



GORDON'S SCHOOL

HOCKEY COACH

Introduction

Sport is an integral part of the School's vision to be the best non-selective school in England and amongst the finest schools in the world. Academic success will gain young people their first job, or place at university; but it is the character acquired on the games' field and in other co-curricular activities which will sustain them through life.

With more than 90 teams, we play annually over 600 fixtures, across more twenty sports. Many of teams compete at national level. This year the 1st XI football team reached the semi-finals of the English Schools' FA Cup losing on penalties to Millfield; Gordon's Karting team has reached the National Finals for the last years in succession, finishing 3rd and 4th in 2016 and 2017; our equestrian team won the Royal Windsor Horse Show in 2016; and our hockey 1st team is reigning national state boarding schools champions.

At Gordon's we believe our attitude is as important as our achievements. Character matters. Talent without ambition, self-discipline and humility is rarely fulfilled and does not inspire others. Win or lose, we want our teams and players to be good role models and mirror the qualities we seek from all our young people: courtesy, integrity, diligence, enthusiasm and resilience.





Role overview

Responsible to: Head of Sport

Key commitments:

- a. Deliver four P6 Games periods per week.
- b. Deliver four midweek Period 7 sessions per week.
- c. Lead additional Period 8 and evening training, when required.
- d. Manage and coach a team on Saturdays, including Saturday morning and/or afternoon fixtures and occasional weekends attending local and regional tournaments.
- e. Manage and coach teams at day and half day tournaments.
- f. Attend pre-season training and assist tours.

Job description

Responsibilities:

To work cooperatively with the Head of Sport and Fitness and the rest of the PE department in order to operate a well-structured sport and fitness programme.

- a. Assist with school sports fixtures mid-week and on Saturdays.
- b. To plan and organise training sessions during P7 as allocated and Saturday mornings when there are no fixtures.
- c. To ensure thorough preparation for a fixture; including team sheets (at least 48 hours in advance). and team meetings prior to the fixture.
- d. Utilise video analysis effectively including the use of period 7 sessions, and natural opportunities to deliver feedback to players following training and fixtures.
- e. Help maintain and recommend equipment and supplies needed for the implementation of the sport and fitness programme.
- f. To follow the playbook principles and support the School's playing and coaching philosophies.
- g. Foster among the players the high order skills, within each training session.
- h. Assist with the delivery of lessons within the curriculum.
- i. 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.
- j. Attend school INSET/ CPD days and staff training meetings and events as required.





Person specification

The Hockey Coach will have:

- a. Successful experience of coaching Hockey within schools, clubs, the England pathway or a super league franchise.
- b. Experience of playing to a high level.
- c. A Level 2 Coaching award and an umpiring qualification is desirable.
- d. Excellent knowledge of long-term development practices for young Hockey players.
- e. Good technical and tactical knowledge of the game with a passion to develop further.
- f. Excellent communication skills, with the ability to motivate others.



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