, including through digital channels.
- Managing internal and external suppliers, contractors and temporary staff as required.
- Monitoring financial performance of commercial ventures, preparing reports, and providing recommendations for improvement.
- Driving growth of commercial income through holiday clubs, lettings, film location hire and other entrepreneurial initiatives.
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Other key duties and responsibilities

- Ensuring that a positive impression of the School is given to pupils, parents, visitors and colleagues at all times.
- Providing support to the School reception, and a friendly and positive welcome to all.
- Establishing and maintaining efficient and effective working relationships with the wider community of the School.
- Supporting the work of the Business and Operations team, and delivering shared outcomes.

Duties of all staff

- Playing a full part in the life of the school community, supporting its mission, ethos and policies.
- Setting high personal standards of dress and appearance, attendance/punctuality and class discipline/behaviour, upholding the staff code of conduct at all times.
- Actively engaging in safeguarding practice and health and safety awareness around the school sites.
- Committing to personal professional development, including active engagement in staff training and the performance review process.
- Complying with relevant school policies and procedures at all times.

This job description should be seen as enabling rather than prescriptive and will be subject to regular review as the needs of the School evolve. You will be required to undertake other comparable duties as the line manager, Head or senior colleague may require from time to time.

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Qualifications

- Professional qualification in business, marketing, events, or a related field (desirable).
- Strong educational background, ideally with a minimum of A-level standard.

Knowledge

- Strong understanding of commercial operations, marketing and sales strategies.
- Knowledge of effective approaches to maximising revenue from facilities and events.
- Awareness of safeguarding, health and safety, and risk management requirements in a school setting.
- Evidence of appropriate continued personal and professional development.

Experience

- Proven track record of generating income through commercial ventures, lettings or events.
- Experience in managing end-to-end delivery of projects, from sales through to operations.
- Experience in building and maintaining positive relationships with clients, contractors and community stakeholders.
- Experience of financial reporting, monitoring budgets, and delivering against income targets.

Competencies

- Ability to communicate professionally and effectively to a wide range of audiences.
- Strong negotiation and sales skills, with the ability to convert opportunities into bookings.
- Highly organised with the ability to work under pressure, prioritise tasks and meet deadlines.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team, while independently managing own workload.
- Strong IT skills, particularly in MS Office; experience with school management or booking systems (desirable).
- Commitment to equal opportunities, safeguarding, and high professional standards.
- Energy, drive and creativity in identifying and pursuing new commercial opportunities.
- Personal warmth and ability to build rapport with clients, visitors and colleagues.
- Flexibility and willingness to support school events and activities outside normal working hours as required.

Danes Hill School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We expect all staff to share this commitment. All offers of employment are subject to the receipt of an enhanced DBS check, satisfactory references and medical clearance, and other statutory checks. Online checks of publicly available information will be carried out for shortlisted candidates, in line with KCSIE 2025.

THE SCHOOL

Danes Hill School is widely recognised as one of the leading co-educational day preparatory schools in the country. Situated in 55 acres of landscaped ground in the village of Oxshott, Surrey, Danes Hill provides boys and girls aged 3 to 13 with a broad and balanced curriculum.

We want all of our pupils to fulfil their academic potential, and each year a large number of scholarship and exhibition awards are achieved at a wide range of day and boarding senior schools. With our core values of passion, growth, respect and courage, we develop children who are confident and ambitious. In addition, to the emphasis on academic work, they have plenty of opportunity to develop sporting, musical, dramatic and other non-academic interests.



Why Work at Danes Hill School?

Location:

Danes Hill offers an exceptional working environment, and when you visit the site you get a proper sense of the grounds, facilities and resources. Set in 55 acres with views across the beautiful Surrey countryside, it can be hard to believe that it's still an easy distance from London. Staff travel to Danes Hill from a wide radius, with Oxshott station less than a 20-minute walk from the Prep School (15 minutes from Bevendean). Car parking is available for all staff, as well as our Cycle to Work scheme.

Community:

Working at Danes Hill, you become part of a large, dynamic community encompassing all the teaching and non-teaching staff. Dedicated support staff work in tandem with teaching staff, taking care of many administrative and support tasks in a friendly, cooperative environment. Teaching takes place across 34 weeks of the year (with additional training days). Appropriate technology is provided during induction, including laptops and accessories. Class sizes are small and the resources available to support teaching, pastoral care and our co-curricular programme are fantastic.

Development:

As a place of education, it's vital to us that we all invest in our learning. A weekly staff meeting and twilight training session takes place on a Monday after school, with updates and focused training on a range of subjects. Our Head of Staff Development works with teachers new to the profession, to make sure they get the support that they need. Our appraisal and probation systems ensure that everyone gets the chance to review their work with their line manager, and we invest in CPD and training across the School – including professional qualifications and apprenticeships.

Reward:

At Danes Hill, we are committed to ensuring that everyone who works here benefits from fair and transparent pay systems. Our teacher pay scale, introduced in September 2023 following staff consultation, offers a generous core salary along with opportunities to take on additional responsibilities through management allowances. A new pay scale for support staff was also developed and implemented in September 2024.

Benefits:

Generous pension schemes for both Teachers and Support staff. Non-contractual fee remission is given to all staff on a pro rata basis and currently represents up to 50% reduction on full fees, as well as free wraparound care and discounted holiday clubs.

We offer a salary sacrifice scheme for electric vehicles, giving staff the opportunity to lease a brand-new electric car at a reduced cost. This benefit supports our commitment to sustainability while helping employees save on tax and National Insurance contributions.

Healthcare:

The dedicated medical team at Danes Hill provide excellent support to staff as well as pupils and parents and organise flu jabs for staff annually. Education Support are in place as the School's Employee Assistance Programme – providing confidential help 24/7, 365 days a year.

Wellbeing:

Lunch is provided to all staff during term time (and is healthy, plentiful and delicious!), and several members of staff offer their expertise free of charge to run different activities, including circuit training, running, badminton, football and the staff choir. The Common Room team organises social events and charity fundraisers.



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