



Netball Development Coach

Employment Status: Part Time, Term Time Only

Fixed Term Contract

Application closes: Friday 5 September 2025

Required From: ASAP

Interviews: W/C 8 September 2025



Welcome to St Dunstan's Education Group

St Dunstan's Education Group is a growing group of coeducational schools serving approximately 1500 children aged 2 – 18, based in the vibrancy and diversity of south-east London. Remaining true to the founding principle of St Dunstan's College that the school should be 'ahead of the current time', St Dunstan's today is known to offer an ambitious and forward-thinking education that trailblazes in the sector by thinking differently about how young people are educated for an uncertain future.

St Dunstan's is a thriving educational community. St Dunstan's College was named Coeducational School of the Year in 2020, Senior School of the Year 2022 and Most Progressive School in London in 2023. In the summer of 2024, it was one of the 50 best performing independent schools in the UK for our A Level and GCSE results and was in the top 100 schools in the UK as listed in the Times Parent Power league table. In 2023 Rosemead became one of the first prep schools in the UK to receive a significant strength from the Independent Schools Inspectorate and later that year St Dunstan's College became the one of the very first schools to receive two significant strengths for its role in EEDI and the progressive nature of the curriculum. In 2024, Rosemead won the prestigious ISA award for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

Responding both to significant growth in market share and the political and economic headwinds within the sector, St Dunstan's is committed to a strategy of growth and diversification of income. The College has undertaken a radical development of its estate to expand its pupil roll, firstly through the acquisition of the Jubilee Ground, a 15 acre site for community and sporting activity, just minutes from the school, and then through a 30 million pound building programme, including the development of a new STEM Centre, Junior School, Sixth Form Centre and Performing Arts Hub. An ambitious and creative masterplan for the development of our site has now been finalised and will underpin the rolling programme of works planned for the next 10 years, including our ambitions to be a carbon-zero charity. The decision to evolve into a larger educational group began with the merger with Rosemead Prep School, Dulwich, in 2023, with this presenting many new opportunities for staff and pupils, and it is set to grow further in the next 12 months.

Many of the decisions that St Dunstan's has taken in recent years have been trailblazing for the sector. St Dunstan's College was one of the first schools in the country to introduce a Centre of Wellbeing, to cater for pupil mental and physical health. We introduced a gender-neutral sporting programme, recently culminating in signing a partnership with Chelsea Football Club. Our Additional curriculum, of our own design, deliberately seeks to educate young people in the life skills they will require for the future – our work undertaken on toxic masculinity, pornography and race have all been widely covered by the national and educational press. Underpinning our entire educational narrative is a commitment to a renaissance education – a broad, balanced and liberal education that helps young people develop the toolkit they will require to thrive in the future.

The diversity of our south-east London location is perhaps our biggest asset, allowing us to cultivate an environment that nurtures individuality. As one of the most socio-economically and culturally diverse areas in the UK, ours is a school that actively shuns entitlement and arrogance and rather develops well-rounded, grounded young men and women who have the soft skills to thrive in tomorrow's world.

We attempt to define the St Dunstan's Difference as follows:

- Trailblazing a forward-thinking independent education since 1888
- Promoting high achievement without arrogance
- Championing individuality, diversity and equality – *albam exorna!*
- Developing values through a broad and liberal education supporting wellbeing as central to success
- Growing ambitious and imaginative partnerships
- Providing life-enriching opportunities to our local community infusing social conscience and ethical thinking

Working for St Dunstan's

We seek to be the employer of choice in the sector, with staff wanting to work at St Dunstan's as a consequence of its clarity of purpose and vision, our unique identity and reputation, and a sincere commitment to staff development, creativity and voice, wellbeing, diversity and equality, and a culture of trust and transparency. Some of the benefits* of working for us include:

- Tuition fee remission and no registration fees
- Private health care insurance (50% paid by employer) with reduced health club membership
- Health care cash plan
- Free lunch and beverages, during term time
- Free off-road parking
- Salary sacrifice schemes
- Season ticket loan
- Free winter and summer social events
- Annual flu immunisation
- Use of College leisure facilities including gym, tennis courts and pool
- Discounted school uniform
- Workplace nursery scheme

*conditions apply

Our Commitment to Safeguarding Children

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Applicants will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers, checks relating to prohibitions, sanctions and restrictions on teaching and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) with children's barred list check. The School will carry out online searches on shortlisted applicants and all applicants will be required to provide details of their online profile, including social media accounts, as part of their application.

The safeguarding responsibilities of the post include promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom they are responsible for or with whom they come into contact with. All staff are required to adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures at all times and to complete appropriate training.

In the course of carrying out their duties the post-holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School, they must report any concerns to the School's Safeguarding Lead, or in relation to concerns regarding a member of staff, the Head.

The post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. The School is therefore permitted to ask job applicants to declare all convictions and cautions on a self-declaration form in advance of attending an interview (including those which are "spent" unless they are "protected" under the DBS filtering rules) in order to assess their suitability to work with children.

Further information and copies of the School's Code of Practice and Policy on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders is available from the HR team.

Sport at St Dunstan'

Sport and physical activity are integral to life at St Dunstan's, playing a key role in supporting the development of character in every student. They learn how to navigate challenge, pressure, and competition while shaping and contributing to the culture around them. These positive early experiences lay the foundation for lifelong involvement in sport and physical activity, inspiring confidence, wellbeing, and a lasting love of physical activity.

The Sport & Exercise Science Department delivers a dynamic curriculum that promotes healthy, active lifestyles while introducing students to culturally significant sports and games. The programme is broad, inclusive, and ambitious, offering a wide range of activities alongside high-quality competitive opportunities.

This curriculum is supplemented with a uniquely broad and diverse co-curricular offering. At the heart of school life is the Forder Programme, a unique, timetabled 45-minute daily period that enables students to engage with an exceptional variety of activities. Supplementary coaching sessions take place before and after school, fuelling a full calendar of fixtures and competitions across the week and on weekends.

The College's Core Sports are football, hockey, netball, and aquatics. These are complemented by a growing range of Development Sports, designed to widen access to competition and diversify student experience. The Forder Programme further enhances this offering with additional sporting and activity-based options. Co-education is a priority, and our inclusive approach ensures high-quality experiences, performances, and outcomes for all students, regardless of gender.

Sport & Exercise Science is a popular academic choice at both GCSE and A Level, with many students progressing to study related disciplines at top universities.

Facilities at St Dunstan's are outstanding and continuously evolving. The main school site includes a sports hall, two strength and conditioning suites, a 30m swimming pool, MUGA, and grass playing fields. Just minutes away, the Jubilee Ground at Catford Green—developed during our 125th anniversary—has undergone significant recent investment and now boasts extensive grass pitches, all-weather surfaces, a hockey astroturf, floodlit netball courts, and an exercise studio. A modern pavilion on site provides a café, bar, and meeting rooms.

The next phase of development includes a multi-million-pound investment in a new on-site leisure centre and upgrades to existing facilities, reflecting our commitment to providing sector-leading resources and opportunities.

St Dunstan's is a forward-thinking school that aims to deliver exceptional sporting experiences within a progressive educational setting.

THE ROLE

The College are seeking to appoint an ambitious coach, to join a team of Development Coaches who play an integral role in the ongoing development of sport. The successful candidate will use their sporting experiences to promote a culture of high expectations, through their involvement in all aspects of life at this high-achieving school. This balance of experience presents the perfect opportunity for an ambitious coach seeking further development in a diverse setting, or considering a future career in teaching.

The successful candidate will support the head of netball in delivering the netball program across the senior school for both the Michaelmas and lent terms. It will include leading and supporting fixtures both home and away as well as delivering training content and managing player load with their commitments to other sports.

THE PACKAGE

Salary: £25 per hour

Hours: 12 hours per week - 24 weeks September 2025 April 2026





PERSON SPECIFICATION

THE FOLLOWING EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS ARE ESSENTIAL/DESIRABLE:	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
National Governing Body coaching qualifications, at Level 1.		X
Ability to umpire netball		X
Record of developing and sustaining positive working relationships with teams and colleagues.	X	
Experience of efficient and effective organisation and management of teams.	X	
Experience working in education.		X
A high level of playing and/or coaching experience.		X
Able to plan, resource, and organise projects and tasks.	X	
Manual driving license	X	

