
Postgraduate Assistant Teacher of Sport
Full time, one-year, fixed-term contract
Required for September 2024



The school's principal sports are Rugby (Autumn Term), Netball (Autumn and Spring Terms), Football (Spring Term), Hockey (Autumn and Spring Terms) and Cricket (Summer Term). In addition, facilities and opportunities exist for Tennis, Athletics, Cross Country, Basketball, Swimming, Fives, Table Tennis, Fencing, Yoga, Rowing, Bouldering, Horse Riding and Squash. All pupils are required to play Games as part of their normal curriculum and a large number represent the school. Sport is coached by Senior School staff – mainly members of the PE Department, although with some input from academic teaching staff. External coaches contribute to the provision as required. Fixtures are played throughout the week, during Games afternoons, and on Saturdays and, occasionally, Sundays. The PE and Games Department coordinates an annual enrichment week and an annual Women in Sport week, and organises sports tours within the UK and internationally.

The Present Vacancy

This opportunity arises owing to an expansion of staffing in the PE and Games Department. We are looking for a new graduate in Sports Science or a similar discipline. The post would particularly suit those considering a teaching career, though no teaching experience or teaching qualification is required.

The successful candidate will be someone who is passionate about sport, who has a love of teaching, learning and coaching and who wishes to share that passion with enthusiastic and energetic pupils.

The successful candidate will play a significant role in the delivery of PE and Games throughout the senior school (Year 7-13). They should therefore be able to coach Rugby, Football, Netball and Cricket, preferably at a high level in at least two of these. Basketball is also an increasingly popular choice for UCS pupils and therefore candidates with experience coaching Basketball would also be desirable.

Reports to: Foundation Director of Sport

Hours: full-time, including Saturdays and occasional Sundays

Key tasks and responsibilities

- Team-teaching and supporting the delivery of PE lessons
- Supporting the delivery of the Athletic Development programme
- Teaching small groups of pupils in specialised topic areas
- Assisting with Games teaching across the age range
- Assisting with sports coaching, and managing a school team across all three terms
- Undertaking refereeing or umpiring duties for a range of sporting fixtures (depending on expertise)
- Supporting the work of the PE and Games Department (for example, researching curriculum topics or assisting with video and performance analysis)
- Assisting with the organisation of transportation of UCS pupils to our off-site sports fields
- Running or assisting with co-curricular activities as appropriate, such as gym supervision/instruction.
- Refereeing or umpiring Deme (House) and school matches as appropriate

- Involvement in sports tours and other school trips, as required
- Contributing to the pastoral care of pupils by co-tutoring a form group
- Taking on other responsibilities concerning the delivery and coaching of sport at UCS, as reasonably requested by the Foundation Director of Sport and/or the Headmaster

Salary: £24,000 to £28,000 depending on qualifications and experience