



THE
KING'S
HOSPITAL
SCHOOL

Head of Hockey

Role Title: Head of Hockey

Reporting to: Director of Sport

Job Type: Part-time (20 hours per week x 40 weeks). This role is offered on an initial 2-year contract.

Place of Work: The King's Hospital School, Palmerstown, Dublin 20.

Summary Role Description:

The purpose of this role is to lead a high-quality hockey coaching and games programme across the extracurricular sports timetable and throughout the school year. The Head of Hockey will have responsibility for the development, planning, management, and implementation of hockey as one of our key FOCUSports from recreation through to performance level. He/She will lead a team of coaches in providing opportunities to play hockey for all students.

Hours of Work:

This role will be for 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday afternoons, with the timetable to be agreed with the Director of Sport.

August – June each academic year 40 weeks per year contract.

Key Duties:

- Be the primary point of contact for all hockey matters at the King's Hospital and work closely with the Sports Department regarding recent hockey achievements, upcoming hockey fixtures, events and coaching activities.
- Lead the hockey coaching programme and identify and recruit suitably qualified and experienced coaches to enable the effective delivery of the hockey programme, ensuring that all recruitment and vetting processes are followed.
- To be responsible for the appropriate induction of new hockey coaches and for the development and implementation of suitable CPD opportunities.

- Maintain an accurate register of hockey participation across students and coaches on the SOCS school management and communication platform; facilitating the production of progress reports / flourishing plans which could be provided for students, coaches and/or parents.
- Work effectively with other Heads of Sport and colleagues in the Sports Department as part of a cohesive team.
- Provide coaching support for the transition year sports strand.
- Develop, in consultation with the Director of Sport, an annual operational budget for hockey.
- Develop, in consultation with the Director of Sport, a plan to optimise the use and revenue-generating capacity of the school's hockey pitches and sports campus.
- Develop links with the local community, primary schools, and hockey clubs to promote the hockey programme in The King's Hospital.

The above main duties are not exclusive and may include other duties and / or obligations consistent with the role description. Duties may vary at the discretion of the Director of Sport without changing the character of the job or level of the responsibility.

Person Profile.

The Head of Hockey will play a key role in ensuring the development of hockey as a FOCUSport to positively impact students' experiences and achievements on and off the pitch. He/she will be a dynamic and innovative leader with a commitment to utilising sport to support whole-school achievement and the wellbeing of students.

Essential Skills and Attributes:

The Head of Hockey will have:

- A record of personal achievement in hockey and in the management of people and teams.
- The ability to think and plan strategically.
- Excellent relationship management and interpersonal skills.
- Proven experience in a leadership position and in the management of a team of coaches/sporting personnel.
- Excellent people management skills, with the ability to organise, motivate and inspire sports staff
- The ability to motivate and enthuse young people.
- Competence in the use of IT.
- Experience of networking within the Education and / or sporting communities.
- Ability to communicate in all forms to a range of stakeholders including students, staff, and parents.

Educational Qualifications

The successful candidate is likely to be educated to Degree level in a sport related or teaching discipline.

Annual Leave: The annual leave entitlement is 20 days. The position requires the person to be in attendance during term time and as such annual leave should be planned outside of the school's term time calendar

Remuneration: Commensurate with experience.

The King's Hospital School was founded in 1669, and we continue to thrive as one of Ireland's leading boarding and day schools. Located on a beautiful campus of over 80 acres of parkland, we are adjacent to the River Liffey and Hermitage Clinic and located across the N4 motorway from Liffey Valley Shopping Centre.

We are more than a school: we are a caring community. We welcome all faiths and, as a multicultural, co-educational environment, we foster inclusiveness and promote cultural diversity.

Child Protection: The King's Hospital School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to acceptable references and clearance from the Garda Vetting Bureau as part of the School's legal requirements and commitment to providing a safe environment for our students.