



# KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL WIMBLEDON



## GROUNDSPERSON



## WELCOME TO KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Thank you for your interest in joining our school community.

King's is one of the most successful schools in the world, and our community is a special place to teach, work and learn. Educating over 1,500 pupils, we currently welcome boys aged 7-18 and girls aged 16-18, and we are excited to be extending co-education throughout the King's community from 2029. Our pupils are curious, creative and eager to learn, and the dedication, expertise, and care of our staff lie at the foundation of everything we do. Located in a peaceful part of London, opposite 1,140 acres of countryside offered by Wimbledon and Putney Commons, within minutes of central London and just a short walk from Wimbledon Village and the home of lawn tennis, we are fortunate to enjoy a green and well-resourced campus.

Our school was founded in 1829 by Royal Charter as the junior department of the university, King's College London, and as such, intellectual aspiration and a progressive spirit are our heritage. Today, we offer an education of the whole person, in Mind, Spirit and Heart, the enduring ethos of our foundation. Our guiding mission is to look outwards, to the world beyond school, and to life at 25: we look to the lives we are preparing our young people to lead, so that when the time comes, they are ready to forge the pathway they choose, and to make a purposeful impact in the world.

We aim for each of our pupils to enjoy an exhilarating adventure of learning and to pursue academic excellence within a fun, caring, welcoming environment. Academic outcomes at A level, IB and GCSE consistently place King's amongst the very top schools nationally and globally, with over half of A level and IB grades at A\* or equivalent last summer, and we were delighted to be the highest placed independent co-educational day school and Independent International Baccalaureate School of the Year in The Sunday Times Parent Power 2025.

Supporting our pupils to grow strong in spirit, in the shared values and qualities of character that will ground them, is equally important at King's. Kindness, respect and support for one another, a broad-minded outlook and a commitment to ensuring that ours is a community where each individual feels that they can belong, are central to our ethos. Likewise, we share a deep commitment to the co-curriculum, which enables our pupils to develop broad skills and resilience as well as to discover lifelong passions through clubs and societies, CCF, Duke of Edinburgh, sport, the arts, and community partnerships.

The next few years represent an exciting time for King's as we embark upon the next chapter of the school's development and prepare to enter our third century in 2029. Over the coming decade, we are extending co-education throughout King's so that any young person will have the opportunity to flourish here. With the relocation of our Junior School to a new world-class campus on The Downs, we plan to transform our main campus over the coming years, further enhancing our facilities to extend the opportunities on offer to our pupils and communities. Likewise, as the world changes around us, we are constantly considering how we can best enable our pupils to create their futures. We hope you consider joining us for this adventure.



Dr Anne Cotton  
Head



## THE ROLE

We are seeking to appoint a keen and enthusiastic person to contribute to and provide strong support to the school's grounds team.

### **Reporting to: head groundsperson**

The groundsperson is responsible for undertaking tasks to assist with the maintenance of the general condition and availability of the school's sports facilities, whether at the main KCS site or at Kingsway. They will work as part of an overall team of 6 grounds staff, and will report to the head groundsperson or his deputy.

### **Main Duties and Responsibilities**

- Under the direction of the head groundsperson, preparing and maintaining the sports facilities, including artificial surfaces, at the main King's College School site and the sports grounds at Kingsway, to recognised national standards and to the satisfaction of all users
- Providing grounds staff support to matches/fixtures when required
- Implementing weekly, monthly and annual agreed maintenance programmes for all facilities, including the Old Boys' sports pitches
- Liaising with appropriate staff on the availability of sports facilities for lessons and matches, and advising on the fitness of pitches
- Working with various different types of machinery and equipment to prepare and maintain football, rugby, cricket and hockey pitches, as well as artificial surfaces
- Undertaking general maintenance of equipment as directed
- Assisting with light tree pruning, hedge cutting and maintenance of paths, including leaf collection and spraying
- Reporting problems on the ticketin system
- Attending meetings and events, as directed
- Undertaking any other reasonable duties as directed by the head groundsperson.



# THE PERSON

## Person Specification

This is an ideal opportunity for an able and enthusiastic person to contribute to and provide strong support to the school's grounds team.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Previous experience as a groundsperson or similar
- A good understanding of field markings
- Experience of mechanical repairs and the ability to mend machinery and make small repairs
- Knowledge and experience of working with synthetic sports pitches/surfaces
- Ability to work well as part of a team
- A flexible and enthusiastic approach to work
- Ability to work without supervision and prioritise workload according to fixture lists and weather conditions
- Relevant qualification in turf management (NVQ or similar) (desirable)
- Driving licence (desirable)

Ideally we are looking for someone with relevant grounds experience, however we would consider applications from candidates seeking a change in career path and have a genuine interest in working outdoors with the school's grounds team.

Full training will be provided for the right person.

## Terms and Conditions

- Start date August/September 2026
- Salary: £32,078 per annum
- 40 hours per week, normal working hours based around the core hours of 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, although some flexibility is required to accommodate seasonal variations
- There may be a requirement to work every other Saturday with paid overtime



## HOW TO APPLY

**Closing date: Wednesday 25th June 2026 at 9am**

### **Interview date to be confirmed**

To apply for this role, please register your details online via our website **[www.kcs.org.uk](http://www.kcs.org.uk)** (under useful information / career opportunities). Once you have registered your details with us, you can apply for vacancies by logging into the candidate area using your email address and chosen password. You will be asked to fill an online application form which includes a covering letter:

**Cover letter:** Please use the cover letter to explain how your own skills and experiences match the person specification for this role. The cover letter is an opportunity for you to share with us how you are suited to this role, how your skills are transferable to the key requirements, and your relevant life experiences or interests.

**Early applications are encouraged; interviews may be staged and we may choose to appoint at any time during the application process.**

Arrangements will be confirmed prior to interview, and further details provided.

We welcome enquiries or questions regarding this position, including about adjustments to be made during the recruitment process: please contact [recruitment@kcs.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@kcs.org.uk)

[kcs.org.uk](http://kcs.org.uk) or telephone the HR department (020 8255 5308) to find out more.

We are happy to reimburse reasonable travel expenses.

# WORKING AT KING'S - STAFF PROFILES



"Since joining King's in 2019, I can say that this is a fantastic school that supports staff, as well as students to their highest standard. There have been many opportunities for me to grow within the IT department. Everyone I have come across at King's has been extremely helpful and welcoming. I feel honoured to work here"

**- Mr Dixon**  
**IT Helpdesk Manager**



"My experience of working at King's has been overwhelmingly positive. It is a beautiful place to work, but it is the people who really make it special. I have found all of the staff to be warm, friendly and incredibly aspirational for the pupils and the school."

**- Mrs Beverley Hunter**  
**Bursaries and Access Officer**



"Joining King's in 2006, my role as team leader, Science Department, is to oversee the operational functioning of the laboratories. As a team of six technicians our primary remit is to deliver a range of practicals to support teaching excellence across all science disciplines. My career at King's has been rewarding in so many ways but a particular highlight has been the re-design of a modern, multi-functional central prep room - this has transformed the way the team communicate, share our varied skills and manage a busy workload."

**- Mrs Danckwerts**  
**Team Leader - Science Technicians**



"I've been working at King's College School since 2016. It is an outstanding school that offers our students so many opportunities. Working at King's College School is a great opportunity to gain experience, meet wonderful people and expand your horizons to the world."

**- Mr Laska**  
**Porter**



## SAFEGUARDING AT KING'S

At King's, we recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils.

We make every effort to provide an environment in which children and adults feel safe, secure, valued and respected, and feel confident to talk if they are worried, believing they will be effectively listened to.

We are alert to the signs of abuse, neglect and exploitation, and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support and protection. Child protection forms part of the school's safeguarding responsibilities.

We follow the Merton Children's Safeguarding Partnership procedures and have several policies and procedures in place which contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy. A copy of this policy is available on our school website: <https://www.kcs.org.uk/safeguarding-at-kings>. The purpose of this policy is to provide staff, volunteers, and governors with the framework they need in order to keep children safe and secure in our school. The policy also informs parents and carers about how we will safeguard their children whilst they are in our care.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, governors and volunteers to share this commitment. Those applying to work at King's will be required to undergo rigorous child protection screening; pre-employment checks include (as relevant to the role and individual):

- past employers (references will be requested for shortlisted candidates prior to interview in line with **Keeping Children Safe in Education**)
- the Disclosure and Barring Service (including a barred list check)
- a prohibition from teaching check
- a Section 128 check (prohibition from management or governance)
- identity checks
- right to work checks
- overseas checks
- verification of qualifications and/or professional status
- fitness to work checks

**This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974.**



## INCLUSION AT KING'S

King's aims to be a diverse and equitable environment where all staff and pupils feel they belong. The community aims to foster an ethos of social awareness and respect for difference, creating a welcoming and inclusive culture where every member of our community is valued and respected as their authentic self, regardless of difference. Establishing this sense of belonging and community is central to the ethos of King's and is outlined in the 'Inclusivity at King's' statement.

The school has developed a comprehensive equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) programme that spans all areas of school life, including our wider school community. Our director of EDI oversees our work in this crucial area, working closely with our EDI mentors who support pupils around issues including sexuality, gender and race.

There are a wide range of thriving pupil advocacy and discussion groups who meet regularly, including our African Caribbean society, our East and South-East Asian society, our Pride group, our neurodiversity society, our interfaith discussion group and Her'd, our group for girls. Alongside this, the school holds regular talks and workshops on EDI topics to ensure that inclusivity remains a central part of the daily life at school and is at the heart of all that we do.

Further information about equality, diversity and inclusivity at King's is available on our website at <https://www.kcs.org.uk/equality-diversity-and-inclusivity-at-kings>

*King's College School is fully committed to the principles of equality, diversity and inclusivity in its recruitment of teaching and support staff.*

**If you have any support requirements that require adjustments to be made during the recruitment process, please let us know in advance so that any support, aids or adaptations can be put in place to assist you. Examples can include, but are not limited to, a request for extra time, a wheelchair accessible interview room or alternative format of assessment papers such as audible, Braille or large print versions.**



## LIVING AND WORKING IN WIMBLEDON

Wimbledon is famous for its annual Grand Slam tennis tournament, but that is not the only thing that makes living and working in Wimbledon an attractive proposition.

The area is one of the safest parts of London and provides a wonderful mix of town and village life. The streets are bustling and lined with bars, restaurants and shops and the charming children's Polka Theatre is situated in the centre of Wimbledon. King's is located on the edge of Wimbledon Common, at the beginning of one of the largest areas of green, recreational space in the whole of London. The Common, which extends to Richmond Park, is home to a 19th century windmill and an Iron Age fort.

One of the best things about working in Wimbledon is its connectivity. Wimbledon station is located in zone 3, approximately 10 minutes from Clapham Junction and 20 minutes from London Waterloo. There are regular trains to numerous destinations, including Kingston, Epsom and Richmond. Wimbledon can also be reached by tube, via the District line, and by tram, which connects to places such as Croydon and Beckenham. King's is also in a convenient location for road users, with its proximity to the A3 providing an excellent link to the M25. There is a morning shuttle bus for staff which runs from Wimbledon Station to the school.

Although property prices are high in and around Wimbledon Village, there are affordable options a little further away. Many staff choose to live in Central and South Wimbledon or Raynes Park, which is a 15 minute walk from King's. Other nearby options include Motspur Park, Worcester Park, Clapham, Tooting and Earlsfield but plenty of colleagues prefer to commute from Surrey, where Esher, Epsom and Ashstead are popular choices.



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