



Appointment of Graduate Sports Assistants

(1 year Fixed Term Contract)

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New Hall School, The Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 3HS | 01245 467 588 A Catholic foundation and ethos, welcoming all





New Hall School

New Hall School is a leading HMC boarding and day school for boys and girls aged 1-18 and was awarded the TES 'Overall Independent School of the Year' for 2016-17. Founded in 1642, New Hall School is one of the oldest Catholic schools and the largest Catholic boarding & day school in the UK. New Hall is a strong and thriving community, set in a stunning location on the edge of the city of Chelmsford, just 20 minutes by train from London Stratford and 30 minutes from London Liverpool Street. There are also plans for Network Rail to open a new station at the foot of New Hall's Avenue; this is due to be completed by 2023.

At New Hall, we operate the highly successful 'diamond model' structure, i.e. co-education in the Preparatory Divisions (ages 1-11), single-sex education in the Girls' Division and Boys' Division (11-16) and co-education in the Sixth Form (16-18). In this way, New Hall provides the best of both worlds: the benefits of a co-educational environment together with the advantages of girls and boys being taught separately throughout the 11-16 age range. The provision of single-sex education during the formative years enables students to grow in confidence, whilst enjoying an education that is specifically tailored and recognises the different ways in which girls and boys learn

There is an exciting School Development Plan (SDP), which has the continued strengthening of the School's academic standing as its priority. New facilities successfully delivered so far in the 2016-19 SDP include: investment in digital technologies; outdoors 'Forest School' provision; a second Astroturf, 3G pitch and new PE changing rooms; new recreational and hospitality facilities, and additional staff accommodation. Plans are currently underway for the expansion of the Preparatory Division to 3-form entry and for a new Science Centre.

Students aged 7-18 can board in one of four Boarding Houses. High academic expectations and achievements, together with outstanding pastoral care and exceptional drama, music and sports facilities and provision, make New Hall a wonderful place to be educated.

The ethos at New Hall has been inspired by the founding Religious Community, the Canonesses of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. New Hall has thriving Chaplaincy, RE and Theology teams and the community benefits from having a full time resident priest Chaplain. The School welcomes all who support its ethos.

New Hall's Mission & Ethos Statement

New Hall, a Catholic boarding and day school, provides
the best start in life, enabling students
to meet confidently the challenges of the wider world.
Here academic excellence is achieved in surroundings
where relationships are based on
care, trust and respect.
We welcome students from many traditions,
building a Christian community that has at its heart

prayer and service to others.

Strategic Aims of the School

In all of these strategic aims, we seek to bear witness to our distinctive Catholic ethos, which is at the heart of everything we do:

- 1. To promote the Catholic life of the School and to provide outstanding Religious Education
- 2. To be an outstanding and caring educator of all students
- 3. To recruit, support and develop outstanding staff
- 4. To provide outstanding learning opportunities through the co-curriculum
- 5. To promote New Hall's reputation as a distinctive school of choice
- 6. To share our ethos, grow and innovate
- 7. To ensure the on-going security of the School's financial future, and ensure affordability of fees, while continuing to invest in improving the quality of education

Accolades for the School

New Hall School was awarded Independent School of the Year for 2016 in the *Times Education Supplement* school awards, as well as Financial Initiative of the Year (2016), in relation to our Green Travel and Transport Strategy. The school has previously won the TES Award for 'Outstanding Strategic Initiative' (2011).

New Hall received the highest commendations in its most recent inspections:

- 'Excellent' (the highest category) in the whole school ISI inspection (2016)
- 'Outstanding' in the ISI boarding inspection (2014)
- 'Outstanding' in the Section 48 Diocesan RE inspection (2018)
- Passes ISI compliance inspection (2019)

New Hall's sponsored primary academy, Messing Primary School, received the highest commendation of 'Outstanding' in the following categories:

- 1. Effectiveness of leadership and management
- 2. Personal development, behaviour and welfare of pupils
- 3. Early years provision

and 'Good' overall, in the Ofsted inspection (2018).



The PE & Games Department

The PE & Games Department is based within the new pavilion overlooking the tennis and netball courts. The Department has full use of New Hall's extensive sporting facilities, including sports hall, 25-metre indoor swimming pool, fitness suite, 2 hockey Astroturf pitches (1 floodlit), 3G rugby training pitch, athletics track, 10 floodlit tennis courts, 8 floodlit netball courts and extensive sports fields.

The School offers a broad and growing spectrum of sports for students to participate and compete in during the week and on Saturdays. Each of the major sports for girls and boys has a dedicated Head of Sport who is responsible for leading the coaching programme, arranging fixtures and managing the team coaches for the individual sport.

Hockey is the main sport for girls during the Michaelmas Term, followed by netball in the Lent Term. Rugby 7s has also been introduced for Years 9 & 10 girls on a trial basis for the Lent Term 2018. During the Trinity Term, the focus for girls switches to athletics, cricket and tennis.

Rugby is the main sport for boys during the Michaelmas Term, followed by hockey in the Lent Term. A full rugby 7s programme also operates during the Lent Term. In the Trinity Term, cricket and tennis are the major sports for boys.

There is a full fixture list and training programme provided in each of these major sports during Games afternoons, activities time and on Saturdays. More information can be found at www.newhallschoolsport.co.uk

Our teams regularly feature in the later rounds of county and national competitions and we have many students representing their county, region and country in a variety of sporting pursuits.



Working at New Hall School

As an employee at New Hall School, you will enjoy working in a vibrant community with a strong sense of team work. As a boarding school, we are 'home' to many students and staff and, as such, there are always various activities taking place during the evenings and weekends. It is a busy, fast-paced environment that is set in beautiful surroundings; staff value working in a caring community and enjoy many exceptional benefits.

Hours

This position is offered on a fixed term contract from September 2020 to July 2021, during term time only.

Working hours will vary depending on curriculum needs but will not exceed an average of 40 hours per week over any 3 month period. The Sports Assistant will be required to work weekends to support fixtures. Accommodation may be available.

What Staff Say

"Every child has a right to shine; it is our job to discover that talent and polish it"

"We advocate encouragement rather than pressure"

"At New Hall, children are encouraged to care and to treat others as they would like to be treated"

"We don't have 'colleagues' - at New Hall you're part of a family!"

"At New Hall we work together, sharing the same passion"

"The sense of community is built up through staff clubs such as staff choir, book club and dance classes, as well as staff vs Sixth Form sports fixtures"

"I love working in a place where I can be creative and make a real difference"

Job Description

The Graduate Sports Assistant will be involved in supporting Teachers of PE & Games in coaching and teaching sport. This will include a PE & Games timetable, working closely with the Directors of Sport and Head of Academic PE, the Heads of individual sports and PE staff across the Preparatory and Senior Divisions.

New Hall employs six Graduate Sports Assistants to work alongside PE Teachers. In the Senior Division two Assistants work with the girls, focusing on hockey, netball, athletics and cricket whilst two work with the boys focusing on rugby, hockey and cricket. Two assistants work alongside the PE Teachers in the Preparatory Division. Sports Assistants would also be expected to assist in the running of other co-curricular sports clubs e.g. basketball, badminton, table tennis, etc.

Key responsibilities include:

- 1. to work with the Directors of Sport, and Heads of individual sports to ensure the development of the students including professional standards of punctuality, discipline and sportsmanship
- 2. to assist with the smooth running of the PE & Games Department under the direction of the Directors of Sport.
- 3. to assist with the teaching of PE and involvement with academic PE lessons
- 4. to coach a team in a particular sport each term
- 5. to play a full role in the life of the School, including weekend commitments and duties
- 6. to assist with sports camps and sports tours, as required, which may take place during school holidays

All staff are responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of students at New Hall School by ensuring compliance with the School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy at all times. It is a requirement of all staff to report any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of students to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

This document summarises the main responsibilities of the post. All staff are required to undertake whatever else may reasonably be requested by the Principal in support of the Aims of the School. Job Descriptions are subject to annual review.

Person Specification

In addition to the below, all candidates should have a clear understanding of and a commitment to the aims of a Catholic independent school and be committed to the values and ethos at the heart of New Hall School as expressed in the Mission & Ethos Statement of the School.

	Essential	Desirable
Education	Educated to A Level or equivalent	University graduate
Experience	Experience in coaching and/or officiating rugby, hockey, netball and/or cricket	Experience of boarding education at senior school level
Skills and Aptitudes	Ability to coach rugby, hockey, netball and/or cricket to a high standard Excellent communication, IT, organisational and management skills Good IT skills	Ability to officiate in any of rugby, hockey, netball or cricket. Ability to coach Athletics Experience of playing other sports e.g. badminton and table tennis
Disposition and personal qualities	Understanding of the importance of promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children Willingness to participate enthusiastically in aspects of boarding school life Common sense and initiative Ability to relate effectively to students Ability to motivate others and build teams Flexibility to adjust to change and development	

Salary & Benefits

Salary

The salary for this role will be £12,735, pro rata (full time equivalent £17,332pa at September 2019 rates), together with the generous benefits detailed below. This is on point NHC12 on the New Hall Pay Scale C.

Holidays

The Graduate Sports Assistants will be entitled to take as holiday all published School holidays, as published in the School Calendar, except for any relevant INSET days, sports tours or sports camps that they are required to attend.

Bank Holidays and Saturdays

The Graduate Sports Assistants may be required to work on School Open Days, which take place on the last Saturday in September and the Saturday of the first Bank Holiday weekend. Payment will be made for working on these days subject to submission of an authorised timesheet.

Pension

Support staff are automatically enrolled in the designated stakeholder pension scheme provided by Standard Life, subject to meeting the qualifying conditions. Pension contribution rates are 5% for employees and New Hall currently matches employee contributions up to 3%.

Training

New Hall is committed to professional development of staff and will support further in-service training as required. There are generous INSET and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) budgets.

Sports membership

Staff are entitled to free membership of the School Fitness Suite, which comprises a range of cardiovascular equipment and free weights. We also offer staff a generously discounted rate of membership to the New Hall Sports Club, which includes use of our 25-metre, 6-lane indoor swimming pool & 10 floodlit tennis/netball courts.

Accommodation

Single accommodation may be available rent free for an applicant joining as a Resident Tutor, contributing to specific areas of boarding life.

Your Application

The School can only accept applications made on the New Hall Application Form.

Completed Application Forms and your letter of application should be sent, via email, to https://hren.co.uk. The letter of application should be addressed to Mrs Jeffrey, Principal, and include:

- Your understanding of the distinctive nature of the school and this role
- How your skills and experience meet the requirements in our person specification and job description
- Why you wish to apply for this role and what particular contribution you would make

Alternatively, you can send your application by post to: HR Department, New Hall School, The Avenue, Boreham, Chelmsford CM3 3HS.

Closing Date for applications is: Midday, 15 April 2020

New Hall School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and an enhanced check with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the HR team on 01245 467588 should you have any queries.

