



NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF HOCKEY

SEPTEMBER 2021 START





HOCKEY AT NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Hockey at Nottingham High School is at the dawn of a new, and exciting era. This follows the recent completion of a £ 2 million investment in two new pitches on the Nottingham Hockey Centre site. This, combined with adjacent facilities belonging to Beeston HC and the University of Nottingham have created the biggest Hockey facility in the UK. The school has access to all six pitches to support the future growth of its programme.

Since the move to co-education in 2015, Hockey has become one of the school's leading sports for both boys and girls. It is played in both junior and senior schools, and there are up to 10 teams involved in school matches every week. The school enters a wide range of competitions, and the U14 Boys team reached national finals for the first time in 2020. In addition to this, there is an opportunity to establish the indoor game at the school, and to achieve a similar level of success in this format.

The new facility will provide a stimulus for the further development of the game. The school is ambitious for its Hockey, and seeks to become a centre for the game in the region. This will involve being a significant participant in Hockey in the area, and collaborating with a range of partners to enhance the game in the school, the community and beyond.

HEAD OF HOCKEY ROLE

The Head of Hockey is a newly created role, stimulated by both the facility development and the school's ambitions for the game. It provides a unique opportunity for an experienced practitioner to build a wide-ranging programme. The scope of the position is extensive, and the successful candidate will bring imagination, innovation and creative thinking. It is a potentially career-defining opportunity for the right person to make a lasting impact on the game.

Within the school, the Head of Hockey will be responsible for leading a programme which will inspire pupils and staff to participate, aspire and excel. This will include establishing, and monitoring, an industry-leading coaching provision, and overseeing all aspects of player – and coach – development in the school. The successful candidate will coach at all levels across the school, inside and beyond the curriculum, and also support the most aspirational athletes in their quest for representative honours. S/he will lead from the front. This will include managing the competition programme, and supporting logistics, ensuring that an ambitious, and appropriate, high quality experience is provided for all pupils. The Head of Hockey will also be expected to contribute to one or more aspects of the school's summer sports programme, in support of the activities of the wider Sports Department.

The successful candidate will have a significant background – and status – in Hockey, as a player and coach. Experience in schools is desirable, though not essential, as are coaching qualifications, or the willingness to acquire them. The hours will be flexible, reflecting the varied nature of the position, but will involve a strong commitment to after-school, weekend and school holiday activities. Candidates will be expected to work with school teams on every Saturday during term times.

WIDER IMPACTS

Hockey at Nottingham High School is a wide-ranging project, that extends beyond delivering the school programme. The successful candidate will be capable of wide, strategic thinking resulting in a range of impacts and partnerships that will enhance the school's reputation in the game, and the community. This will include building, and managing, partnerships with the other organisations based at the Nottingham Hockey Centre, to mutual benefit. S/he will also ensure that the facilities are used to maximum effect, both by the school's own students and also by the wider community. Establishing collaborations with other schools, clubs and performance programmes will be an important part of this.

There is an exciting opportunity to introduce new initiatives, and to further develop the game in the area. This will require the Head of Hockey to show a range of skills, including the capacity to build positive relationships with a variety of other stakeholders. Entrepreneurial ability will be important in attracting and developing new Hockey activities and competitions at the Hockey Centre. This includes the capacity to establish, and manage, an extensive programme of outreach activity, in support both of pupil recruitment and of the school's charitable purpose.

The successful candidate will be a role model for pupils, and an ambassador for the school in the Hockey community. An important requirement of the position will be the ability to establish a positive reputation for the game in the school amongst pupils, parents and the wider Hockey community.

WORKING AT NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Founded in 1513, Nottingham High School has been an integral part of the local community for over 500 years. Originally a boys' school, it became fully co-educational in 2015. The school has a wide catchment area from surrounding counties, reflecting its status and popularity: pupils come from a wide range of backgrounds, and the school provides generous bursary and scholarship funds to maintain a diverse entry. There are over 1000 pupils from ages 4-18, with infant, junior and senior schools on the same site, located to the north of the city centre. Further details can be found on the website, at www.nottinghamhigh.co.uk.

Nottingham High School was named The Sunday Times East Midlands Senior School of the Decade.

There are approximately 320 staff, including 90 teachers in the Senior School. They enjoy generous terms and conditions, including access to sports and fitness facilities, free catering, generous pension arrangements and heavily discounted fees for staff children. The school has a forward thinking approach to staff development, and invests extensively in training. Further details of terms and benefits can be found at www.nottinghamhigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Nottingham_Staff_Benefits.pdf

The Head of Hockey will be an integral member of a large, vibrant and supportive Sports Department, led by an experienced Director of Sport. The department delivers a wide range of sports and physical activities, and is heavily committed to extra-curricular provision. This includes a year-round programme of Saturday sport. Facilities are extensive, and well maintained, both on the school site and at the Valley Road playing fields, in addition to the Hockey Centre.

The salary for this position will be commensurate with experience and qualifications, and will reflect the school's ambitions for the role.



NEXT STEPS

Please note that we are working with Independent Coach Education on this appointment. Daniel Scargill is available to answer enquiries from potential applicants. If you would like to arrange this prior to applying, please contact him on dan@independentcoacheducation.co.uk to arrange a discussion.

Application forms can be found at www.independentcoacheducation.co.uk/nhsdoh. Instructions for returning completed applications to the school are included on the form.

Closing Date: **Thursday 18 February, 10.00am.**

In view of the current unusual circumstances, it is expected that interviews will take place in early March. However, the School reserves the right to make an appointment at any stage in the process.

Nottingham High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This appointment will be conditional upon successful pre-employment and DBS checks.



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