



BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL

Information for candidates applying for the role of Cricket Coach

Required for January 2018

THE SCHOOL

Birkenhead School, founded in 1860, is an HMC independent day school providing education for boys and girls drawn from the whole of the Wirral and as far afield as Chester and North Wales. There are currently some 49 children in the Nursery & Pre-Prep (ages 3 months to 3), 346 pupils in the Prep (ages 3-11) and 405 pupils in Years 7 to 13. When the local GDST school announced that it was to become an Academy, the Governors decided to make Birkenhead School fully co-educational from September 2008, offering the choice of an independent education to all local children. Across the School approximately 38% of pupils are now girls. The School attracts pupils in competition with several well-established state grammar schools on the Wirral.

Situated in the leafy suburb of Oxton, the School enjoys excellent facilities. The main campus has a 'village green' atmosphere, with classrooms and laboratories looking out over the cricket square. Recent capital developments have included a new games pavilion, six new classrooms for Prep, a major refurbishment of both the Sixth Form Centre and the School Hall's performance space and a new artificial sports pitch. There are ongoing and substantial investments in ICT facilities. In addition to the main campus, the School owns 17 acres of playing fields on two sites nearby – the primary one being McAllester Field on Bidston Road.

The School is in a strong position financially, with no debt. We are fortunate to have financial support from our Foundation Trust, and we are well supported by the Old Birkonian Society and by the Parents' Association.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

The School comprises Nursery, Prep and Seniors and integrates their objectives and activities within a whole school concept. The Headmaster chairs the School's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) comprising the Head of Prep, Deputies and the Bursar. This group normally attends the Board meetings.

Birkenhead School prides itself on being a family school and this has been greatly strengthened by the opening of the Nursery in 2006 and the decision to become fully co-educational in 2008. It is very attractive to parents to have all their children in one school and it is a great advantage for the school to be able to establish strong, long-lasting relationships with families. The move to coeducation reinforced this and at present, 195 families have more than one child in the School and 28 have three or four children.

SENIORS

405 PUPILS
AGED 11-18
272 BOYS / 133 GIRLS

PREP

346 PUPILS
AGED 3-11
191 BOYS / 155 GIRLS

NURSERY

49 PUPILS
AGED 3 MONTHS – 3 YEARS
18 BOYS / 31 GIRLS



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THE ROLE OF CRICKET COACH

Birkenhead School has a long tradition of cricketing prowess and is one of a select number of schools who have played in National Finals at Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 level. Last season the 1st XI reached the North West Final of the National T20 competition, having beaten Manchester Grammar School and King's School, Chester in previous rounds as well as playing in the prestigious 'Sir Garfield Sobers Cricket Festival' in Barbados. Junior sides often reach Cheshire Cup finals and are regularly some of the strongest teams in the North West of England. A strong fixture list includes Shrewsbury School, Bolton School and Lancaster Royal Grammar School. The Sports Hall is a focal point for winter training with three good quality, well lit, nets whilst in summer the School has two grass pitches and one astroturf strip as well as outdoor net facilities.

The major aspects to the role involve:

- Delivering high quality cricket sessions to pupils in both Seniors (11 to 18) and Prep (age 8 upwards) and squads across all ages. This will include Games/PE sessions, after-school practices and match days;
- Organisational responsibilities including match day management of home fixtures;
- Aiding in the development, planning and implementation of the yearly cricket programme from participation to gifted and talented athletes (eg County squad players).

Candidates must possess a minimum of a Level 2 coaching qualification.

REMUNERATION & BENEFITS

Salary: An hourly rate will be paid commensurate with experience and level of qualification.

Hours: Lent term - January to March – 9 hours per week
Summer term April to July – 25 hours per week
Availability on a Saturday is desirable but not essential.

For the right candidate regular coaching sessions and a playing position at a well-regarded local cricket club might be available.

APPLICATION

Brief letters of application indicating skills and experience, together with a completed application form, including the names and addresses of at least two referees, should be sent for the attention of the Headmaster via: headmaster@birkenheadschoo.co.uk

Applications may also be sent by post to: **The Headmaster, Birkenhead School, 58 Beresford Road, Oxtou, Wirral, CH43 2JD**

Application forms can be downloaded from the School's website: www.birkenheadschoo.co.uk

Candidates are welcome to contact Rick Lytollis, Head of PE and Games, (rel@birkenheadschoo.co.uk) with any questions relating to the role.

As part of our responsibility to safeguard children, the role is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check which will be requested prior to appointment.

The closing date for applications is Friday 27th October 2017. Successful candidates will be invited to interview the following week.