



SPORTS COACH

START DATE: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



Dear Applicant

Thank you for taking an interest in the post of Sports Coach at Harbour Vale School.

We are a pupil referral unit, and we educate students who have been permanently excluded or are at risk of permanent exclusion from mainstream education at Key Stages 3 or 4.

We also offer SEMH places at KS4, short term turnaround placements and medical places at both KS3 & 4.

We have a capacity of 38 students, and this is growing each year. The need for specialist and PRU places in Dorset is increasing and with our new school buildings it is possible for Harbour Vale to grow and flourish to support children within our locality.

This is a particularly exciting time to be joining Harbour Vale with the launch of our 'Pathways' programme. A bespoke education offer to support students back into their education journeys and onto their next steps.

As a school we joined SAST in November 2019 and officially became Harbour Vale School. It is fantastic being part of a trust who puts children at the centre of everything they do. Having a sense of belonging and working together with so many experienced colleagues, with great CPD opportunities, collaborative working, learning and support mechanisms centrally. Reinforces the benefits of being part of a Multi-Academy Trust.

In recent years, Harbour Vale School had a huge makeover. We commissioned a new build that included a new reception and classroom, as well as internal renovation work, leaving us with a school that is welcoming, friendly and fit for purpose.

We have robust processes of student induction that includes baseline and diagnostic testing upon entry, which allows staff to plan personalised learning from the moment the students arrive with us and supports positive re-integrations.

Our school values and ethos is centred on students to believe in themselves, feel proud of their achievements and successes, and we aim to support learners becoming more respectful, responsible and resilient learners.

Harbour Vale School has intervention programmes and personalised timetables for each student and we work collaboratively to promote positive outcomes and celebrate every small win.

We are looking to appoint a Sports Coach who can start as soon as possible.

If you are passionate about Inclusive Education, have knowledge or experience of SEMH, mental health and student well-being and are up for a challenge, we look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Kelly Knight
Headteacher



THE ADVERT & APPLICATION PROCESS

We look forward to receiving your application by **9am, Monday 9th December 2024**

The interviews will be held **as soon as possible after the closing date**

Salary: Grade 7, Point 8 – 14: £3,927 - £4,325 per annum (subject to experience)
Contract: 6.5 hours per week, 39 weeks per year (term time plus inset days), Fixed term until July 2025 (with the possibility to extend until August 2026)

We are seeking to appoint two ambitious and inspiring sports coaches with energy, enthusiasm and a love of physical education, sport and recreation. This is an exciting time to join Harbour Vale with the launch of our new 'Pathways' bespoke education programme. This role involves driving to the locations of different provisions therefore, a valid UK driving licence and use of a car is essential for this role. We have a fantastic school community with a very dedicated and hardworking staff team.

The successful candidate will:

- Have a passion for PE, recreation and sport
- Have excellent communication skills and the ability to celebrate and promote high quality teaching and learning
- Have the ability to embrace and contribute to the vision of the school
- Be able to build relationships quickly
- Have a positive approach
- Have a real interest in educational issues, approaches and alternatives from around the world
- Be proactive and confident
- Use resources, intellect, creativity and innovation to be successful
- Have the ability to support, challenge and inspire our students, encouraging them to achieve the best they can through the promotion of outstanding coaching and learning
- Have the ability to be a team player who will go the extra mile to support students and who will enjoy the opportunities of this role

We can provide you:

- Supportive, experienced school team of staff and academy committee representatives
- Great opportunities to develop your career
- The chance to make a difference and contribute to the school's future development
- The opportunity to work within SAST, a forward-thinking and growing multi-academy trust
- Support and collaboration with other schools across the Trust.

Should you wish to arrange a visit to view the School, please do not hesitate to contact Naomi Molyneux, Office Manager on naomi.molyneux@harbourvale.dorset.sch.uk or at 01935 814582 who will be happy to arrange this.

You are asked to provide the following:

- A completed application form
- A letter of application of no more than 2 sides of A4 detailing your experience and expertise

Completed applications should be returned by email to: recruitment@sast.org.uk

SAST will conduct online searches of shortlisted candidates. In line with KCSIE guidance, this will be part of safer recruitment checks, and the search will purely be based on whether an individual is suitable to work with children. As care must be taken to avoid unconscious bias and any risk of

discrimination, a person who will not be on the appointment panel will conduct the searches and will only share information if and when findings are relevant and of concern.

Safeguarding responsibilities associated with this role may include engagement in regulatory activity, such as administering first aid or supporting an upset child. It will have contact with young people on a day-to-day basis. SAST is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will have to meet the person specification and the post is subject to safeguarding checks, including an enhanced DBS check and Children's Barred List check. The post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975, 2013 and 2020.

SAST recognises the benefit of having a diverse workforce and is committed to building a workforce which reflects diversity from the communities it serves. SAST values the contributions from all staff from a wide range of different backgrounds and actively seeks to promote an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and at the same time supports fair promotion and cultural acceptance. Under the provision of the Equality Act 2010 SAST welcomes applications from everyone and operates a recruitment process which is fair and does not discriminate against or disadvantage anyone because of their age, disability, gender reassignment status, marriage or civil partnership status, pregnancy or maternity, race or nationality, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

This role is UK- based and your right to work will need to be established as part of the appointment process.

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JOB DESCRIPTION



Job title: Sports Coach
Grade: Grade 7

Main Job Purpose:

The sports coach will deliver sports sessions and sports interventions to support students social and emotional mental health and wellbeing, in addition to supporting positive physical fitness.

Relationships

The post holder:-

- is ultimately responsible to the Headteacher in all matters.
- interacts on a professional level with colleagues and seeks to establish and maintain productive relationships with them in order to promote mutual understanding of the subjects in the school curriculum and cross-curricular links, encouraging development and improving the quality of teaching and learning in the School.

Key Tasks

- You will be a role model that will inspire and empower people to lead a healthy and physically active lifestyle through creating and delivering outstanding PE, sport and physical activity sessions and lessons that are engaging and promote learning through movement.
- To control and oversee the use of sporting equipment and other teaching materials related to their coaching and ensuring that relevant Health and Safety Regulations are observed.
- Deliver sports coaching sessions.
- To participate in appropriate meetings with colleagues and parents as required in respect of duties connected with the post.
- To undertake other tasks/responsibilities specific to the post holder's subject area or work.

Other Duties

- To have due regard for safeguarding and to follow child protection policies and procedures adopted by SAST.
- Understand the importance of inclusion, equality and diversity and to promote equal opportunities for all.
- Uphold and promote the values and ethos of the academy.
- Take a proactive approach to health and safety to minimise and mitigate potential hazards and actively contribute to the security of the school.
- Participate in workplace learning and development opportunities and work continually to improve own and team performance.

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This is not a comprehensive list of all tasks which may be required of the post holder. It is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the work to be undertaken, commensurate with the grade. The duties of this post could also vary from time to time as a result of new legislation, changes in technology or policy changes.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Sports Coach

FACTOR	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Skills, knowledge and aptitudes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to organise, plan, deliver and evaluate sporting activities and sessions. • Strong communication, interpersonal, planning and organisational skills. • Be self-motivated. • Ability to work within a small team with a lot of time unsupervised. • A working knowledge of current sporting legislation, initiatives and programmes. • Knowledge of safety requirements and child protection issues • Understand the impact of disability on sport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the foundations of athlete classification.
Qualifications and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification in Sports Coaching at Level 1 or above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching qualification • First Aid Qualification • Disability awareness qualification.
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 3 months experience coaching in a sports/activity setting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with individuals with a disability.
Disposition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passionate about disability sport and the will to succeed at higher level. • The motivation to provide high quality sporting sessions. 	
Special Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No adverse criminal record • Must be committed to Equal Opportunities. • Valid driving licence and access to effective means of transport • Able to set up, take down and transport equipment at and between venues under lone working conditions. 	

ABOUT HARBOUR VALE SCHOOL

We are a short stay alternative provision for students who have been permanently excluded or at risk of permanent exclusion from mainstream education, (dual registered) students who have specific medical needs and students who need SEND assessments from Year 7-11, located in Sherborne, North Dorset. We pride ourselves on having a child-centred approach and embrace the school ethos of:



Promoting responsible, respectful and resilient learners.

We provide students with the right support and interventions that allow our students to be successful, build self-confidence, become more resilient, with a broad and balanced curriculum, alongside a range of activities and opportunities that support them to re-integrate and engage back in mainstream education or a specialist school settings, or move on to college or an apprenticeship.

We provide students with the right support and interventions that allow them to be proud of their achievements and celebrate even the small wins.

Ethos and Values

- **Respect** - People and property and for you to have the right to be respected and be treated fairly
- **Resilience** - Everyone has the right to feel safe & ensure the safety of others. We should help each other, be kind and work in a team
- **Responsible** - Students have the right to learn & the responsibility to make the most of the opportunities given

Everyone will be treated as individuals with different goals, targets and needs



INFORMATION ABOUT WORKING FOR SAST



SAST is a multi-school trust, formed in June 2017, with 18 schools across Dorset and South Somerset. We have more than 5,700 students and over 850 members of staff. There is real strength in coming together with a collective responsibility for all the children's development and progress between 0-19 years. SAST has large town primary schools with over 300 children, smaller village primary schools and nursery provision. SAST also has 5 secondary schools, some with a Sixth Form provision. There is a mix of formerly maintained and Church of England schools - both voluntary controlled and voluntary-aided in the Diocese of Salisbury. We believe in preserving Schools in their local community.

Our Schools:

A key principle of the SAST is that member schools maintain their own character, such as church and community status. All schools in the multi-school trust are equal partners and are committed to the principles of collaboration, sharing expertise and resources to enable all partner schools to deliver excellent education for all young people in their care.

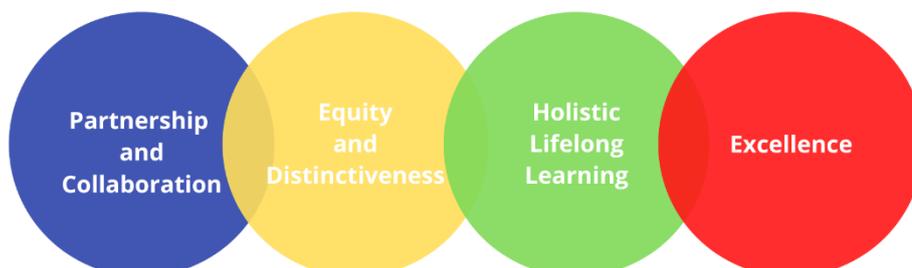
At the heart of SAST is the desire to work in partnership, to collaborate with others and to be outward facing for the benefit of children and staff. The schools have extensive links beyond the immediate area and are keen to extend these further.

SAST works by providing opportunities to share and improve - to develop further our provision as well as supporting the quality of leadership and management. This includes sharing best practice, being creative in maintaining a broad and diverse curriculum, ensuring the care and support is in place for children and families and enabling further staff and teacher development. We also work together on meeting the challenges of funding and the opportunities for financial efficiency, determining for ourselves which services and providers we will use to provide outstanding provision for our children. There is real strength in coming together with a collective responsibility for all of the children's development and progress between 0-19 years.

Our Vision:

Delivering educational excellence through aspiration and collaboration.

Our Values:



Partnership and Collaboration

Our schools support each other, by sharing expertise and resources, to ensure improvement.

Equity and Distinctiveness

We celebrate the individuality of each school and all in it. We are proud to be at the heart of our local communities.

Holistic Lifelong Learning

We promote the personal development of every child and a love of lifelong learning for our students and staff.

Excellence

We provide a high-quality education to enable all students and staff to aspire, thrive and succeed.

Organisation - How we work:

All our schools are successful. Of course, we recognise that we need to continually improve and evolve. The priority is to enable every school to continue to provide an excellent education for all our students while protecting their role at the heart of the community, along with our unique qualities and strengths.

There is a balance as to the responsibilities delegated to schools and those that are the responsibility of SAST. The focus is to continually evaluate, improve and develop through strong, effective and accountable leadership at all levels. The aim is to establish clear, simple and effective accountability including slim and streamlined governance.

Partnerships:

Partnership and collaboration is a core feature of all our schools – a genuine desire to be outward-facing, to use the best ideas from across the world. The schools have always worked closely together across Dorset and Somerset.

SAST Benefits:

As part of SAST, we can offer you a range of benefits including:

- High- quality CPD opportunities
- A strong and highly experienced network of Trust senior leaders
- Access to the Local Government Pension Scheme
- Employee Assistance Programme
- On-site nursery provision at some of our schools
- Cycle to work scheme

