



PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

THE SCHOOL

Have you got what it takes to provide outstanding teaching and learning opportunities for highly able boys at Isaac Newton's old school? If so, we would like to hear from you.

The first mention of the school dates back to 1327. In 1528 the school was re-founded by Bishop Foxe of Winchester. Though proud of our heritage we are a forward looking school keen to recruit and train the best colleagues in order to provide the best possible opportunities for boys.

The King's School is a learning School committed to educating the whole person and to effective lifelong learning for all its members. As a Grammar School, it prepares students to achieve the highest grades and to enter the most competitively sought after universities, careers and professions.

OUR AIMS

We aim to inspire intellectual curiosity, a competitive spirit, and develop creative thinking, a sense of social responsibility and leadership skills. A strong sense of community underpins everything we do – learning to respect each other's backgrounds and beliefs. We value commitment, we celebrate success and we offer an environment which not only leads to academic success but also to self-discovery and a sense of personal worth.

THE POST

The successful candidate will be expected to teach Physical Education and Games from Y7 – 11, and ideally to Y13. In addition you will be expected to promote Physical Education as part of a career choice or as a life-long source of interest. The King's School Physical Education teacher is an energetic, forward thinking member of staff who is extremely committed to continually push the boundaries of our successes both in and out of the classroom on a local, county and national scale. Currently the Department runs a successful programme of sports with particular strengths in rugby, cricket and football. Further to the opening of the new sports hall we are developing new levels for our badminton, volleyball and basketball provision.

THE DEPARTMENT

Physical Education is considered an important subject in the curriculum and is allocated ample time on the timetable in order that the students are able to fulfil their potential. Physical Education lessons at King's are far from simply 'letting off steam'. We strongly believe in educating through the physical environment. Students are encouraged to

maximise their ability in a fully inclusive environment, embracing opportunities to lead, coach and officiate. Mutual respect, commitment and self-discipline are strong values of the department resulting in a positive, dynamic and thriving subject area.

As a thriving subject area within the school, we are continually looking to improve the sporting opportunities for our students and over the past 2 years have opened an outstanding Sports Hall facility in addition to the refurbishment of our indoor weights facility and 3 lane cricket centre. The department's prized asset is our 23 acre separate site playing field which accommodates 3 rugby pitches, 3 football pitches, athletics throwing areas and jumping pit and ample open ground for general teaching. The school has a strong partnership with the Grantham Tennis Club where students are able to access this state of the art facility as part of our curriculum provision.

We are extremely proud of our extracurricular opportunities, currently running representative sides at every key stage in a wide number of sports including rugby, football, cricket, water polo, rowing, tennis and table tennis amongst others. The Department runs an annual sports tour for cricket and rugby alternately, with most recent destinations including Canada, Chile/Argentina, South Africa, Dubai and Australia.

The Department runs one of the most successful KS5 courses in the Country enjoying healthy student uptake the AQA courses. The 3 year standard residuals for the school value added data sees the department leading the way and national comparative data delivers outstanding reports from both ALIS and ALPS.

PE is a popular subject within the school with a healthy GCSE uptake and two classes taking the subject in the Sixth Form. We have five PE teachers who deliver the subject to both GCSE and A level, and also teach Key Stage 3. All colleagues are highly committed to the subject but also take on extra responsibility such as form tutor, Head of Year etc.

The department is well resourced allowing us to carry out all essential practical activities. We have very good ICT facilities. We regularly use laptops for various tasks and promote the use of ICT to aid learning when setting homework. All our rooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards and we provide an online resource for all our students.

As a PE teacher you will be required to teach the subject up to GCSE with a particular interest in rugby being highly desirable. You must also be prepared to teach Key Stage 3 and show the flexibility to contribute to other aspects of School life outside of your subject area).

DEVELOPING OUR STAFF

We aim to appoint ambitious staff who will be prepared for their next career stage during their time in the school. We provide a differentiated training programme tailored to individual needs specific features include:

- NQT programme
- Outstanding teacher programme
- Middle leadership development programme
- Aspiring senior leadership development programme
- Coaching and mentoring development

DEVELOPING OUR SCHOOL SITE

The school site is an eclectic mix of buildings dating back to 1497. We constantly strive to provide facilities fit for delivering educational experiences in the twenty first century. Most recently we have received funding for a new Sports Hall, which opened in January 2015, along with a substantial grant to cover an extensive roofing and windows project. The school has continues to bid for capital to improve the estate.

If appointed, you will be coming to the school at an exciting time in its development. I hope you will want to join us.

F. Hedley
Head Master



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The King's School is a selective Grammar School for boys which converted to Academy status in August 2011. King's consistently achieves excellent examination results and an overwhelming percentage of students go on to further education with the majority achieving their first place choice and many of these within Russell Group Universities.

The School has always enjoyed a strong reputation in the town and surrounding area. King's also enjoys an international reputation because of its association with Sir Isaac Newton, a pupil at the School in the 1650s before he left for Trinity College, Cambridge, with whom we maintain strong links.

Our students come from local Lincolnshire Primary Schools as well as from towns and villages in the neighbouring counties of Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Rutland. Each year the available places in Year 7 are oversubscribed. The School has expanded by over forty per cent in the last fifteen years to its present 1,015 students on roll, with 280 of those in the Sixth Form. In September 2014 the school will further expand taking in an extra form of entry at Year 7 to increase our Published Admission Number from 145 to 174. By 2020 we anticipate the school roll to be around 1200 students. At Sixth Form level there is a link with Kesteven and Grantham Girls' school which allows students access to a greater range of A Level courses.

Extra-curricular activities figure largely in the School's life: music, both choral and instrumental, is outstanding. The School has a long tradition of sporting excellence at both local and national levels. The scale and variety of the sports and activities programme is comparable with that found in the private sector. Indeed many of the School's fixtures and contacts, especially in rugby, water polo and cricket, are with independent Schools. Some 200 students are involved in the CCF (Army and Air Sections) and the School maintains strong links with the military tradition of the town and surrounding area.

The School occupies a prominent position within the heritage centre of Grantham and includes grade 1 and 2 listed buildings, which include the original School House of our most famous alumni, Sir Isaac Newton and Lord Burghley – Lord Treasurer to Elizabeth I. Whilst the main School site is at capacity, we have a twenty three acre sports facility a short walk from the School. In recent years over £3 million has been invested in extensive building and refurbishment including: a new three storey teaching Block; Sixth Form Centre; Music Department; a major Kitchen and Dining Room refurbishment; new Science Laboratory; a Conferencing suite and a Food Technology Classroom. Most recently we opened a new Sports Hall facility at the school playing fields and we are currently awaiting the result of a bid to totally refurbish all science laboratories.

The School currently employs 64 teaching staff and 67 support staff. The Head Master is supported by a Senior Leadership Team consisting of 2 Deputy Headmasters, 2 Assistant Head Teachers and a Bursar. The King's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Further information about the School, including a full prospectus, can be found at www.kings.lincs.sch.uk



THE LOCALITY

- Grantham is a pleasant, historic market town – the current population is approximately 40,000 however Grantham has Growth Point status with the District Council having plans to increase both employment and the population to 60,000 in 15 to 20 years.
- Lincolnshire is one of the safest places to live in the UK.
- Grantham and South Kesteven District (population – about 130,000) has good quality and very affordable housing in a wide range of price brackets. Grantham retains some of the Medieval, Tudor, Georgian and Victorian splendour of its past, including an Arts Centre, Theatre and Museum.
- The town has a range of excellent primary and secondary Schools. There are well regarded comprehensive Schools which co-exist well with The King's School and Kesteven and Grantham Girl's School – the town's Grammar Schools.
- Grantham is well served by good transport links – the East Coast main railway line (King's Cross in 65/70 minutes), the A1 next to the town and good cross country rail and road links with the major towns of Peterborough, Lincoln and Nottingham. A number of airports are also close by - East Midlands, Stansted, Birmingham and Robin Hood airport near Doncaster.
- Grantham is surrounded by some lovely villages in a very large green County, a culture of healthy outdoor activity is widely shared in the community. Smaller centres such as Stamford and Oakham are 30 – 40 minutes by car and the countryside to the west in the Vale of Belvoir is magnificent. A baroque palace at nearby Harlaxton Manor hosts the UK College of an American University, and the large National Trust Property, equestrian centre and deer park of Belton House sits to the east.
- Grantham boasts its own hospital and College of Further Education, is well provided with parks and walks along the River Witham and is surrounded by picturesque villages affording a very high quality of life in an area which preserves strong community ties.
- There is a wide choice of good housing either in the town or surrounding country and the roads are relatively traffic free making journeys to work both easy and pleasant.