



## **LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

### **Teacher of Physical Education**

Dear Applicant

Thank you for expressing an interest in the post of Teacher of Physical Education at Lancaster Royal Grammar School. This is a key appointment and one that presents a great opportunity to join an innovative, vibrant and successful department.

We believe this is an outstanding opportunity for an ambitious individual to join an excellent team that works hard to enthuse students and in doing so achieves excellence. Physical Education is a popular subject, with very strong examination results each year.

PE was introduced at A-level in 2001 and at GCSE in 2011. A-level results in 2017 saw pupils achieve 58% A\*-B. At GCSE in 2017 the 100% of the candidates achieved A\*-C. We normally would have one A-level group in each year and 2 GCSE sets operating.

Lancaster Royal Grammar School is renowned for high academic standards and also for sporting excellence. In November 2011, LRGS was commended for its achievements in the State School of the Year category of the Daily Telegraph Aviva sports awards at Twickenham. Sport has a high profile both within the curriculum and as an extra-curricular activity. School teams compete at a national level in rugby, cricket, athletics, swimming and rowing. Many teams are fielded by the school at all levels in each of these activities and in numerous other sports.

Sports tours operate in most years. The senior rugby squad visited Argentina in summer 2016 and there are plans firmly in place to tour South Africa in 2019. This Easter, the junior cricket side is touring Barbados for 11 days playing in the Gordon Greenidge Cricket Tournament. The school has premier schoolboy fixture lists in both rugby and cricket, both areas being looked after separately by a master in charge. There are numerous other individual and team successes in a variety of sports; these can be viewed through the school website.

The successful applicant will ideally be an expert in one or more of the following sporting activities: rugby, cricket, athletics or swimming and will be expected to run school teams. Opportunities exist to coach to the highest levels. Our fixture list is very competitive with matches after school and on Saturdays. Games facilities at the school are good. There are at present 7 rugby pitches, 2 cricket fields with 5 squares, a sports hall, a gymnasium, a fitness area and a swimming pool. The school uses a local sports complex with a 'tartan' track for athletics and has access to an all-weather pitch for other activities. We also have links to both The University of Cumbria and Lancaster University which the school continues to develop.

Successful sporting Old Boys of the school include Brian Ashton, Magnus Lund, Sean Cox, Phil Christopher's, and Jason Queally.

The PE department currently consists of the Director of Sport and has a complement of three and a half specialist staff and one Graduate Assistant. The successful applicant is expected to be a well-qualified PE specialist that will have a valuable input into all aspects of Physical Education and sports provision. The successful candidate will inspire real passion for sport by provide an enriching experience, and enabling every boy to achieve his potential. The ability to coach a combination of the major sports of rugby, cricket and athletics is essential working with and will report to the Director of Sport. A commitment enriching co-curricular activities is also expected.

In addition to these particular duties as Teacher of Physical Education, all staff at LRGS are expected to help with the pastoral development of pupils, which will include acting as a form tutor and the duties associated with this role. Other contributions to the extra-curricular life of the school and/or to boarding will also be welcomed.

The post-holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom s/he is responsible, or with whom s/he comes into contact will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the school's Child Protection Policy Statement at all times. If in the course of carrying out the duties of the post the post holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the school s/he must report any concerns to the school's child protection officer or to the Headmaster.

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