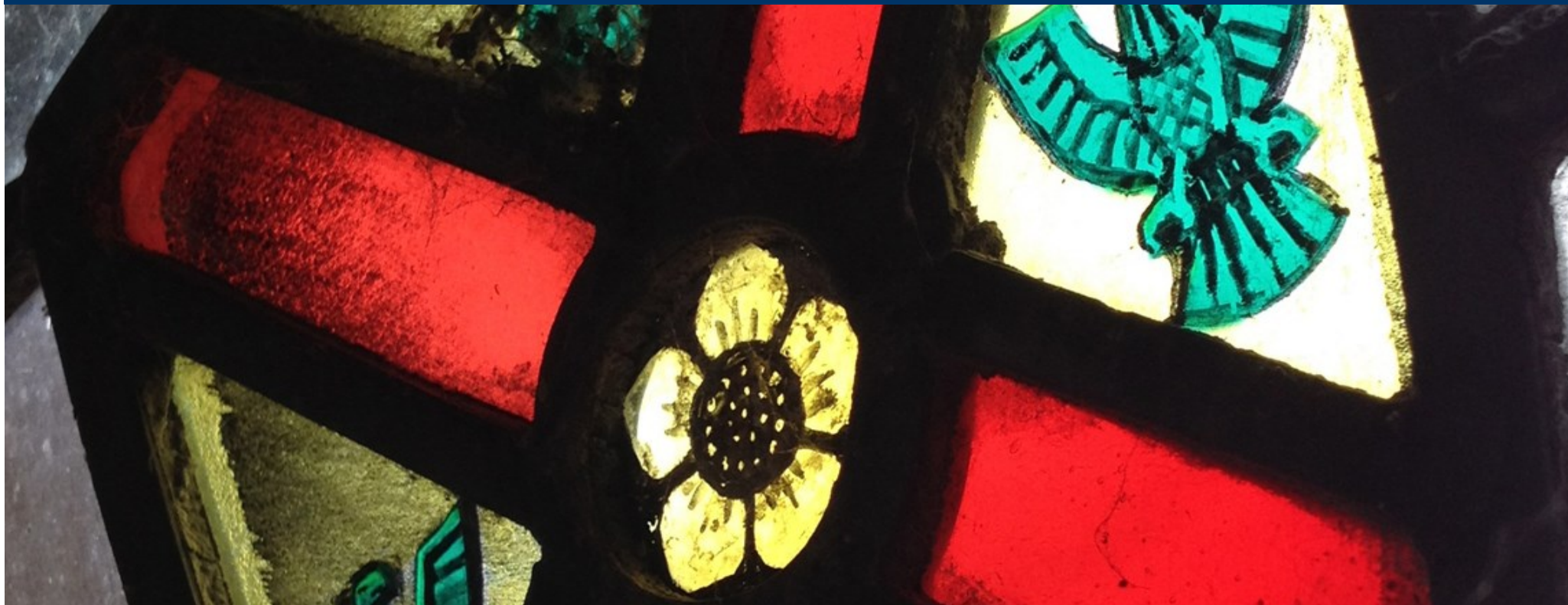


# GRADUATE SPORTS COACH



FOR SEPTEMBER 2016



BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

## The History of Barnard Castle School

Barnard Castle School has its roots in the medieval past and its eyes set firmly on the future of its children. The School traces its origins back to the nearby Hospital of St John, which was an educational and religious community established by John Balliol in 1229. John Balliol also established Balliol College in Oxford and his passion for learning remains central to our philosophy today. In 1883 with a gift from Benjamin Flounders, a Victorian philanthropist, and the proceeds of St John's Hospital, the present main School building was constructed.



## The Opportunity

The Headmaster is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic sports graduate to live in School and join a vibrant, successful departmental team from 1st September 2016. This is an excellent opportunity for a young graduate who is seeking opportunities to gain experience before embarking on a career in teaching.

The post would involve at least five afternoons and three mornings of games coaching per week as well as the opportunity to gain valuable teaching experience and mentoring from the expertise in this strong Department.

The candidate will be expected to help coach and manage teams and should be proficient in at least Rugby or Hockey with the ability to offer coaching and assistance in another major sport.

The successful candidate would also be expected to provide efficient and competent administrative assistance to the Games Department.

Full involvement in the life of this busy and happy community would be both encouraged and expected, including some evening duties in one of our boarding houses.



## The School

Situated in its own extensive grounds on the outskirts of an historic market town in an area of outstanding natural beauty, Barnard Castle School is a warm, friendly, busy and purposeful School which fosters strong senses of community and endeavor. A co-educational school for pupils aged 11-18, it has its own Preparatory School for boys and girls aged 4-11, situated on an adjacent site. There are 500 pupils in the Senior School and a further 200 in the Prep School. The Sixth Form currently numbers 150 pupils.

While academic achievement lies at the heart of what we do, as a Christian foundation we never forget the importance of fostering mutual respect and decency amongst our pupils. We believe that all our children have something to offer, and we are driven by a desire to find areas where each of them can excel. Sport features strongly both in timetabled curricular PE, Games and in extra-curricular activities. PE is also taught as an academic subject at both GCSE and A'Level.

The School accepts both day pupils and boarders, the latter currently numbering around 170. Boarding is largely British with a small number of overseas students, particularly in the Sixth Form.

The School was described at its last inspection by ISI in 2011 as:

*“a well-managed and well-resourced school which is professional and forward-looking in outlook and which has high aims for all its pupils, but which still encapsulates the traditionally unpretentious ethos of this immensely busy, friendly and happy boarding and day school.”*

Further details about Barnard Castle School may be found on the School's web-site [www.barnardcastleschool.org.uk](http://www.barnardcastleschool.org.uk) .



## Sport

Sport at Barnard Castle is well-resourced and enjoys an enviable reputation for its pupils' achievements on a broad variety of fronts. The School is very proud of many Old Barnardians who have achieved representative honours in a variety of disciplines.

In addition to the major sports of rugby, hockey, netball and cricket, the School promotes a number of other sports and many of our pupils are accomplished in them. Squash is highly popular and successful and we have two excellent recently refurbished courts. The School also fields swimming teams and we have our own pool, a large well-equipped sports hall, an excellent modern fitness suite, a dance studio, a floodlit "astro-turf" pitch and an all-weather court for tennis and netball. We also field successful teams and individuals in cross-country and athletics.



Sports Day is always a celebration of athletics and is enthusiastically supported, whatever the weather!



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## Job Description for Graduate Sports Coach

REPORTING TO: DIRECTOR SPORT

### Overall expectation

- To assist the Director of Sport in the delivery of his Departmental Plan for Sport in Barnard Castle School
- To help to promote enjoyment and competence in Sport at Barnard Castle School
- To help to develop competitive teams in Rugby/Hockey/Cricket.



### Key Areas of Responsibility

- Full involvement for all timetabled Games lessons including those of the Prep School
- Refereeing or umpiring in occasional Rugby, Hockey or Cricket fixtures during the week and the main fixtures on Saturdays
- Coaching teams as appropriate to experience each term
- Running team practices within our Activity Programme throughout the year
- Playing a significant role in the delivery of off-site programmes in the local community
- Ensuring that Sports results are collated for the school website
- Updating weekly Sports information on the school website and notice boards
- Covering occasional classes and invigilation as required by the Second Master
- Involvement with evening duties for one of the Boarding houses

**In order to meet the high standards expected of a member of staff in our school, the Headmaster is seeking to employ a person with the following qualities, experience, skills and abilities.**

**Essential Criteria:**

- A good, relevant honours degree
- Evidence of being skilled in Rugby/ Hockey/Lacrosse
- Leadership qualities, including energy, resilience and the ability to enthuse and motivate others
- A commitment to career in schools
- Clear and effective communication skills
- An ability and willingness to make a significant contribution to the extra-curricular life of the School
- An ability to relate well to colleagues and children
- Approachability, accessibility and flexibility
- High levels of organisation





## Desirable Criteria

- An excellent health and attendance record
- The ability to develop and maintain effective relationships with all members of the school community and outside agencies
- Relevant coaching, refereeing or umpiring qualifications
- Experience of playing one of the School's major sports at least to Club level
- Sympathy with the Christian values of the School and the nature of working in a boarding environment
- Evidence of good management, which incorporates detailed planning, successful implementation and effective monitoring and evaluation of strategies

## The Appointment

The position is residential and free accommodation and – during term time – free meals will be provided. The salary will be £10,000 per annum.

As a one-year position, this is an excellent opportunity for a graduate who wishes to apply for teacher training in the future.



## Applications

If you feel that you can meet these requirements then please submit a letter of application along with the Barnard Castle School Application Form and a CV, if desired, to the Headmaster by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016**. A CV is not required, but may be submitted at the discretion of the applicant.

Applicants may telephone to discuss matters relating to the advertised post with the Headmaster. Applications should be sent to the address overleaf.



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