



Appointment information
Teacher of
Physical Education and Dance
September 2018

The College

Queen's College is a highly successful independent girls' school of 370 girls, aged 11-18. The College is a member of the Girls' Schools Association and prides itself on its friendly and supportive atmosphere, highly valued by girls, parents and staff. There is an associated Preparatory School for girls aged 4-11 on a nearby site.

Queen's College holds an important position in the history of girls' education, being the first school in Britain to give young women a formal academic education leading to recognized qualifications.

Nowadays, the College enjoys a reputation as a friendly and creative school where high academic standards are combined with a wide extra-curricular programme and excellent pastoral support. Places are oversubscribed and the College's location is recognised to be a considerable asset; the sports facilities, cultural life and landmarks of central London is very

easily accessible and this is a source of real enrichment.

The College is academically selective, has been achieving increasingly strong results in recent years, and has recently undergone significant developments (most notably with the construction of a new sixth form centre which opened in February 2017).

More details about Queen's College, including public examination results and leavers' destinations, can be found on our website: www.qcl.org.uk.



The Physical Education department

The PE department consists of three full-time members of staff, one of whom is a Dance specialist, and a graduate sports assistant teacher. The College has a gym on site and we make frequent and regular use of many local facilities including Paddington Recreation Ground, Marshall Street Leisure Centre and Regent's Park.

All pupils in Year 7 through to Year 11 have one afternoon each week which is dedicated to games and sport. Years 7 to 9 have timetabled lessons of Gym and Dance, with 40 minutes dedicated each week to the Dance curriculum.

At Key Stage 3, a variety of sports is taught, including netball, football, cross-country, gymnastics, dance, badminton, rounders, cricket and tennis.

In Years 10 and 11, an option system is offered and pupils can choose to participate in traditional team-based games or more

individual activities. In addition to this, GCSE Dance is currently offered as an option.

From September 2018, all pupils in the Sixth Form will have timetabled sports lessons, offering a range of activities tailored to the interests of the pupils and helping to promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

Extra-curricular

The department runs an extensive extra-curricular programme, with activities



taking place before school, at lunchtimes and after school. The pupils participate in a number of fixtures including netball, rounders, tennis, cricket, football, swimming and cross-country.

The department also organises a number of trips and events including an annual ski trip (this year to San Francisco), a tennis camp in Portugal, an annual dance show and participation in the London mini-marathon. Last year, a netball and cricket tour to Sri Lanka was a huge success and this year's tour is heading to South Africa.

These tours and extensive extra-curricular programme mean that sport has a very high profile at the College.

Dance

There is a strong tradition of dance at the College, both as a curriculum subject and as a key part of our extra-curricular offer. We currently offer GCSE Dance (AQA specification) with groups in both Years 10 and 11. Queen's Cannons is our cheerleading squad, our dance company, QCLDanceCo, meets on a weekly basis and the annual Dance Show is a showpiece event in the College calendar with all pupils from Years 7 to 9 participating together with some from Key Stage 4.



The role and the person

The successful candidate will be an outstanding, energetic and inspirational teacher who will have the ambition to develop the teaching of PE and Dance at Queen's College and encourage active participation in extra-curricular sport. They will work closely with the department and the Director of Sport.

Person specification

The person appointed is highly likely to have the following qualification and attributes:

- an honours degree in a relevant discipline
- very successful recent experience of teaching PE/games and of teaching GCSE Dance, or recent success as a trainee teacher
- The ability to coach at least one sport to a very high level
- a very capable organiser and administrator
- a love of sport and dance with the willingness to commit to extensive curricular and co-curricular programmes
- a commitment both to the College's elite sportswomen and dancers as well as to

the principle that all students should be given opportunities to develop their understanding and skills in this area

- a strong commitment to professional development
- a wholehearted commitment to leading and accompanying trips
- pastoral interests – all teachers at Queen's College are required to act as a Form Tutor, contributing to the work of pastoral teams

This is an exciting opportunity for the right candidate to join Queen's College at a time of growth and development. Applications will be welcomed both from existing teachers and NQTs. The College has a very successful NQT induction programme overseen by ISTIP.



Applying for the role

Applications should be made on the Queen's College application form, with the names and contact details of three professional referees (to include your current or most recent headteacher if you are or have been employed in a school), and accompanied by a supporting covering letter. Please do not send CVs or apply directly from the TES online.

The application form, together with other useful information, can be obtained from the Principal's PA, Miss Gemma Nicholson (gnicholson@qcl.org.uk) or can be downloaded from the College website (www.qcl.org.uk).

Completed application forms and covering letters should be sent via email (preferably) to the Principal's PA (gnicholson@qcl.org.uk) or by post to the Principal's PA, Queen's College, 43-49 Harley Street, London W1G 8BT.

The deadline for applications is noon on Friday 23 March

The interview process will include teaching a lesson (for which a full briefing will be provided) and interviews with members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Candidates will also be given a tour of the College and have the chance to meet other members of staff in the PE department.

Queen's College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

