



## **Head of Physical Education and BTEC Sport**

We are looking for an experienced teacher to take up the position of Head of Physical Education in the Upper School from September 2020. This is an exciting opportunity to lead a thriving department within beautiful surroundings and with outstanding facilities. The role would centre around the organisation and effective delivery of IGCSE Physical Education, A Level Physical Education and BTEC Sport (Diploma), although the latter may be delegated to another member of the department. There is also the opportunity for creativity in deciding the department's strategic path. They would also be expected to take an active part in the co-curriculum and be involved in the wider life of a busy boarding and day school. Clifton College prides itself in competing at the highest level in a number of sports, while fostering wide participation in a large number of activities.

### **The Department**

The department is an experienced one, currently comprising eight full time teachers, and one part time teacher. It includes three Upper School Housemasters, the Assistant Head (Teaching and Learning) and the Director of Sport, two of whom are former Heads of Department, so there is a wide range of experience. There are two Physical Education classrooms and two offices where all members of the department have personal computers. There is also a BTEC classroom which is equipped with a bank of chromebooks used for producing internally assessed assignments.

### **Physical Education (and BTEC Sport) at Clifton**

Physical Education (A Level and GCSE) and BTEC Sport (Diploma) are popular subjects at the College. BTEC Sport was introduced three years ago and growing numbers of students now see this as an alternative sixth form option, giving students the opportunity of a more flexible, continuous and independent approach to learning, giving them transferable skills preparing them for their next steps in a more vocational setting than the A Level.

Those who choose to study the A level follow the OCR syllabus. In a typical year there are two A level sets comprising 12-20 students.

Physical Education at GCSE study the Cambridge International iGCSE. There are typically three or four sets, and 40-50 students in each of Year 10 and 11.

In 2019, A Level students achieved a 100% A\*-C grades with two of the ten candidates achieving an A\*. BTEC results were also excellent with four of the five candidates receiving a DD grade or better (equivalent to two A grades at A Level). In IGCSE 73% of candidates achieved a grade of 9-7, comfortably above the College's average across all subjects.

## **Outside the classroom**

All members of the PE department play a full and active part in the delivery of sport in the co-curriculum, usually in support of the College's major games in each term.

All PE staff will be assigned to either a boarding or day house and will have tutoring roles within these.

## **Person Requirement**

The successful applicant will have to display excellent academic credentials and exemplary practice. We are looking for somebody who is genuinely passionate about Physical Education, who will support the excellent current standards and improve upon them further. They must be a team player, willing to support colleagues in the department.

Only one external appointment will be made after considering applications for this role, and the Teacher of Physical Education role also currently being advertised. If applicants for this role would also like to be considered for the Teacher role, then they should indicate this clearly on their application.

If you require any further information about this role, please contact the Deputy Head (Academic), Gilbert Simmons on [gsimmons@cliftoncollege.com](mailto:gsimmons@cliftoncollege.com) or 01173157175

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