



Girls Lacrosse Coach Spring Term 2020

An exciting opportunity exists for a highly energetic and enthusiastic girls lacrosse coach to enjoy a one term post at a leading co-educational UK boarding school. The post would suit a recent graduate with aspirations to work within education or sport. The school has a history of recruiting lacrosse coaches from US and because of this has created a package suitable for an American citizen coming to work in UK on a short-term contract.

Package

- Return Flights from US to UK (Option to extend return flight dates)
- Accommodation within the school
- Full board during school term dates
- Sports kit
- GB £3000.00
- Opportunity to take part in CPD
- Assistance with required Visas

Term Dates: Monday 6 January 2020 to Thursday 26 March (Half term: 15-23 February)

Responsibilities

Coaching lacrosse to our girls senior and development squads
Preparing session plans and sharing these with other coaching staff
Managing the weekly logistics around fixtures and coaching sessions to include:

- Transport
- Catering
- Web-based communications

Person Specification

Essential

- Experience playing lacrosse
- Experience coaching youth lacrosse
- Graduate degree
- Energy and enthusiasm
- Initiative and motivation
- Good sense of humour

Desirable

- Lacrosse coaching qualification
- Lacrosse umpiring qualification
- An ability to be involved in coaching another sport

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Oakham School Sports Department

Oakham is a co-educational boarding and day school with strong, recognised sporting traditions across a wide range of both individual and team games. Sport is a very important part in the lives of all pupils, including our 530 girls. This is evident in the significant programme of physical education, the extensive opportunity for all in the middle and upper school to develop sporting interests that enhance leisure time, and the strong commitment to success in competitive school sport.

The Department of Sport and Physical Education is headed by the Director of Sport, Iain Simpson, assisted by Peta Girdwood and Trefon Vadoros.

The major games for girls are hockey in the winter term, netball in the spring, tennis and athletics in the summer. Football and Lacrosse are played in both winter and spring terms. Oakham teams enjoy a nationally recognised reputation in such areas, with the year-round sports of swimming and squash enhancing this standing further.

Oakham teams are involved in an extensive programme of inter-school fixtures, and enjoy considerable success within this programme. Oakham is proud of its outstanding facilities, including an indoor complex of sports hall, swimming pool, squash courts and fitness centre. The outdoor facilities for girls are also first-class, including two astroturfs for hockey and tennis (one floodlit), eight grass hockey, soccer and lacrosse pitches, and ten hard courts for both netball and tennis.

Oakham School – Further Information

Oakham is an independent HMC school founded in 1584 by Archdeacon Robert Johnson. Well known in the early years as a centre of learning, the school declined in the Victorian era, remaining relatively small and parochial well into this century. The last 50 years has seen a dramatic transformation. In 1971 Oakham became the first boys' public school to welcome girls at all ages and began to increase its numbers and facilities significantly. There are now some 1,160 pupils in the school aged 10-18, half of them boarders, half day pupils. With equal numbers of boys and girls since 1989, the school offers a truly co-educational environment. The school has a strong family atmosphere: almost half the pupils have brothers or sisters in school.

The market town of Oakham, close by Rutland Water, is the principal town of Rutland which was returned to county status in April 1997. Whilst attracting pupils from all over the country and abroad, the school enjoys a close relationship with the town and the surrounding area.

The school's strength lies in providing a wide range of opportunity and activity within a co-educational boarding environment. Boys and girls are admitted through the school's own entrance exam at 11 (there is also a small entry at 10) and Common Entrance (CE) for prep school candidates at 13 or the school's own exam for boys and girls who attend non-CE schools. Children are accepted who are likely to benefit from Oakham life: as a matter of policy they are drawn from a fairly broad range of ability. (To offer a context for this statement, it might be useful for you to know that we ask for a mark of 55% or above at Common Entrance.) The school's aim is to prepare young people in as full a way as possible for adult life by providing a genuinely holistic education. Appreciating the diverse skills and abilities of others is a central part of this preparation.



All pupils follow a broad curriculum to the end of the 3rd form (year 9) and then take GCSE/iGCSE's which for most consists of English Maths, Sciences, a modern language, History, Geography a Creative Arts subject and an "option" subject. The vast majority continue into the Sixth Form where they are joined by boys and girls from elsewhere who are accepted subject to entrance exam and interview. Sixth Formers have the option of following the AS/A2 route or taking the International Baccalaureate. The Sixth Form numbers around 400 students of whom about 95% regularly continue into Higher Education at a wide range of universities, including some 15 or so each year to Oxford or Cambridge.

Academic performance is very good. Just over 70% of the 1600 GCSEs taken by Fifth Form pupils gain A or A* grades. At A-level, the percentage awarded A*/A/B grades is consistently above 80%: with 23% reaching the new A* level in 2010. IB Diploma have been achieved at a 100% success rate for the last four years and our candidates' IB point scores are the equivalent to A-Level A*/A/B grades of 90%.

Oakham's total curriculum is particularly rich. The school has a strong reputation in the creative and performing arts. The music department has nearly 600 music lessons per week for pupils learning an instrument and there is a wide variety of orchestras, ensembles and groups, and over 270 children sing in the school choirs. At any one time there are some 40 music scholars in the school. Theatrical productions are frequent in the school's three venues for drama, including the professionally equipped Queen Elizabeth Theatre which is also used by the town and touring professional companies. The Richard Bull Centre houses a diversity of artistic enterprises from design technology to sculpture, textiles to jewellery. Scholarships are available in Art, Drama and Design & Technology. A whole range of societies and activities flourish, from juggling to chess and from the CCF to conservation.

Sport is outstanding and there is a considerable breadth of sport available at Oakham. (the school was the 'Daily Telegraph/Aviva Senior Sports School of the Year in 2009/10) The main sports are rugby, hockey and cricket for boys and hockey, netball and tennis for girls. In addition to this the school has a strong reputation in sailing, rifle shooting, golf and swimming. In most years there are over 50 boys and girls who represent their county or country in a variety of sports.

Pupils are encouraged to be part of the wider life of the community and to see life beyond the East Midlands. This happens in a number of ways, through community service, through trips abroad, but most effectively through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The school currently holds the world record for the number of Gold Awards (now nearly 2000) achieved by a single institution since the scheme began.

The richness and range of this activity is achieved within a full boarding environment operating seven days a week, with the term punctuated by weekend Leave Outs and Exeats (half term holidays). Term time can be intense, but rewarding: holidays are long. Members of staff are expected to involve themselves fully in the life of the school, helping with games and other activities outside the classroom. Special skills are welcomed but what matters most is a willingness to give time and energy generously.

The pastoral side of the school is well developed. All our pupils are members of one of the 16 houses, each with its own housemaster or housemistress, and every pupil has his or her own tutor. Tutors are responsible for a group of about a dozen pupils. All members of staff (including the Senior Management Team) have a specific pastoral role at Oakham.



Oakham has a Church of England foundation with two Anglican chaplains and a chapel which is in use every day. The school warmly welcomes those of other denominations. No-one is excluded from appointment on religious grounds but anyone intolerant of Christianity is unlikely to feel comfortable in the Oakham community.

The school has an exciting development plan for the next five years with a central focus on the development of independent learning throughout the school. There are also capital plans for a new Music School, a state-of-the-art teaching centre for the humanities and social sciences, and a significant upgrade of our indoor sports facilities. In the last few years the school has opened a stunning new Design Centre and a new Faculty of Science which houses a 200-seater auditorium.