



Appointment information
Teacher of Physical Education
February 2018

The College

Queen's College is a highly successful independent girls' school of 370 girls, aged 11-18. The College is a member of the Girls' Schools Association and prides itself on its friendly and supportive atmosphere, highly valued by girls, parents and staff. There is an associated Preparatory School for girls aged 4-11 on a nearby site.

Queen's College holds an important position in the history of girls' education, being the first school in Britain to give young women a formal academic education leading to recognized qualifications.

Nowadays, the College enjoys a reputation as a friendly and purposeful school where high academic standards are combined with a wide extra-curricular programme and excellent pastoral support. Places are oversubscribed and the College's location is recognised to be a considerable asset; the sports facilities, cultural life and landmarks of central London are very

easily accessible and this is a source of real enrichment.

The College is academically selective, has been achieving increasingly strong results in recent years, and has recently undergone significant developments (most notably with the construction of a new sixth form centre which opened in February 2017).

More details about Queen's College, including public examination results and leavers' destinations, can be found on our website: www.qcl.org.uk.



The Physical Education department

The PE department consists of three full-time members of staff, one of whom is a Dance specialist, and a graduate sports assistant teacher. The College has a gym on site and we make frequent and regular use of many local facilities including Paddington Recreation Ground, Marshall Street Leisure Centre and Regent's Park.

All pupils in Year 7 through to Year 11 have one afternoon each week which is dedicated to games and sport. In addition, Years 7 to 9 have timetabled lessons of gym and dance.

At Key Stage 3, a variety of sports is taught, including netball, football, cross-country, gymnastics, dance, badminton, rounders, cricket and tennis.

In Years 10 and 11, an option system is offered and pupils can choose to participate in traditional team-based games or more



individual activities. In addition to this,

GCSE Dance is currently offered as an option.

Since September 2018, all pupils in the Sixth Form have had timetabled sports lessons, offering a range of activities tailored to the interests of the pupils and helping to promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

Extra-curricular

The department runs an extensive extra-curricular programme, with activities taking place before school, at lunchtimes and after school. The pupils participate in a number of fixtures including netball, rounders, tennis, cricket, football, swimming and cross-country.

The department also organises a number of trips and events including an annual ski trip (this year to California), a tennis camp in Portugal, an annual dance show and participation in the London mini-marathon. Two years ago, a netball and cricket tour to Sri Lanka was a huge success and this year's tour is heading to South Africa.

These tours and extensive extra-curricular programme mean that sport has a very high profile at the College.

The role and the person

The successful candidate will be an outstanding, energetic and inspirational teacher who will have the ambition to develop the teaching of PE at Queen's College and encourage active participation in extra-curricular sport. This is a temporary role, covering a period of maternity leave starting from 25 February 2019 and finishing when the permanent post-holder returns.

Person specification

The person appointed is highly likely to have the following qualification and attributes:

- an honours degree in a relevant discipline
- the ability the ability to coach at least one sport to a very high level
- very successful recent experience of teaching PE/games, or recent success as a trainee teacher
- a very capable organiser and administrator
- a love of sport and the willingness to commit to extensive curricular and co-curricular programmes
- a commitment both to the College's elite sportswomen and to the principle that all

students should be given opportunities to develop their understanding and skills in this area

- a strong commitment to professional development
- a wholehearted commitment to leading and accompanying trips
- pastoral interests – all teachers at Queen's College are required to act as a Form Tutor, contributing to the work of pastoral teams

This is an exciting opportunity for the right candidate to join Queen's College at a time of growth and development. Applications will be welcomed both from existing teachers and NQTs. The College has a very successful NQT induction programme overseen by ISTIP.



Applying for the role

Applications should be made on the Queen's College application form, with the names and contact details of three professional referees (to include your current or most recent headteacher if you are or have been employed in a school), and accompanied by a supporting covering letter. Please do not send CVs or apply directly from the TES online.

The application form, together with other useful information, can be obtained from the Principal's PA, Ms Roisin Archer (rarcher@qcl.org.uk) or can be downloaded from the College website (www.qcl.org.uk).

Completed application forms and covering letters should be sent via email (preferably) to the Principal's PA (rarcher@qcl.org.uk) or by post to the Principal's PA, Queen's College, 43-49 Harley Street, London W1G 8BT.

Applications will be considered as they are received by the College and interviews may be held at any stage.

The interview process will include teaching a lesson (for which a full briefing will be provided) and interviews with members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Candidates will also be given a tour of the College and have the chance to meet other members of staff in the PE department.

Queen's College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.