



Gordon's School

Hockey Coach with Summer Sport – Job description

Reports to: Head of Hockey

Hours: Typically, up to 8 hours per week to include:

- 4pm to 5pm Monday to Thursday
- Manage and coach a team on Friday evenings or Saturdays, including Saturday morning and/or afternoon fixtures throughout the academic year
- Manage and coach teams at day and half day tournaments/knock-out competitions (including weekends).
- Attend pre-season training as required, including preseason fixtures or tournaments

Salary: Dependent on qualifications and experience

Main Purpose of the Job

The Gordon's School hockey teams are very successful and we are now looking for an enthusiastic coach with experience to help coach.

Key responsibilities

- Take lead coaching roles in school sports fixtures mid-week and on Saturdays.
- To plan,organise and lead training sessions during P7 (4pm – 5pm) as allocated and Saturday mornings when there are no fixtures.
- To ensure thorough preparation for a fixture; including team sheets (at least 48 hours in advance) and team meetings prior to the fixture.
- Utilise video analysis effectively including the use of period 7 sessions, and natural opportunities to deliver feedback to players following training and fixtures.
- Help maintain and recommend equipment and supplies needed for the implementation of the sport and fitness programme.
- To follow the playbook principles and support the School's playing and coaching philosophies.
- Foster among the players the high order skills, within each training session.
- Assist with the delivery of lessons within the curriculum.
- Be responsible for the welfare, health and safety of students in his/her care, reporting any concerns or breaches of guidelines or behaviour to the appropriate person.
- Attend school INSET/ CPD days and staff training meetings and events as required.

Person Specification

The ideal candidate will have:

- Successful experience of coaching hockey within schools, clubs or the England pathway
- Experience of playing at a high level
- A Level 2 Coaching Award and an umpiring qualification are desirable
- Excellent knowledge of long-term development practices for young hockey players
- Good technical and tactical knowledge of the game with a passion to develop further
- Excellent communication skills, with the ability to motivate others

Gordon's School is a State Boarding and Day School and 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 appropriate screening including a DBS check.