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JAMES ALLEN'S GIRLS' SCHOOL

JAGS has been inspiring and educating pupils for over 270 years. It is the oldest girls' independent school in London. While we are proud of our history – it's made us who we are – we are very much a school of the present and the future. We celebrate the best of the old while embracing the latest innovations and technology.

Our day school pupils are drawn from a dynamic variety of cultural, social and economic backgrounds, with 50 languages spoken at home. We currently have 126 pupils on our own bursaries, with 51 of them on free places and an average of 89% fee subsidy paid. Diversity is our strength, but we share a common purpose: to help all our pupils fulfil their potential. We know we are lucky and that we gain from sharing what we have. 'Good Neighbours' has been our policy for many years. We look outwards and draw people in. We are part of the world around us.



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In a changing educational world, my core values remain intact. As an Oxford graduate, and student of literature, I want pupils to love learning for its own sake and to strive for excellence.

But true education always comes back to people. To supporting the young on individual journeys so they are ready to lead purposeful, happy adult lives. As soon as I set foot in JAGS, I knew that this was at the heart of the school's ethos too. Known for its academic excellence, JAGS is so much more. It is a school with heart and conscience and one which reaches out beyond its own community.

I also believe firmly that schools have responsibility for the whole person. Sport, arts and leadership are part of that - but the less measurable qualities of social responsibility and empathy are just as important.



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WORKING AT JAGS

Working at JAGS is more than just about working. JAGS is a community and a family that strives to create a warm and supportive environment for both the girls that come to learn here, but also for the staff that come to work here.

From your first day at JAGS you will have access to some of the best facilities in the country and will be encouraged to take part in the many activities here.

JAGS works hard to attract the best staff and therefore the benefit package at JAGS is very generous. We have our own pay scale which is above the national average and we also offer all staff a discount on school fees. You will have access to our multi purpose sports centre which includes tennis courts, a 25m swimming pool, spin studio and a rock climbing centre. You will receive free lunches as well as free parking and free access to the Dulwich Picture Gallery.



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TEACHER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The post holder will be an outstanding PE teacher with excellent subject knowledge and a real passion for sport and fitness. They should have knowledge and understanding of effective teaching and learning styles and of monitoring assessment, recording and reporting of pupils' progress.

As well as teaching pupils throughout the school, including to A level, the post holder will work enthusiastically with colleagues, promoting the aims of the department and taking a full and active role in the many extra-curricular activities offered at JAGS.



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TEACHER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential

- A good degree in Physical Education and QTS.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Strong motivational skills.
- Reliable and punctual.
- Patience and extensive knowledge of physical fitness, sport and exercise.
- An awareness of the statutory requirements concerning Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, SEN and Child Protection is essential.
- The ability to teach both practical and theoretical aspects of GCSE PE.
- Confidence in teaching all aspects of the PE curriculum.

Desirable

- Experience of teaching GCSE PE
- Qualification in Netball or Hockey Coaching
- ICT literacy and experience of specialist applications.
- To hold a first aid qualification.
- The ability to drive the school minibus with appropriate training.

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PE DEPARTMENT

The JAGS Physical Education Department has five full-time and two part-time members of staff, all of whom teach the complete range of activities within the PE curriculum.

The curriculum for Key Stage 3 covers all the areas of activity specified in the National Curriculum. In Key Stage 4 there is a fully established options programme allowing girls the opportunity to select from a broad range of off-site and on-site activities. The sports offered include: ice skating, cycling, golf, pilates, Dance Leaders Award, weight training/fitness, National Pool Lifeguard, Community Sports Leaders Award, trampolining, rock climbing as well as the more traditional sports. (These activities may vary from year to year depending on demand and availability of facilities and instructors).

The Department has outstanding facilities. JAGS pupils benefit from the use of: extensive playing fields, six netball courts, eight hard tennis courts (two of which are floodlit), one squash court, a large and well-fitted sports hall, a 25 metre indoor swimming pool, two well equipped fitness training rooms, two dance studios, an international sized floodlit astro turf plus a rock climbing wall.

We are proud that JAGS is recognised nationally for its sporting achievements and always encourage the highest of standards in our staff and pupils.

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