



# AMESBURY

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**“An ‘amazing’ place for their education...”**

**ISI Inspection 2017**

## **Sport and Teaching Assistant**

Amesbury is an independent co-educational day preparatory school catering for pupils between the ages of 9 months - 13+.

The main catchment area includes Godalming, Haslemere, Midhurst, Petersfield and Farnham. The area is very well catered for in educational terms, with strong infant and primary school provision. In spite of intense competition Amesbury has continued to be one of the strongest preparatory schools in the area and features in the Good Schools Guide.

The School was inspected by ISI in September 2017 and judged to be excellent in all categories and subcategories. Needless to say, the school was also found to be fully compliant.

Pupils leave to join a wide range of the best day and boarding senior schools in the UK including Brighton College, Bedales, Bradfield, Bryanston, Canford, Charterhouse, Cranleigh, Frensham Heights, Guildford High School, Harrow, Lord Wandsworth College, Marlborough College, The Portsmouth Grammar School, Prior's Field, RGS Guildford, Rugby, Seaford College, St Catherine's, Tormead, Wellington College and Winchester College.

Since 2012 the School has invested £3m in capital projects, including a new Common Room, a Dance Studio, a £1.3m Visual Arts Centre and most recently a purpose-built Library. In addition to this Amesbury has made a significant investment in infrastructure and tablet technology and is a Microsoft Accredited School. Recent projects include the development of new Reception Classrooms and refurbishment of our Science Laboratories.

Amesbury is a day school. Registration is at 8.15am and school finishes at 5.45pm. There are no weekend commitments. It is a special place. We work hard, have fun, innovate, and strive to be exceptional.

An application form can be found at [Careers - Amesbury School](#)



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## **Job Description**

### **School Aims**

Our primary aim at Amesbury Prep School is to ensure that every child enjoys a fulfilling and enriching educational journey. We strive to create an environment where each student feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. Specifically, our goals include:

1. Equipping every child with the skills, aptitudes, and resilience necessary for success in senior school and beyond.
2. Cultivating a caring community that promotes commitment, courtesy, cooperation, tolerance, and compassion.
3. Fostering strong partnerships between home and school to enhance the educational experience.
4. Setting a high standard of achievement and innovation, while nurturing personal development among staff.
5. Fulfilling our social and environmental responsibilities to society.

### **Role Overview**

The Sport and Teaching Assistant is a pivotal member of the school's sports team, supporting the delivery of a wide-ranging and ambitious sports program. This role is ideal for an enthusiastic, proactive individual with a passion for sport and a desire to gain hands-on experience in a school environment.

### **Job Specifications**

1. The role of a Sport and Teaching Assistant is a very important one in the life of the school. It is expected that the Sport and Teaching Assistant will be approachable and friendly, but firm in their dealings with children and working always in support of the staff. It is most important that they take care not to become over-familiar with children and know when and where to seek help if they discern a problem with any child.
2. The Sport and Teaching Assistant should familiarise themselves with the 'Amesbury Behaviours and Attitude Framework' document in order understand what we believe High Performance looks like.
3. This is a job that demands commitment and an interest in young children and has much to commend it. The scope for individual initiative and specialisation is considerable within the parameters of the School.
4. To assist with general School duties as required.
5. To assist with sport and extra-curricular activities. While staff will be assigned to sports teams as coaches, the Sport and Teaching Assistant will be given a lot of authority to take responsibility for sports coaching under the direction of the Director of Sport, commensurate on their ability and training.



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6. To attend induction and in-service training as determined by Deputy Head (Pastoral)
7. To contribute on an occasional basis to extraordinary events and activities such as residential trips, boarding and school activities at the weekends.

### **Personal Specification**

#### **Essential:**

- Believe in Amesbury and be committed to its ethos, culture and values
- Take initiative, be creative and work independently without being told what to do.
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- Strong skills and knowledge in a range of sports (coaching qualifications are an advantage but not essential).
- Reliable, enthusiastic, and motivated with a strong work ethic.
- Ability to work as part of a team and independently.
- Support the Teachers in improving the quality of teaching and learning
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- A willingness to learn and take on new challenges.
- Adhere to an agreed timetable

#### **Desirable:**

- Previous experience working with children, ideally in a school or coaching setting.
- First Aid or safeguarding training.
- Recent graduate or school leaver with ambitions for a career in education, sports coaching, or a related field.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- **Sports Coaching & Support:**
  - Assist in planning and delivering sports lessons and training sessions across a variety of disciplines (e.g., rugby, hockey, cricket, netball, athletics).
  - Provide coaching for school sports teams, including preparing for and attending fixtures and tournaments.
  - Offer tailored support to students of varying abilities, fostering skill development and enthusiasm.
- **Administration:**
  - Assist with the organization of sports fixtures, including communication with other schools, preparing equipment, and maintaining records.
  - Ensure sports facilities are prepared, safe, and tidy for lessons and events.
- **Pastoral Care & Supervision:**
  - Supervise students during breaks, lunchtimes, and co-curricular activities (CCAs)



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- Build positive, supportive relationships with pupils, encouraging their personal and sporting development.
- **Events & Activities:**
  - Play a key role in sports days, tournaments, and other school events.
  - Contribute to after-school care where required.
- **General:**
  - Be a visible and active member of the school community, promoting the values and ethos of Amesbury School.
  - Undertake other reasonable duties as required by the Director of Sport or Senior Leadership Team.

### **Accountability**

The Sport and Teaching Assistant are appointed by the Head,

### **Terms & Conditions**

**Salary:** Age-appropriate minimum wage.

**Hours:** 8 – 6pm (40 hours), Five days a week during term time, including inset days.

**Holidays:** Work commences on the first day of term i.e. the first day of inset for staff. There is no requirement to work at half-terms or holidays.

### **Child Protection/Safeguarding**

Amesbury is dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and undergo enhanced DBS checks.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss the role in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to welcoming a dynamic and passionate individual to our team.

Warm regards,

Gavin Franklin