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DOWNSEND
SCHOOL

Inspiring Young Minds

Join the Inspiring World of Downsend



Downsend School
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Candidate Brief

Teaching

Teacher of PE & Games

Required for September 2021

Details for applicants

Downsend is a forward thinking and innovative independent school providing education for children aged 2-16 years. Based over four sites we have three separate Little Downsend Schools for children aged 2-6, overseen by one Headteacher and each feeding into our main Downsend site where we teach children aged from 7-16. We prepare our children for the future with a creative approach to learning that inspires young minds. From Nursery through to GCSEs, we provide the platform for academic success.



PE & Games occupy an important role in the curriculum at Downsend School as part of our Future Skills programme. Sporting outcomes are excellent, extending into the school's enrichment programme, and Downsend teams regularly win local, regional and national honours. Outstanding facilities include an indoor 5-lane 25m swimming pool, Astroturf, netball and tennis courts and extensive pitches. In addition, Downsend has excellent relationships with local clubs such as Ashted CC and Leatherhead FC. A number of academies and regional sporting hubs are based at the school, including Surrey CCC, Ashted All Stars and the Josh Evans Football Academy.

The Teacher of PE & Games will join an established, high performing department; a forward-thinking approach will be key in helping to promote future skills in our pupils. It is vital, therefore, that the successful candidate shares this ideology. As such, it is highly likely that this role will suit an NQT looking for an innovative start to their career.

The school's innovative approach to 'Inspiring Young Minds' should be in line with your own educational philosophy, and the expectation is that the successful candidate will be a key addition to the department, as well as making a significant contribution to the extra-curricular life of our busy school. We are, therefore, looking to recruit an individual who relishes the practical application of skills in all areas of the curriculum.

Downsend is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and other third parties to share this commitment. This means we will undertake pre-employment background checks before any appointment is confirmed. All appointments are subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring (DBS) check. It is also essential and a mandatory condition of your employment that you undergo criminal, police or embassy record checks (as appropriate) from all countries, outside of the UK, where you have lived and/or worked for 3 months or more in the last 10 years or where you have completed your teacher training (or relevant qualifications) if not in the UK. Please note that checks are not required prior to the age of 16.

How to apply

We are delighted that you are interested in joining Downsend School. To apply:

- Visit www.downsend.co.uk to see more about our schools
- Download and complete the application form
- Email the application form plus a covering letter, addressed to Ian Thorpe, Headmaster, to sue.wood@downsend.co.uk
- You may also send a CV if you wish, but this must be in addition to the application form, not instead of it.

Overview of employee benefits

Downsend aims to offer every member of our team a competitive salary, a range of great benefits and opportunities for career progression.

Our benefits include:

- Teachers' Pension
- Cognita Care First - Employee Assistance Programme
- School fees discount (conditions apply)
- Lunch available
- Free on-site parking
- Cycle-to-work scheme
- Reimbursement for eye tests every two years for VDU operators
- My Staff Shop - discounts for staff across a range of companies

Next steps

The closing date for applications is Monday 1 March. Candidates will be contacted after the closing date if they have been selected for interview. Due to the current restrictions these will be held online in week commencing 8 March and include a remote teaching session. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application.

Please do contact Sue if you have any questions. We look forward to receiving your application.



Ian Thorpe
Headmaster