



FRANCIS HOLLAND SCHOOL

SLOANE SQUARE

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TEACHER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**Full-time, permanent position
Required from September 2021**



General Information

Francis Holland School Sloane Square is a highly sought-after, independent selective school for over 660 girls aged 4 to 18 (HMC and GSA). There are around 160 Juniors and 500 Seniors, including usually about 100 in a fast-growing Sixth Form, with the school recently having grown from 3 to 5 form entry in Year 7. The School is located on a spacious site in a beautiful residential part of Belgravia, close to the Saatchi Gallery and many cultural institutions such as the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Science and Natural History Museums, the Royal Academy and the Tate Galleries. The proximity to Imperial College offers us unparalleled access to lectures and support.

The School has enjoyed some significant building developments in recent years to accommodate a dramatically increasing roll and our vision for creative learning for the real world. Most recently, the Sixth Form has moved into a spacious and inspirational building called The Old School House, which forms a bridge with the local community and provides an exciting environment for young people to develop their entrepreneurial talents.

Pupils come from all parts of London with many of the Junior School pupils choosing to stay for the Senior School. Ours is a vibrant international community, and families from major cities abroad often seek places for their children here as a priority. Each member of staff is involved in the pastoral life of the School, normally as a Form Tutor, and the care of the children is renowned and exceptional. A team of counsellors provide constant support to the pupils and staff, reflecting our emphasis on supporting wellbeing.

A very wide range of co-curricular opportunities is offered to the pupils, and all staff contribute to this vibrant dimension of the School. Over sixty clubs and societies, outstanding music and drama opportunities and renowned art department are complemented by an exceptional sporting reputation which benefits from the superb facilities of nearby Battersea Park. Overseas trips and annual expeditions for all pupils build resilience and independence. The School has a distinctive emphasis on creativity and innovation, and all pupils learn to use their 'time, talent and treasure' in the service of the local and wider community. Volunteering and fundraising are strong, and all girls develop an understanding of social enterprise, with many setting up their own business ventures. The School has several energetic partnerships, including a link school in Tanzania.

Academic standards are consistently high throughout the School, placing it amongst the most successful schools in the UK. On leaving, after A Levels, girls proceed to a wide range of prestigious higher education courses, sometimes after a gap year.

The staffing ratio is generous and the School has its own attractive salary scale. Interest free travel loans are available and assistance with removal expenses is also offered for new appointments.

Physical Education Department Information

PE at Francis Holland is a leading area of the school and continues to attract a large number of dedicated girls. We cover many sports and activities to all age ranges. Our most popular sports are netball, cricket, football and gymnastics, the latter being an area we wish to develop.

The co-curricular sport at Francis Holland School is very important to the school. The programme is extremely busy and the girls enjoy early morning training, lunch time sessions and matches after school. All PE department members contribute to all the sports and activities on offer during after school hours, which includes some weekend fixtures.

The PE department consists of 4 full time members of staff, 1 part-time member of staff and a gap assistant.

This post would suit a well-qualified PE teacher with excellent knowledge and skills in both netball and gymnastics. The ability to teach all age groups is essential. The successful candidate would also contribute to the games programme at Francis Holland and to the wider co-curricular provision. The department is full of energy and enthusiasm so a cheerful vibrant approach is vital!

The Post

We are looking for an experienced and enthusiastic netball/gymnastic specialist to join a dynamic PE department in one of London's leading independent girls' schools. To apply, you will be required to have a high level of knowledge and experience in coaching and umpiring/ judging in either netball or gymnastics. Alongside a teaching qualification, candidates are expected to have a high level of subject knowledge in various other sports including hockey, cricket and/or football.

Excellent organisational skills and a flexible attitude are essential for this post. Francis Holland is a school with pupils from 4-18 years and we are building a competitive reputation in sport and want to continue to develop the programme that is available to both Junior and Senior pupils.

The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- providing high quality training sessions in either netball or gymnastics to our competitive teams in addition to coaching of mixed ability training sessions and teaching of PE lessons
- A-attending, umpiring and coaching at regular weekly evening matches and some Saturdays for girls in the Junior and Senior school
- maintain the current success rate of the FHS netball teams
- liaising with the Director of Sport and Head of Junior and Senior PE to coordinate the netball/gymnastics programme.
- delivering his/her own timetable, including teaching a range of classes and sports across the Junior and Senior School
- promoting PE and Games throughout the School
- planning their teaching of PE lessons in all year groups in the School: Early years, KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4 and KS5 with the possibility of teaching GCSE PE
- promoting the use of assessment for learning within lessons and encouraging a range of teaching styles and strategies
- responsible for reporting on pupils' attainment throughout the year.
- taking on pastoral duties within the school including that of a tutor role.
- supporting the department with internal cover for lessons, tournaments and fixtures where needed.
- leading one of the four Houses of the School and supporting the sixth formers to lead their house meetings and events.
- providing girls and parents with club links, in order to promote and extend the girls' sporting activities outside school.
- supporting and attending the running of the Junior and Senior School swimming galas and sports days
- maintaining the PE webpages and making tweets.

Application Process and Interviews

Further details are available from Mrs Valerie Philips, the Head's PA, by emailing headsPA@fhs-sw1.org.uk. A letter addressed to the Headmistress, explaining your suitability for the role, should be emailed to headsPA@fhs-sw1.org.uk by the closing date: **10.00 am, Friday 26th February 2021**. Interviews are scheduled to take place during the week commencing Monday 1st March 2021.

Francis Holland School is committed to the safeguarding of children and child protection screening will apply to this post.