

THE Leys

Sport at the Leys

As part of the core curriculum, games are played on three days each week. The team sports undertaken are Hockey, Rugby, Netball, Tennis, Cricket, Rowing and Swimming. Competitive fixtures are normally held on a weekly basis which, over the course of the academic year, involve most pupils. From Year 10, pupils not involved in these sports can undertake other individual sports within the “Games Options” programme, such as Athletics, Fitness Training, Dance, Squash and Badminton. Almost all pupils undertake three games activities on their games afternoons, each week. Among the late afternoon activities between 16:30 and 18:20, a large number of sports are available such as Badminton, Basketball, Squash and Volleyball. These can be played competitively against local opposition including the Cambridge University Colleges. In more individual sports such as Trampolining, Gymnastics, Athletics and Cross Country, pupils have the opportunity to participate in district and county competitions.

The main sports complex includes a large sports hall, an up-to-date fitness centre, a projectile range with indoor cricket nets, three squash courts and an aerobics area. A full-size floodlit Astro turf pitch on site and a full-size Astro at our Latham Road ground provide the base for hockey throughout the Autumn and Lent terms. They convert to twenty-one tennis courts for summer games. A 25-metre heated indoor swimming pool is available throughout the year, while the School's boathouse (a replacement building will be completed by summer 2016) enables pupils to pursue rowing. The main field at School has the 1st XV pitch and 1st XI cricket square. It also has three Tennis/Netball Courts. The School's second playing field at Latham Road - just ten minutes' walk from the School grounds - has approximately 20 acres of grass fields and three hard Netball/Tennis courts and a 6 lane enclosed cricket net facility. The ground is jointly used with our Foundation partner Prep School, St Faiths.

The quality of our coaching is excellent, with competitive sport played to a high standard and pupils achieving District, Divisional and National representation. The proximity of Cambridge and its University enables the School to enlist the help of a host of peripatetic coaching staff specialising in particular fields. Professional coaches are employed in a number of areas such as rugby, swimming, rowing, tennis and cricket, linking with The Leys

Sports Academy. The Head of the Strength and Conditioning/Sports Academy runs a programme to support the most gifted pupils in setting fitness and performance goals under the guidance of mentors who also act as a link with appropriate clubs and county associations.

The Games Department is made up of five full-time members of staff (The Director of Sport, Head of Rugby, Head of Hockey, Head of Tennis and Games Professional Coach), eight part-time department staff (Head of Netball, Head of Cricket, Head of Rowing, Head of Swimming, Head of Dance, Sports Professional Coaches, Head of Strength and Conditioning/Academy) and two Sports Graduates. The games programme is then supported by a large number of coaches from the teaching staff and a number of external coaches. The department is administered by the Director of Sport.

The Sports Graduate receives free accommodation and free school meals during term time, use of the school Gym and Swimming pool and membership of the school's contributory pension scheme.

Sports Graduate Job Description

We welcome applications from final year undergraduates or those who may have graduated in the summer of 2023 or 2024. The successful applicant may already have an interest in a future teaching career, but this is not essential. (However, applicants may be interested to know that our six previous Sports Graduates have all made successful applications onto PGCE courses.) The ability to coach one or more of our major games offered (hockey, rugby, cricket, netball or tennis) is required. The Sports Graduate will assist the PE Department in the delivery of practical sessions, mainly at Key Stage 3 level. He or she will also assist the Director of Sport with the administration of sport throughout the School and will be expected to participate fully in the department's extensive extra-curricular programme. There may be opportunities for involvement in the school's wider pastoral programme.