



ROYAL
HOSPITAL
SCHOOL



RECRUITMENT PACK FOR THE ROLE OF **CARPENTER**

REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Full Time Permanent
SALARY	From £25,000 to £29,000 per annum depending on experience
CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS	09:00 on Monday 3 February 2025
INTERVIEW DATE(S)	Wednesday 12 February 2025



KEY FACTS

Type of School: Co-educational, boarding and day

Age range: 11 – 18

Number of pupils: Approx. 670

Percentage of boarders: Approx. 54%

Percentage of international students: Approx. 18%

Fees per term: Boarding £12,350 – £15,901 and day £7,010 – £8,154

Memberships: HMC (The Heads' Conference)
BSA (The Boarding Schools' Association)
ISC (Independent Schools Council)

ISI result summary: November 2021 Inspection gave the school the highest rating of 'Excellent' in both categories of the EQI, and the school was fully compliant.

You can read the report here:

royalhospitalschool.org/about/inspection2021



THE ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL



WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in applying to work at the Royal Hospital School (RHS).

RHS is an independent co-educational boarding and day school for 11 to 18-year-olds, providing an outstanding, full and broad education enriched by a unique naval heritage. Founded in 1712 in Greenwich, London, it moved to its spectacular site, set in 200 acres of Suffolk countryside overlooking the River Stour, in 1933.

Today we place a strong emphasis on providing pupils with the knowledge and skills to prepare them for the future. We seek to understand each young person's strengths, to help them make the right choices at the right time and ensure their education becomes the foundation for their happiness and success.

However, RHS is more than just a school and has an important role in this region providing facilities to a wide range of individuals and organisations. Today the school is operational for almost the entire year, as a school in term time but also as a conference facility and residential centre for international schools. As such the school plays an important role in the economy of this region. We are also a community with some colleagues and their families living onsite and this sense of community is strong and encompasses all staff, pupils and parents, creating a warm and supportive environment.

Our employees can access some of the best facilities in the country and are encouraged to contribute to the life of a busy boarding school. There is an extensive range of additional staff benefits, from free lunch during term time to access to various sports facilities.

Situated on a beautiful site in the Suffolk countryside, yet only 55 minutes from Central London by train, RHS is a very special place to work. We welcome applications from the creative, the passionate and the kind and those from ethnic minorities and under represented groups, who are keen to contribute to our warm and friendly community.

I very much look forward to receiving your application.

Irfan Latif
Headmaster

NAVIGATING SUCCESS

The Royal Hospital School (RHS) was founded in London in 1712 by the Royal Naval Crown charity, Greenwich Hospital, to educate the children of the Hospital's pensioners and prepare them for a life at sea. Many went on to become famous admirals, explorers and pioneers. The school is still owned by Greenwich Hospital, whose sole Trustee is the Secretary of State for Defence on behalf of the Crown. We are immensely proud of our historic, royal and naval links, and discovery, exploration and challenge continue to shape our ethos. The traditional values of loyalty, commitment, courage, respect, service and integrity have underpinned the school's core aims and philosophy from the very beginning. Three hundred years later, they are as relevant to the education provided now as they were then.

Divisions remains one of the school's historic traditions, and pupils parade in a whole school event on a small number of occasions each year, complete with guard of honour and marching band. The sense of teamwork, camaraderie, and being part of something bigger than oneself instils feelings of pride and belonging to the whole school community.

RHS inspires pupils to have the courage to be ambitious for their futures and the commitment to pursue whichever path they choose. We challenge pupils of all academic abilities, steering them to look beyond the moment and beyond the confines of the classroom, and to approach life with an open and receptive mind. It is through thinking creatively and taking the initiative that they discover their influence, strengths and ambitions and establish the skills they need to pursue purposeful and fulfilling lives.

Everyone can achieve the most exceptional things but we are all different. That is why we focus on the individual, getting to know every one of our pupils and finding out what motivates them, enabling us to navigate them through their critical and formative years.

It is this focus on personal challenge and individual guidance that enables pupils to develop into self-reliant, socially responsible adults with enviable open-mindedness and resilience, qualities which are so sought-after by employers and important in life.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

Pupils are not educated simply to pass exams but to enjoy the adventure of learning and to develop a lifelong appetite for knowledge. The curriculum is broad and balanced, combining the best of academic traditions with the latest subjects and technologies. Our Sixth Form curriculum includes three Level 3 BTECs sitting comfortably alongside 24 different A Levels, allowing pupils to select a learning path that suits their interests and skill set. Our Lower School curriculum includes 'Compass' lessons: a bespoke course unique to RHS that encompasses elements of education that equip pupils for 21st century living: Personal, Social and Health education, digital literacy, critical thinking, study skills and careers.

Digital devices have been embedded in our teaching and learning since 2013 and we are committed to this approach, with every pupil and teacher now using a Microsoft Surface in classrooms and for planning. The school has consistently been recognised as a beacon for education technology having previously been an Apple Regional Training Centre, and being recognised as a member of the EdTech 50 in 2019-20 and 2021-22.

In August 2024, the school achieved an exceptional set of results at A Level and BTEC. 39.1% of grades were A* or A (or Distinction* and Distinction), and 59.6% of grades were A* to B. At GCSE, 97.1% of grades were 9 - 4 with 50.4% of grades at 9 - 7 - the school's best grades on record. Pupil success comes in many forms and post-school options for the leavers of 2024 range from top UK universities to higher degree apprenticeships to direct entry into the armed forces.



CO-CURRICULAR

Great importance is placed on pupils balancing their academic work with interests and achievements outside the classroom and every child is encouraged to become fully involved in school life, to challenge themselves and to try something new. This involvement helps to produce confident, interesting, well-rounded individuals who will contribute to society in life beyond school.

Sport is a key feature of the RHS co-curricular programme, with pupils gaining success in an increasingly diverse range of sports. As well as high degrees of pupil performance in the main team sports, RHS is renowned for its sailing. All Year 7 pupils learn how to sail and our Sailing Academy attracts sailors from around the world, and consequently the school community contains many pupils who are world and national leaders in their class and age group.

The school is well-known for its musical excellence and music is embedded in the school's wider culture and ethos. Over 400 pupils learn to play at least one instrument and there is an orchestra, 80-strong chapel choir, chamber choir, ceremonial marching band, concert band, big band and numerous ensembles, including many rock and pop groups.

All teaching staff contribute to our co-curricular programme, and as a result pupils can choose from over 80 activities and clubs each week. From our strong CCF and Duke of Edinburgh's Award programmes, to cooking, climbing, music, sport, art and design, STEM and so much more, there really is something for every child (and teacher!).



FACILITIES

Staff often remark on the enviable location and wonderful facilities available at RHS. The school was purpose-built in 1933 and its progressive design enables us to benefit from fantastic light and spaces, with some of the most inspiring views.

Over the last 90 years, the school has continued to invest in its infrastructure, providing modern, well-equipped classrooms alongside other impressive teaching spaces. Classrooms are all equipped with modern technology and the school recently invested in upgraded Wi-Fi, to ensure seamless digital access for pupils and teachers in and out of lessons.

The investment in larger projects in recent years has focused on aspects that will benefit the most pupils: our indoor sports facilities, including a new climbing wall, refurbished fitness suite and weights room; the library, a beautiful modern study and learning space at the heart of the school; and a new social hub for the entire community.



WELLBEING



As a school we prioritise the importance of wellbeing in our whole community, including that of pupils, staff and parents, and are committed to promoting and protecting positive emotional wellbeing and mental health. Our aim is to help our pupils build strong foundations that foster good wellbeing for life.

The school is fortunate to have a large and well-resourced Health Centre that operates 24/7. Fully staffed by registered nurses, it also accommodates a daily doctor's surgery, a dental surgery and a wide range of specialist medical services including counselling and physiotherapy.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



Staff and pupils actively identify and put into practice more environmentally sustainable ways of living and working, supporting and encouraging this both within and outside the school community. We have a proven track record of environmental responsibility and aim to further reduce our carbon footprint and renew our Gold Carbon Charter Award.



JOB DESCRIPTION

Carpenter	
Employment status	Permanent / full time
Purpose and objectives of role	Under the guidance of the Operations and Estate Manager, complete carpentry tasks in the workshop and around the school and, where needed, general handyman tasks. These will be planned projects and reactive maintenance tasks. Provide labour support to school activities, events and functions
Accountability	Operations and Estate Manager
Key areas of responsibility, tasks and duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work under supervision of the Operations and Estate Manager • Carpentry tasks will include making and hanging doors, windows and gates; constructing stud walls and partitions, and generally related building work • Handyman tasks will include such things as general repairs, installing shelves, hanging blinds/curtains, changing door locks etc • Ensure that at all times you are pro-active and alert to your own and others' Health and Safety, and that you conduct or consult risk assessments as appropriate • Ensure that you are pro-active in all matters concerning security, efficient use of resources, the avoidance of waste and pollution, and the reduction of the school's carbon footprint • Work in co-operation with other trades/staff/contractors in maintaining and developing the school estate • Work in cooperation with other trades/staff/contractors to ensure that the Operations Safe System of Work is observed and all Health & Safety requirements are met • Ensure efficient and safe completion of allocated work to standard within designated timelines; complete work ticket tracking procedures as required, and advise Line Management of any issues that may impact upon achieving standards or timelines • Ensure that equipment and vehicles are maintained to a safe and serviceable condition, and report any defects or damage • Operate all general maintenance plant/hand held equipment in a legal, efficient and safe manner, and for authorised purposes only • Execute other tasks (subject to safety and competence) in support of the school as directed by Line Management
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carpentry, joinery • Safe and legal operation of power and hand tools • Be prepared to adopt new technology and techniques, and to attend personal development or collective Operations team training • Be aware of and contribute to the wider sustainable development of the estate. • Driving Licence • Reliable and punctual
Working routine	37 hours per week with a requirement to work flexible hours according to the business needs of the school. Usual hours 07.45-16:15 Monday – Thursday and 07:45-15:45 Friday.
Salary band	Circa: £25,000 – £29,000 per annum
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A matched contributory pension scheme • Generous subsidy of school fees for children of staff, subject to the normal admissions criteria (pro rata for part time staff) • Lunch provided during term times and when available during school holidays • Death in service scheme of 3 times basic salary • Employee Assistance Confidential Helpline • Cycle to work scheme

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff social, sports and music clubs (additional costs may apply)• Use of school facilities, including a swimming pool, gym, tennis and squash courts, a golf course <p>Full details and terms and conditions available on request.</p> |
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PERSON SPECIFICATION

The person specification highlights the skills, experience and qualifications that are required for this role. If you feel that although you do not meet all of these requirements you would still perform well in the role, we encourage your application.

Person specification		
	Essential	Desirable
Education, qualifications and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of GCSE A-C, O-level (or equivalent) level in English and Mathematics • NVQ in carpentry/joinery or other relevant qualification • Previous experience in a similar role • D1 category driving licence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joinery experience desirable
Specialist knowledge and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent carpentry skills • Ability to use fixed woodworking machines • Energy to be on the go all day undertaking physically demanding tasks in a safe and efficient manner • Adaptability; proven ability to adapt to new techniques and technology • Enthusiasm; highly motivated • Commitment to work in an environmentally friendly manner • Resourcefulness; be prepared to take on additional duties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show initiative and be proactive in improving efficiency
Interpersonal and communication skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to develop and maintain professional and effective working relations with colleagues • Ability to communicate clearly and confidently with a wide range of people • Ability to use IT equipment to the level necessary to complete Forms, use an electronic tasking system, and communicate via email. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to provide motivation and support to co-workers
Additional requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility; the role demands some weekend and early/evening work to support school activities • Willingness to work in all weather conditions • Ability to take on the physical elements of the role, for example, dexterity needed to use tools, bending, lifting etc • Reliability and punctuality • Energy and motivation • Ability to contribute to and embrace change and innovation • Ability to multi-task, take on additional tasks/responsibilities in a positive manner. • The Royal Hospital School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Services. 	

THE BENEFITS



PENSION

A matched defined contribution pension scheme is available for support staff to join, with the School contributing up to 7.5%.



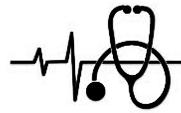
SCHOOL FEES REMISSION

Generous fee remission, subject to the normal admissions criteria (pro rata for part-time staff).



DEATH IN SERVICE

The school has a Death in Service benefit of 3 x basic salary.



HEALTH PROVISION

Opportunity to join BUPA scheme through the school. There is an NHS dentist on site. You will also have access to an Employee Assistance confidential helpline.



USE OF FITNESS FACILITIES

Fitness suite, swimming pool, 9 hole golf course, tennis courts and other sports facilities. Opportunity to engage in staff sports activities including weekly 5-a-side football, staff cricket team and staff climbing sessions. Why not make the most of our beautiful setting and go for a lunchtime walk?



MEALS

A complimentary 3-course lunch is provided during term times.



COMMUNITY

You are joining a ready-made community where people are more than just colleagues. From the RHS staff bar, *The Clubhouse* (Opening in 2025), to events arranged by to events arranged by Common Room members such as yoga, wreath making, wine tasting, quiz nights, safari suppers, and more (additional costs may apply) - this is a wonderful community to be a part of. Subsidised on-site accommodation may be available (subject to availability and the nature of your role).



CYCLE TO WORK

Access to the Cycle to Work scheme.

Full details and terms & conditions are available on request.

HOW TO APPLY

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please follow the link on our website to complete a job application form and submit a covering letter (no more than two sides of A4), including details of two referees.

Applicants should provide within their personal statement an explanation of how and where they have experience in the areas and skills listed in the person specification.

If you have any queries regarding this role, or require any assistance with the application process, please contact the HR Manager on recruitment@royalhospitalschool.org or 01473 326200.

The Royal Hospital School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to a DBS check and references.

“ The school realises its aim to enable pupils to grow into the person they wish to become, fulfilling their potential and leaving very well prepared for life. ”

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NOTE: Although this document is designed to give a fair picture of the nature of the role and conditions of employment, it does not represent a legally binding contract. A separate contract of employment will be submitted for that purpose upon receipt of references and acceptance of a verbal offer made to the successful candidate.

