

Hutchesons' Grammar School



Appointment of Teacher of PE August 2018

The Aims of the School

Hutchesons' Grammar School aims to provide boys and girls with a broad Scottish education, with the emphasis on academic excellence.

Founded in 1641, Hutchesons' is a famous school which has always been at the forefront of teaching and learning in Scotland. Nowadays, it is a large and dynamic school of great vitality and diversity, where around 1250 pupils from primary one right through to sixth year follow a broad curriculum, blending the traditional and the modern. Excellent teachers are one of Hutchesons' greatest strengths, along with the resources, training and support they need to do their job to the highest possible standards.

Hutchesons' pupils excel in a wide variety of sports both nationally and internationally, and the quality of performance in music, drama and the arts is equally high. All pupils can follow a structured programme in and out of the classroom which broadens their outlook and helps them develop their interests and enthusiasms. There are many opportunities for involvement in clubs and societies, community work and charity fund-raising, visits and tours both within the UK and abroad, and for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

As individuals, Hutchesons' pupils are encouraged to develop confidence, self-discipline, integrity, courtesy and consideration for others. They are part of a large community of learners, where every individual is important. They learn to be thoughtful, articulate and well-read and to have a clear idea about how they want to live their lives beyond school and university.

Scots have always valued education very highly, and for over three centuries Hutchesons' has sent young men and women out into the world secure in the knowledge that they are part of that tradition.

The Department

Hutchesons' Physical Education Department is an extremely busy and successful one. It currently consists of 11 full-time and one part-time member of staff and is supported with assistance from external coaches and teachers from other departments.

The department teach on the School's two sites, the Senior School at Beaton Road and our Primary School at Kingarth Street. P1 to P4 pupils are taught in co-educational classes and receive a minimum of two half hour lessons per week. From P5 upwards pupils are taught in single sex groups. P5 - 7 pupils receive a minimum of one half hour and one hour teaching slot per week. All PE classes in the secondary school are single sex classes and pupils in S1 - S4 receive two hours compulsory PE / Games sessions per week. S5 have an hour of compulsory PE and participate in the Senior Games programme. PE and Games for S6 pupils are optional. The choice of sports widens as pupils become older and the Senior Games programme offers thirteen different sports, including rowing, curling and climbing.

The main emphasis of the department is on core PE with a primary aim to ensure that a high percentage of pupils are motivated to be involved in sport beyond their school years. Pupils in S6 have the potential of taking either a Higher in Physical Education or a course in Sports Leadership. They are also strongly encouraged to participate in the Senior Games programme on a Wednesday afternoon.

Excellence in sport is very much desired and pursued and the School has enjoyed considerable success in inter-school sport. Every effort is made to ensure that our reputation and high standards of performance at District and National level is maintained. Hutchesons' pupils have achieved Junior and Senior International status in a variety of sporting disciplines.

The major winter term sports are rugby and hockey for boys and hockey for girls and we also compete in netball, cross country, swimming and soccer. On an average Saturday, 13 rugby teams and 17 hockey teams from P6 to S6 compete in inter-school fixtures. The major summer term sports are athletics, tennis and cricket. The PE department is fully committed to Saturday morning inter school fixtures and encourage as many of our pupils as possible to participate by representing the School.

The School has playing fields within the secondary school campus and at Auldhouse approximately three miles from the main School site. The pupils are transported to and from this venue. There is also a modern sports hall and gymnasium at Beaton Road, and a hall and gymnasium on site at Kingarth Street. Facilities such as local swimming pools, sports centres and pitches are also used regularly.

Person Profile

The Department seeks a well-qualified, committed, enthusiastic and energetic teacher to help build upon the school's fine sporting reputation and achievements. Candidates should have a keen interest in a wide range of sports and experience in playing and coaching at a high level in hockey, tennis and athletics.

In addition to being able to teach the whole range of lower primary to upper secondary pupils, candidates must be prepared to commit fully to an involvement in extra-curriculum sport.

All staff are expected to contribute to the wider life of the school.

How to Apply

Candidates should send a letter of application and curriculum vitae, together with the completed application form to:

rector@hutchesons.org

The closing date for applications is Friday 9th February 2018 at 12pm.

Hutchesons' has its own salary scale, which is in line with the current National Salary agreement plus a 4% Hutchesons' allowance. Although by law not compulsory all our teachers are members of the Scottish Teachers' Superannuation scheme. There is a 50% fee concession for children of members of staff who attend Hutchesons' Grammar School.

To comply with new regulations under The Education (Scotland) Act 2016, all teachers who commence employment at any Scottish Independent School on or after 1 October 2017 must be registered, or eligible to register, with the General Teaching Council of Scotland (GTCS); either Provisional, Provisional (Conditional) or Full. Further information can be obtained from the GTCS website.