



KS2/KS3 Teacher and Lead Hockey Coach

Starting Date: September 2020

Town Close School is a co-educational day school of approximately 465 pupils aged 3 to 13 years situated close to the centre of Norwich on a beautiful 15-acre site, including 10 acres of conservation woodland. Founded in 1932, it is now a charitable trust managed by a board of governors. The School is based around two large town houses and their extensive gardens; the main house is early Georgian and the other mid-Victorian. Purpose-built classrooms and other premises and accommodation have been added, most in recent years. A high specification sports hall was opened in September 2009 and a superb performing arts hall in January 2010. Our Nursery and a new standalone, Year 2 classroom block were completed in January 2018 to complete the Pre Prep part of the School site. Planning permission has been granted for a new dining, science, art and music block, which will be constructed in the next few years, subject to funding. We are part of a consortium that owns a specialist hockey Astro and the School also has two other playing fields within walking distance of the main site.

We aim to develop the full potential of each pupil. We are proud of our academic record, our renown for music, drama, technology and art, and our reputation for sport. Town Close School underwent a routine compliance inspection in November 2017 conducted by the Independent Schools Inspectorate. The inspection assessed the School's compliance with the Schedule to Education Regulations 2014 and the relevant requirements of the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. Standing alongside our 'excellent' status given in all areas of our most recent Education Quality Inspection of 2011, the inspectors found the School to meet all requirements with no amendments to any policies or any further action required as a result. Both reports can be viewed via our website www.townclose.com.

The successful candidate will be expected to offer excellent curriculum subject teaching to children in one or more subjects, predominantly in the Prep Department (Years 3-8). The ability to offer specialist English or maths teaching will be a particular advantage but those able to offer other curriculum subjects should also feel encouraged to apply. Every teacher who is not a class teacher for pupils in Year 4 and below serves as a tutor to a small group of children in Years 5-8 and, as such, has pastoral responsibility for their general well-being and happiness. All colleagues are expected to contribute to the wider life of the School and, in particular, the School's activities programme, which is extensive.

The successful applicant will be expected to coach hockey across all age groups in the Prep Department as part of their teaching timetable, and take a lead in developing the sport within the School. The post would therefore suit a qualified teacher with hockey coaching experience and qualifications. Hockey is a strength of the School and teams have been successful at both regional and national level

in recent years. Applicants will ideally be qualified to England Hockey Level 1 or 2 or be keen to undertake these qualifications; they should also have experience of coaching hockey in performance hockey environments and preferably within schools too, and have excellent knowledge of long-term development practices for young hockey players. The ability to offer cricket coaching will be essential for the summer term, though we understand candidates are unlikely to have the same level of expertise or experience in this sport.

Salary, which will be commensurate with experience, is based on the Town Close Scale, slightly above that of the maintained sector.

Town Close School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

How to apply:

Please complete and return the enclosed application form by email to:

Mr Nicholas Bevington, Headmaster: recruitment@townclose.com

Closing date: Monday 16th March 2020
Interviews: Week commencing 23rd March 2020