



Queensbury Academy

PE Department

The successful applicant will be joining a very hardworking and successful department of six specialist PE teachers within the school. We are a very experienced department with a low turnover of staff over the last eight years, which has resulted in excellent continuity and high standards. We will be welcoming two additional male PE teachers to the department from September, who will also be Heads of Houses at Queensbury. This is in addition to another Head and Assistant Head of House already in the department. You could not be joining a stronger department to support, and help you grow, as a teacher.

The PE Department enjoys very positive relationships with the students as a result of our dedication to both curricular and extra-curricular activities and fixtures. You would be joining a friendly, forward thinking and progressive department, who are keen to promote new ideas and activities for the benefit of our students.

We have very good outdoor grass facilities and five indoor teaching areas, including two fully equipped gymnasiums (one is zoned primarily for trampolining and gymnastics, with the second primarily for invasion games and fitness), two good size halls (net/multi activity games) and a purpose built fitness activity/sports science suite, which includes excellent audio/visual/ICT equipment. We are also fortunate to have four dedicated PE theory classrooms, all perfectly equipped with audio/visual equipment linked to a PC. The PE department has a successful track record of examination results in our Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 courses, which currently includes A Level PE, GCSE PE and VCERT Health and Fitness Level 2.

We offer students a comprehensive extra-curricular programme all year round and cater for high quality school teams and more recreational based clubs. Our students respond very well to the enthusiasm generated by the staff, with regular training and competition in a variety of sports. Our students enjoy many opportunities to extend their experiences further, from a weekly Sports Leadership programme including links to feeder primary schools, to annual GCSE/A Level residentials to Snowdonia, to various sport specific tours. In the last few years we have lead successful trips to USA (football), Northern Ireland (rugby), Barcelona (hockey) and two OAA trips to Snowdonia. This year we also started an annual ski trip to Norway, which was a fantastic adventure for the students.

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