



STAFF VACANCY

SPORTS COACHES – BASKETBALL & NETBALL

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Mission

Holy Cross, founded by the Daughters of the Cross, is a Catholic Sixth Form College and University Centre, which exists to promote a high quality education within a community based on Gospel values.

We provide the opportunity for each person to develop spiritually, morally and intellectually and we welcome students and staff of all faiths.



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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the advertised posts of Basketball Coach or Netball Coach on a casual basis at Holy Cross College, Bury. There are 2 positions available; one position for each sport (Basketball and Netball).

As a Catholic College for the Community, we welcome staff and students of all faiths. We strive continuously to maintain and further improve our success within a friendly, supportive and caring environment through the commitment and enthusiasm of our incredibly dedicated, caring and expert staff.

We have a first-rate system of pastoral care and support, with specialist tutors to guide our students through their studies and achieve their goals. All of these elements were highly praised in our Ofsted report where we were rated "Good" for some judgements and "Outstanding" for others, including Behaviour & Attitudes, Personal Development and provision for High Needs students.

We see our students as unique individuals and we do all that we can to encourage them to develop a wide range of interests as well as pursuing their particular gifts and talents – so enrichment is particularly important here.

We run a highly successful University Centre with two partner universities. There are only limited references to this in the Job Pack because our primary need is for excellent A Level teaching, but there is no doubt that this HE element to our work adds something important to the atmosphere at college.

Set out below is a job description and person specification relating to this vacancy, together with some additional information about the College. If you wish to learn more about the College, individual courses and examination success please look at our website: <http://www.holycross.ac.uk>.

If you feel you meet the requirements of the post and are inspired by the prospect of taking up this important role at Holy Cross, so crucial for the College in so many ways, I hope you will apply to join us. Completed applications should be returned to the Human Resources Department (by email only) **by 8.00am on 22nd August 2025**. Interviews will take place on a date to be confirmed.

We ask that you accept, in the interests of economy, if you have not heard from us within 3 weeks of the closing date, that you have been unsuccessful on this occasion.

Yours faithfully

Carina Vitti
Principal



Job Description

TITLE:

Casual Sports Coach (Basketball/Netball)

PURPOSE:

- To manage and develop students undertaking sports activities, including team matches.

REPORTING TO:

Curriculum Leader

LIAISING WITH:

Students and Staff of the College, staff at other colleges and external agencies as appropriate.

HOURS OF WORK:

Hours will be claimed on a monthly basis at approximately 16 hours per month (an average of 4 hours per week) for approximately 22 weeks per annum – September to April during term time (normally Wednesday afternoon and 1 x 2-hour training session after college (4pm-6pm). Incorporated into the hours will be ad hoc events e.g. tournaments, competitions - to be assigned as required.

PAY

£15 per hour (including holiday pay)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

The notice period for this post will be one month on either side.

MAIN DUTIES:

Operational/Strategic

- To contribute to the process of self assessment and development planning within the PE Department.
- To implement college policies and procedures e.g. child protection, health and safety, equal opportunities, information security management, finance and business.

Sports

- To promote sport within the college, with special emphasis on basketball and/or netball.
- To respond appropriately to student enquiries regarding extra curricular sport.
- To liaise with the Head of PE in establishing a full fixture list and sports programme for the season.
- To liaise with the PE sports assistant to organise pitches, training facilities
- To liaise with the PE sports assistant to organise appropriate transport, residential accommodation when necessary
- To organise officiating / refereeing for competitive fixtures.
- To organise coaching sessions which ensure the maximum participation by students.
- To provide appropriate level coaching concentrating on player development.
- To be responsible for the maintenance of up to date records of student attendance, informing CIS on occasions where students require authorised absences from college to complete fixtures (in agreement with the HOS)
- To ensure equipment is correctly set up prior to the commencement of coaching sessions and team matches and dismantled at the end of each session or match.
- To liaise with the PE/Sports Assistant regarding requirement for booking/setting up of rooms for sports activities.
- To ensure students are aware and informed of team selection, coaching sessions and fixture arrangements

- To undertake the duties of a first aider as appropriate
- To organise the team on match days including selection, kit and first aid arrangements.
- To referee sports games in accordance with qualifications and experience as necessary.
- To attend celebratory events eg. sports dinner, presentations.
- To ensure that all activities are carried out within a safe environment complying with health and safety requirements (including risk assessments).
- To follow risk assessments in relation to activities to be undertaken
- To monitor the correct and safe practice of sports and maintain safe practices in sport in accordance with college policy and procedures.
- To drive the college minibus in accordance with the college's Minibus policy.
- To provide the PE/Sports Assistant with information to enable them to maintain the Cross College Sports notice boards.
- To provide PE staff with information relating to students performances that can be used in A level PE practical assessments

Staffing

- Staff Development
 - To take part in staff development as appropriate.
 - To take part in the College's Professional Development Review process.
 - To contribute towards the staff development of other staff as appropriate.
- Deployment of Staff
 - To work as part of a team and to ensure effective working relations.

Quality Assurance

- To ensure the effective operation of quality assurance systems.
- To contribute towards the process of setting of targets in respect of Student Services functions and work towards their achievement.
- To contribute to the monitoring and evaluation of the PE/Sports provision in line with agreed College procedures including evaluation against quality standards and performance criteria.
- To contribute to the development and improvement of the PE/Sports provision.

Management Information and Administration

- To be responsible for the maintenance of accurate and up-to-date information relating to your area of work.

Communications

- To ensure effective communication as appropriate.
- To liaise with students and staff as appropriate.
- To liaise with external agencies where appropriate.
- To attend meetings in accordance with the College's meetings schedule and external organisations as required.

Other

- To support the mission and aims/objectives of the College.



Person Specification

Sports Coach

	Essential	Desirable
Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Clearance • Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure <p>(both of the above follow an offer of appointment)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two satisfactory professional references • Ability to meet the requirements of the Asylum, Immigration and Nationality Act (in respect of eligibility to work in the UK) • PCV Licence 	
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE English and Maths, or equivalent. • Designated First Aider qualification (training will be given) • Recognised sports coaching qualification in the appropriate sport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 4 HND/Degree level qualification in PE/Sports Science. • Full Driving licence (ideally with MIDAS/PCV qualification)
Experience and knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with young people. • A minimum of 2 years sports coaching/team management experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working in a sport/health/fitness environment. • Knowledge of the further education sector • Officiating qualifications (or proven experience in this field)
Skills and qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to the ethos of the college. • Ability to work with and motivate players. • An excellent record of attendance and punctuality. • Positive attitude • Ability to hit deadlines • Ability to work on own initiative • Good communication skills • Ability to relate well with staff and students • Ability to work under pressure • Good team working skills • Flexibility and adaptability • Commitment to Equal Opportunities • Willingness to undertake relevant training • Enthusiastic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patience • Persistence • Confident manner



General College Information

Working at Holy Cross College

We believe Holy Cross Sixth Form College is a great place to work as we genuinely care about all our staff and want them to be happy working here. In return our staff can expect:

- Generous holiday entitlement
- Option to apply for sabbatical leave
- Family friendly policies
- Free car-parking (on and off-site)
- Automatic enrolment into the Teachers' Pension Scheme / Local Government Pension Scheme
- Excellent opportunities for CPD and individualised induction programmes for new staff
- Cycle to work scheme (subject to terms and conditions)
- VDU eye sight test vouchers (subject to terms and conditions)
- Various health and wellbeing benefits (including an on-site gym, staff well-being initiatives, staff badminton and football)
- Counselling service – face to face counselling as well as access to a confidential telephone counselling service

Staff at Holy Cross benefit from working in a well maintained and resourced environment with good terms and conditions of employment. We provide benefits in excess of the statutory minimum in respect of maternity, paternity, adoption and family/personal leave to assist staff in successfully balancing the demands of their personal and working lives.

We start the year with a Mission and Ethos Day and staff BBQ, have a staff retreat for new starters, and at the start of the summer term we have a Community Day, which enables staff to come together outside their usual working environment. In recent years this has involved staff opting into a variety of off-site activities, to engage socially and re-charge their batteries!

Free car parking is available on the college site and, although limited, additional off-site parking is available at a local Sports Club. Staff also have free access to the library resources and to internet and email, though any such use must be in accordance with the College's Information Security Management Policies.

How well do our students achieve?

The 2024 exam results indicate:

Pass rate at A level is 98%

11 students achieved at least 4 A*/A grades at A Level (including EPQ)

479 individual A*/A grades achieved

1090 individual A* - B grades (high grades) achieved in total

Pass rate for Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate is 100%

95% high grades across all subjects (DS*, DS and M)

Pass rate for Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma is 100%

100% high grades (DS*, DS and M)

For BTEC Level 3 qualifications, 129 individual DS*/DS grades were achieved

205 DS*, DS and M grades earned in total by our students

Strong Value Added scores for A Level and Vocational Courses

Past and Present

Holy Cross has its roots in 1878, the year in which a group of religious sisters - the Daughters of the Cross – left Germany as a result of the Kulturkampf and were welcomed by Bishop (later Cardinal) Vaughan to the Diocese and to Bury. Originally there was a small parish school – Holy Cross School – which developed into a Convent school, which grew into a large Grammar School for girls – Bury Convent Grammar School – and, in 1979, Holy Cross College, a mixed Sixth Form College, came into being.

We have grown even further since then, and now have over 2350 16-19 students and a University Centre with 200 undergraduates (and a small number of postgraduates), still on the original site. In 2009 the Daughters of the Cross closed their convent in Bury, and are now under the Trusteeship of Salford Diocese, but we still have important links with the Congregation.

We are very proud of our reputation for academic excellence, and pastoral care. Despite the many changes in post-16 education over recent years, including changes of emphasis in inspection regimes, we are committed to maintaining and developing this reputation, and we aim to provide a safe and secure Christian environment for all our students, respecting those of all faiths. We are also financially very secure – having been rated once again by ESFA as Outstanding in this respect – and have exceeded once again all our recruitment targets and grown strongly.

We are a college with a great past, therefore, and a very secure future!

Music and Drama

The College encourages students (and staff) to take part in the exceptionally wide range of musical and dramatic activities available at College. These include annual musical theatre productions, biennial operas, choirs, the orchestra and small instrumental ensembles. Concerts are given at regular intervals, and there are many theatre visits, international choir trips, choral scholarships and an international artist masterclass series. In recent years we have put on “Sweeney Todd”, “Miss Saigon”, “Hansel and Gretel”, “Phantom of the Opera”, “Dido and Aeneas”, “The Sound of Music”, “The Wizard of Oz”, “Fiddler on the Roof”, “Les Misérables”, “West Side Story”, “Oliver” and Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”. If you are interested in musical or dramatic activities then you won’t be disappointed.

Sport

At Holy Cross we also have high sporting reputation and offer a wide range of activities for students to enjoy at recreational and/or competitive level. British Colleges Sport, North West Colleges and governing body competitions are entered and we have college teams in football, rugby, netball, hockey and basketball, badminton, tennis, athletics, table tennis, golf, trampolining, cross country and swimming. Facilities on site include a Sports Hall, recreational area and free use of a gymnasium (where personal training programmes can be devised), staff football and badminton.

Religious Education

As well as being involved in many areas of College life, the RE Department also teaches the Core RE course, which all students attend for one lesson each week. The course covers a wide range of topics, always with the idea of helping students to explore their faith, philosophical and ethical issues, the world around them and understand better their own human nature.

Chaplaincy

We have a full time Lay Chaplain (our local Parish Priest is our Priest Chaplain and indeed we are fortunate to have many local priests coming to celebrate Mass for us, usually on a weekly basis and for Holy Days.) The Chaplaincy is

available to all and runs many activities – in addition to Morning Prayer, Adoration and Meditation opportunities there are voluntary opportunities for retreats (including an annual Staff Day Retreat) and the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes to help the sick, with the Diocese of Salford.

As stated in our Mission, we welcome staff of all faiths. Colleagues celebrate religious festivals and particular events in the college calendar, for example, the start of a new college year, by joining together for Mass.

Caring for our Students

Pastoral care is a major priority at Holy Cross and underpins all that we do. We aim to support students throughout their time with us and to help them to make the right decisions when they leave us. Progress Tutors keep a careful watch on individual student progress and are also someone for students to turn to if they have difficulties.

Discussions relating to academic progress take place regularly between students, Subject Tutors and Progress Tutors, and resulting action plans which arise from these discussions give students and their parents valuable information on what students need to do to achieve their full potential. All of our staff have a role in caring for our students.

Private Study

All students have time when they are not timetabled for lessons, and we encourage them to make good use of this. We have fantastic Library staffed by professional chartered Librarians providing a wide range of facilities such as online resources, E-books, 65 networked computers plus 24 wireless networked laptops and study facilities and, of course there are books.

The College's Open Access I.T. suite contains over 80 PCs in a state-of-the-art, air-conditioned environment, available for use during term time.

The Learning Support Department, to which all students have access is based in the Marie Therese building. There are areas which students can use for private study, which are sometimes staffed, and a number of smaller subject resource areas.



Parents/Carers

Our partnership with parents/carers plays an important part in our success. There are parents' evenings and written reports, and we make individual contact with parents if there is a problem. Parents/carers are welcome to contact staff at any time.

College Structure

The structure of the College would fill a complete booklet of its own, but in simple terms there is the Principal, a Deputy Principal and Vice Principal (Finance and Resources). There are also Assistant Principals who have responsibility for Curriculum, Quality and Students respectively. There are in addition, a wide range of non-teaching posts and posts of responsibility held by staff in addition to their normal roles.

University Centre

In addition to our sixth form work, the college has for the last nineteen years had a University centre. Currently we have around 200 students, some full time and some part time, although most teaching is focussed in the afternoon and evening. We collaborate with two partner universities, Liverpool Hope and Edge Hill and students generally take BA, BSc or MA degrees with a small number also doing Foundation degrees.

Unions

The Unions recognised by the Governing Body are: UNISON, NEU (NUT/ATL), NASUWT and ASCL. The Principal holds regular meetings with the College Union representatives.

Miscellaneous

The college operates a no-smoking / vaping policy across the entire college site.

Holy Cross is located in Bury, Greater Manchester. To read about our town please view:

<http://www.visitbury.com/>