



**CHRIST'S
HOSPITAL**

A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

APPOINTMENT OF A TENNIS COACH

Christ's Hospital is looking to appoint a Tennis Coach to join its Sports Department. The successful candidate will be expected to play a pivotal role in the coaching and promotion of Tennis at CH. The Head of Tennis oversees the whole tennis programme and the school runs multiple teams across a range of age groups for both boys and girls.

THE DEPARTMENT

The department currently comprises 7 members of PE staff, incorporates nearly 30 external coaches, a group of Graduate Sports Assistants as well as a high percentage of the full-time academic staff. The Director of Sport oversees the Activity for Life programme, which aims to provide all students with an enjoyable, challenging, and balanced range of physical activities. The programme empowers every student with the knowledge and skills needed to make responsible lifestyle choices, that positively impact on their health and well-being. The Head of Sport Science oversees the PE programme.

Sport at Christ's Hospital is an important and vibrant part of the Activity for Life programme. The various sports are run by members of the P.E. department or other academic staff, and significant investment has been made to employ outside coaches where necessary to provide the best possible coaching across a variety of sports. The main sports are Rugby, Football, Netball, Hockey, Cricket and Athletics. In addition to these sports, Christ's Hospital is very proud of its achievements in areas such as Badminton, Cross-Country, Fives, Squash and Tennis, and continually looks to promote these sports along with many others such as Basketball and Swimming.

Facilities for Sport at CH are excellent and include twenty-one grass pitches football/rugby pitches, two floodlit all weather pitches, seven netball courts, fifteen tennis courts, eight cricket squares, a swimming pool, a double sports hall, gymnasium, squash courts, fives courts, fitness suite and dance studio. Within this safe and pleasant environment our students can develop their skill base and to learn the lifelong benefits of physical activity. Work is also well underway for four padel courts, state-of-the-art athletics track and field area and an activity trail which will open in late 2025.

JOB DESCRIPTION - SUMMARY OF THE ROLE

Key Responsibilities:

Coaching and Development:

- Coach tennis with vision and energy.
- Promote and develop Christ's Hospital's tennis reputation.
- Ensure high standards of teaching and learning that provide for excellence and participation
- Plan and deliver consistently good or high-quality coaching sessions.
- Maintain excellent, up-to-date knowledge of developments and coaching strategies within tennis and ensure best practice is adopted.

Safety and Welfare:

- Ensure the Christ's Hospital Health and Safety policy is implemented in tennis, including ensuring the coaching area is safe, relevant risk assessments are completed, and pupils are made aware of health and safety within tennis.
- Ensure discipline and a positive environment is maintained during each coaching session, promoting the values of fair play, teamwork, healthy competition, and school values of kindness, inclusion, responsibility, individuality, and perseverance.
- Support and contribute to the school's responsibility for safeguarding pupils, leading and conducting oneself in an exemplary manner from a child protection point of view.
- Ensure the safety and welfare of students at all times.
- Have a thorough understanding of statutory and school safeguarding requirements and ensure appropriate action and compliance at all times.
- Ensure timely and accurate registration of students in all coaching sessions.

Administration and Organisation:

- Ensure resources are used efficiently and effectively.
- Accompany teams to and from matches, mid-week and including Saturdays.
- Ensure team kit and equipment is well cared for and, in consultation with the Head of Tennis, that it meets health and safety standards.
- Assist in the writing of reports on each squad player, as directed by the Head of Tennis.
- Comply with all school policies in respect of coaching and learning.
- Undertake any relevant administration or organisational tasks.

Other:

- Support the ethos, mission, and charitable objectives of the school.
- Contribute to the positive promotion and reputation of cricket at Christ's Hospital and in the local and wider community.

THE SCHOOL

King Edward VI founded Christ's Hospital in 1552 to take the poor children from the streets of London and provide shelter and education for them. Throughout over 460 years of social and economic change, Christ's Hospital has remained true to its founding principles. It now provides high quality boarding education for children who,

but for Christ's Hospital, would not have the chances in life that their potential deserves.

When Christ's Hospital was founded, boys and girls were based in what had been the Grey Friars' Priory in Newgate Street, but the girls and some of the younger boys were relocated to Hertford in the 17th Century. The boys at the Newgate campus were moved to the Horsham site in 1902 and were joined here by the girls in 1985. Christ's Hospital retains strong links with the City of London and many City Livery Companies provide financial support to students at the School. The School retains many of its ancient traditions, including the everyday use of its unique Tudor uniform, known as 'Housey' and Band Parade four days a week.

Around 900 students are currently enrolled at CH. Half are boys and half are girls and all are boarders apart from a small number of staff children and day students. The main intake each year is at Year Seven (11 years of age) with a small number joining at Year 9 (13+) and 40 to 45 new students joining in the Sixth Form. A balanced student population is a feature of the School, and children are admitted from a wide range of backgrounds. Selection is based on academic ability, talent in some combination of music, art, drama and sport and the potential to benefit from a first-class boarding education. However, the over-riding principle of the admissions process is to help those with need, whether that need be financial, familial or educational.

The School offers a traditional academic education, and our expectations of students are high. Excellent standards are achieved, with 90% of students gaining places at Russell Group universities, art colleges or music conservatoires. Around 10 students each year go to Oxford or Cambridge.

Currently, over 60% of the cost of running the School is funded by Christ's Hospital's charitable Foundation, with the balance coming from grants from a variety of sources and from fees. Around 75% of students receive bursary support; 13% pay no fees at all and just over 20% pay full fees. The resultant mix of students is refreshingly down to earth and there is a strong desire to make the most of the opportunities on offer at Christ's Hospital.

The school has a proud tradition of sporting achievement and runs an active and successful broader curricular programme that includes CCF and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Music is outstanding and in addition to the Marching Band, there is a large and impressive Chapel Choir, plus various orchestras, classical ensembles and jazz groups. Drama flourishes with regular productions in the 600-seat theatre and the Art School produces work of unusual quality.

The lesson timetable is spread across six days, with four lessons on Saturday morning. Students have three Activity for Life sessions each week including Saturday. The school operates on a three-weekly cycle, with a leave weekend or longer break at the end of every three week period. All staff are expected to contribute to the busy broader curricular programme throughout the year and day staff are required to help in a boarding house for one evening each week

THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT

The successful applicant will be a well-qualified and capable sports professional with an enthusiasm for coaching and developing sport within the framework of an independent co-educational boarding school.

All new staff appointments are subject to a clear medical check, receipt of satisfactory references including one from the current employer and a cleared Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Check at Enhanced Level.

Experience of coaching tennis in schools is essential, and additional coaching qualifications in tennis would be desirable.

A first aid qualification or a willingness to undertake this qualification is essential, and it would be advantageous to be a qualified minibuss driver or have a willingness to undertake this qualification.

Equal Opportunities and Child Protection. Christ's Hospital is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community. The school also follows current Child Protection procedures for the appointment of new staff. Christ's Hospital