CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

APPOINTMENT OF
GRADUATE / UNDERGRADUATE SPORTS ASSISTANT – RUGBY, HOCKEY, FOOTBALL, NETBALL, CRICKET, ATHLETICS AND/OR TENNIS

Christ's Hospital is looking for sport specific graduates to join its busy Sports Department. The successful candidates should be able to coach at a high level in one or more of the following sports - Rugby, Hockey, Football, Netball, Cricket, Athletics and Tennis; experience in Strength & Conditioning would be an advantage.

This is a temporary position, initially for a period of one academic year, commencing 31 August 2024, but could be extended for a further year by competitive process for the right candidates. Successful Graduate Assistants recently have gone on to take on further teaching roles recently including starting PGCE training.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Director of Sport oversees the Activity for Life programme, which aims to provide all pupils with an enjoyable, challenging, and balanced range of physical activities. The programme empowers every pupil with the knowledge and skills needed to make responsible lifestyle choices, that positively impact on their health and well-being. The department incorporates nearly 30 external coaches, 5 Graduate Sports Assistants as well as a high percentage of the full-time academic staff. The Head of Sport Science oversees the Foundation for Movement programme and the academic PE course. The department currently comprises 7 members of staff, and 5 Graduate Sports Assistants. Both departments encourage the active sharing of ideas and resources, ensuring the best teaching and learning occurs in lessons. Pupils are encouraged to focus on individual progression, in a stimulating, varied and creative environment, which includes the opportunity to participate in competitive sport at their appropriate ability level.

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 in order to employ outside coaches where necessary to provide the best possible coaching across a variety of sports. The main sports are Rugby and Girls' Hockey (Michaelmas Term), Football and Netball (Lent Term) and Cricket, Tennis and Athletics (Summer Term). As well as these sports, Christ's Hospital is very proud of its achievements in areas such as Badminton, Cross-Country, Fives, and Squash and continually looks to promote these sports along with many others such as Basketball and Swimming.

Facilities are excellent and include twenty-one grass 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.

JOB DESCRIPTION - SUMMARY OF THE ROLE

- The successful candidates will assist with the delivery of the Activity for Life, Foundation for Movement and Academic PE programmes, working with professional sports coaches and PE staff across all age groups, from Second Form (Year 7) to Grecians (Year 13). The applicants should be able to coach at a high level in one or more of the following sports – Rugby, Hockey, Football, Netball, Cricket, Athletics, Tennis and to be responsible for looking after the kit and equipment and to ensure it is ready for training and matches.

Main duties and responsibilities:

- Planning and coaching Sports sessions and assisting with Activity for Life and Foundation for Movement lessons
- Covering lessons, up to 8 per week
- Looking to develop individual sporting needs, as well as team strategies.
- Selecting and managing teams throughout the week and on a Saturday.
- Close liaison with the Director of Sport, Assistant Director of Sport and Head of Sport Science
- Promoting professional standards of punctuality and discipline with all the pupils, taking appropriate action where necessary
- Reinforcing the School's key values of Kindness, Inclusion, Responsibility, Individuality and Perseverance.
- Organising the distribution of the weekly sports schedule and the match day programmes
- Taking a full and active role as part of a Boarding House Tutor Team and covering for absent colleagues, up to two nights per week.
- Supporting the Leave Weekend programme, in consultation with the Assistant Head Pastoral

The SLT, Director of Sport and Head of Sport Science may ask other duties to be undertaken as and when required. At the heart of their task is an active enthusiasm for young people and their education.

Participation in the School's busy broader curricular programme is expected of all teaching staff and there is considerable scope for staff to get involved in a wide range of activities.

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 pupils 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 pupils 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 pupils. 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 pupils joining in the Sixth Form. A balanced pupil 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 pupils are high. Excellent standards are achieved, with 90% of pupils gaining places at Russell Group universities, art colleges or music conservatoires. Around 10 pupils 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 pupils receive bursary support; 13% pay no fees at all and just over 20% pay full fees. The resultant mix of pupils 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 purpose-built 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. Pupils have three Activity for Life sessions each week including Saturday. The school works 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 out in a boarding house for one evening each week.

THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT

The successful applicants will be well-qualified and capable graduates / undergraduates on a placement year with an enthusiasm for coaching 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.

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.

REMUNERATION

This is a one-year placement, commencing 31st August 2024. The salary is c £15,300 per annum, paid in monthly instalments over that period. The successful applicant will be provided with accommodation for the duration of the whole year in either a one room flat or with their own room in a shared dwelling free of charge and including utilities. Laundry and, while on duty, meals in the Dining Hall or Common Room will be provided free of charge during term time only.