



**Appointment of a Teacher
of Physical Education
September 2016**





The King's School, Canterbury is a leading independent 13-18 co-educational boarding and day school, situated in the heart of the historic Cathedral city of Canterbury in Kent.

The School occupies various sites around the Cathedral and its Precincts. Many teaching departments and the majority of Houses are in the beautiful ancient buildings around Green Court on the north side of the Cathedral. To the east of the Cathedral, the St Augustine's site is home to five boarding houses and the magnificent school library.

There are currently 831 pupils on the school roll, 448 boys and 383 girls, of 78% whom are boarders. The pupils occupy six boys' boarding houses, seven girls' boarding houses and three day houses. Junior King's, the prep school of King's, occupies a fine rural site on the banks of the River Stour, in Sturry, three miles from Canterbury. There are currently 363 pupils at Junior King's, 214 boys and 149 girls, of whom 20% are boarders.

The School's origins date back to the arrival of St Augustine in 597 AD. The Christian tradition remains at its heart, but pupils and staff comprise individuals of many different faiths and beliefs. Academic excellence and scholarship take their place alongside the school's commitment to physical and cultural endeavour. Sport is strong, with a number of boys' and girls' teams at national level. Music and drama are outstanding, both having the finest traditions and producing performances of the highest standards. King's Week, the school's own Festival of Creative and Performing Arts, attracts thousands of visitors each year.

The curriculum at King's is based upon strong academic roots. It emphasises and relies upon what is best in traditional school education: scholarly excellence supported by a caring pastoral and tutorial system, and a wide-ranging co-curricular programme. The curriculum is continually adapting and reacting to the changing demands of modern education: new subjects are added, new teaching techniques adopted, and there is an increasing awareness of the need to provide programmes of study that match individual needs and skills. The school does not gauge its success by exam results alone but by broader measures of educational attainment and personal development, helping pupils to achieve their potential and equipping them to play an active and responsible role in society as young adults.



THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Physical Education Department serves a large school community of able and well-motivated pupils. At present there are three full time PE teachers and one temporary part time PE teacher, supported by a number of full time sports graduates who assist in practical and class based lessons. The department is responsible for delivering core PE to Shell (Year 9) and Remove (Year 10) pupils, ensuring that all pupils, whatever their sporting prowess, get a good grounding in all the key elements of the subject. GCSE (CIE) and A Level PE (OCR) are also taught and recent results have been encouraging. Success is dependent on inspirational and creative teaching.

All members of the PE department are naturally expected to take a full role in the wider sporting life of the school through the games programme which takes place on 4 afternoons a week. This programme is well supported by other members of the teaching staff and some outside coaches.

SPORT AT KING'S

As a boarding school, King's emphasises the importance of participation in a wide range of activities. All pupils at the School follow a Games programme which requires them to participate in at least three afternoons a week, in addition to matches on Saturday afternoons. Many do considerably more. A feature of sport at the School is the wide choice of sports available, particularly to senior pupils, but all must choose one main sport per term. The school runs a strong Sports' Excellence programme, led by a triple Olympian, which enables the school's most talented individuals to benefit from specific support and advice as well as extra training and many go on to represent their county, region or even their country. The traditional values of hard work, commitment, good manners and sportsmanship are all held in high esteem, complemented by the total commitment of the coaching staff to individual needs, personal welfare and every pupil's enjoyment of sport.

THE ROLE

The teacher will be a qualified PE teacher, ideally someone looking for their second post, or an NQT, who will report to the Head of Physical Education on a day to day basis but is also expected to work closely with the Director of Sport in guiding the development of sport across the school.

The successful candidate will have proven experience and a genuine commitment to teaching GCSE PE and will be expected to lead, and be a strong presence in, core PE sessions which are based in the school's Recreation Centre. Experience of A-level teaching is desirable but not necessarily essential. The successful candidate must also be able to coach at least two of the schools' major team sports to a high level, and have the ability to take overall charge of at least one of them, as well as being able to coach in at least one other sport. Coaching competitive sport is required in all three terms of the year, including at weekends. The main team sports are Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Football, Lacrosse, Rowing, Tennis, Cricket, Athletics and Swimming. The school also offers Cross Country, Equestrianism, Fencing, Golf, Sailing, Shooting and Squash as competitive sports.

In addition there are many opportunities for further involvement in the wider pastoral and co-curricular life of this large and busy boarding school. All teachers at King's take on a tutor group in one of the boarding or day houses as well as regular weekly duties, usually in the evenings.

Those considering applying but requiring more information, can contact the Director of Sport, Richard Singfield (ral@kings-school.co.uk) or the Head of PE, Mat Lister (mel@kings-school.co.uk), for an informal discussion.

APPLICATIONS

Applications should be submitted online through the King's School website (www.kings-school.co.uk – Staff Vacancies), and should include a personal statement for the Headmaster and a CV by 12 noon on Monday 25th January. If you have any difficulties accessing the internet please contact the School Office: info@kings-school.co.uk; 01227 595501.

The King's School 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.

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