



KING'S HOUSE SCHOOL
RICHMOND

Playground Assistant



Welcome from the Head

Thank you for your interest in King's House School. I am very proud of our staff here at KHS, and we are a friendly and caring school with a strong sense of community, where pupils can thrive and flourish. The pastoral aspect of school life is at the heart of everything we do, and we pride ourselves on providing an inclusive environment that is both nurturing and challenging. I am proud of the supportive and collaborative culture at King's House, which helps staff and pupils to be the best they can be.

It is a joy to watch our pupils grow into confident young people, ambassadors for King's House when they leave us at 13+ to go onto a wide range of day and boarding Senior Schools. We value a broad and balanced academic education, enabling our pupils to develop their academic, social, sporting, emotional and artistic attributes.

We are committed to recruiting excellent staff across our teaching and non-teaching departments and King's House School Enterprises, with the opportunity to develop careers. You will be joining the school at an exciting time, when we are investing in our facilities to ensure an inspiring education for students for many years to come. We are also delighted that girls joined Reception and Year 1 in September 2024, marking the start of our transition to full co-education as we enter this new phase in our history.

I hope this provides you with a flavour of what life is like at King's House School, with a staff team who develop enthusiastic young people who can be relied upon to make a positive contribution in all areas of school life.

Mark Turner
Head



King's House School

King's House School was founded in Richmond in 1946 and has been a boys' prep school since then until September 2024, when girls joined Reception and Year 1 for the first time as we move to co-education. Girls will also be joining our Senior Department from September 2025. The school operates on three sites in or around Kings Road, which is on the very pleasant setting of Richmond Hill. The Senior Department (for pupils from Year 4 to Year 8) is at 68 Kings Road, the Junior Department on its own site just down the hill, and the Nursery around the corner on Princes Road. The school also has a 35-acre sports ground just over Barnes Bridge, where there are numerous pitches, athletics facilities, cricket nets, tennis courts, two 3G pitches and all-weather pitch.

All children in the Nursery are guaranteed a place in Reception, and there are also small intakes at Years 3, 4 and 7. Pupils generally stay until 13 when they move on to a wide range of single-sex, co-ed, day and boarding schools, with a number each year gaining scholarships.

The Nursery operates from its own site in a carefully restored building on Princes Road. The youngest children, in Hedgehog Class (rising 3s), are based on the top floor and Squirrels and Rabbits Class (rising 4s) on the ground floor. There is a very positive, caring atmosphere to the Nursery, and the ground floor has an additional Woodland Library also used for small group activities and specialist teaching. The Nursery has its own dedicated staff supplemented with specialists from the school PE, Music, Drama and Computing departments.

The Junior Department (JD) is housed in two Victorian buildings which have been sensitively redesigned and linked to provide an exciting and stimulating environment for the pupils. There is a two-form entry to Reception with about forty children in the year group. This number grows to about 48 in Year 3 with three forms. The class teachers deliver the vast majority of the curriculum, but pupils do have lessons with specialist teachers for Music, languages, PE and Games and Computing. All children take swimming lessons at a local pool from Years 1 - 3, and the Early Years and Key Stage 1 regular use The Nest, the outdoor learning area the Sports Ground. Pupils have Games lessons at the Grounds from Year 1 once a week, and twice a week from Year 3.

Pupils move to the Senior Department site for Year 4. This is the original school site and has been developed substantially since then. It is a deceptively large area which includes the school's theatre, gym, Astro turf pitch, two computer

rooms, two science laboratories, a new design technology room and music area. There are three forms in each year group. Forms are mixed-ability in Years 4 - 6 with some subjects setted, and streamed in Years 7 and 8. Pupils experience increasing exposure to subject specialist teachers, who will teach a range of year groups and sometimes more than one subject. The curriculum the pupils follow prepares them for Common Entrance at the end of Year 8.

Throughout their time at King's House, the pupils are encouraged to take part in art, drama, music and sporting activities. There are productions every year for all year groups, concerts and many more performance opportunities for music, as well as numerous games fixtures and sporting activities. There are also outings for all years to enrich the curriculum, and from Year 3 residential trips in the summer term.

King's House offers its pupils a broad and balanced curriculum and prepares them well for their transition on to their next school. We cherish each pupil as an individual and provide them with the skills and mental resilience to succeed in whatever path they choose to take. Small class sizes means that we can get to know each child and identify their unique strengths, interests and passions.



The Role

As a Playground Supervisor, you will be responsible for supporting our pupils during lunch breaks, helping them whilst they eat their lunch, as well as supervising them in the playground and supporting the classroom teacher.

How to apply: please complete the application form on our website

<https://kingshouseschool.org/application-form/>

Closing Date: 21st February 2025

Start Date: 24th February 2025

- **Salary:** £15.16 per hour
- **Hours:** 11am to 1:45pm
- **Reporting to:** Head of the Junior Department
- **Contract type:** Part time, permanent, term time only
- **Pension:** generous contributions to our Defined Contribution Scheme

We welcome early applications and will consider holding interviews before the closing date for strong candidates.





Job Description

Responsibilities

To include but not limited to:

- Being aware of and implement all playground rules and regulations
- Supervise and monitor pupils' play
- Helping the pupils whilst they eat their lunch
- Be aware and always enforce school safety standards
- Report any unsafe playground conditions and equipment
- Support and alert the class teacher to any problem or special information about an individual boy
- Keep the playground safe and clean: keep the shed tidy; wipe the blackboard and whiteboard; regularly check sandpit and sweep; monitor water in the water play area; ensure the mud pit has equipment to play
- Order playground resources as required
- Keep playground display board and rotas up to date
- Take small groups or individual pupils for learning support as required by Head of Learning Development, for example Lego Therapy, Physio sessions or similar
- Undertake any reasonable duties as required by the Head of Junior Department



Person Specification

The ideal candidate will have some or all of the following:

- NVQ3 or equivalent qualification
- Knowledge of activities and interests of children
- Patience, kindness, positive attitude and good communication skills
- An enthusiastic and pro-active approach to work
- Reliable and consistent with routines in the playground and works as part of a team
- Ability to work with parents/carers/families to encourage partnership working
- Ability to perform physical activities which may include frequent standing, walking, bending or lifting
- Ability to serve as an effective role model for pupils and introduce or teach some playground games
- Ability to work in an outdoor environment in varying weather conditions
- Ability to demonstrate a positive attitude in working with children with special needs
- Ability to demonstrate creative abilities
- Awareness of Health & Safety and practical Hygiene issues

Safeguarding

King's House School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo the child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service and references from previous employers. Staff must be aware of the systems within the School which support safeguarding and must act in accordance with the school's Safeguarding & Child Protection policy and Code of Conduct. Staff will receive appropriate child protection training which is regularly updated.

Equal Opportunities Employer

King's House School is an equal opportunities employer that believes in equal opportunities for all, celebrates, and welcomes diversity. Employment decisions throughout the school are made without regard to any status protected by law.

If you require any reasonable adjustments at any stage of the application process, please feel free to contact our HR Officer via email: towersey-veal.g@kingshouseschool.org or detail the adjustments in your application.





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