

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 S&C, dance, squash and badminton. Almost all pupils undertake three games sessions 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 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 Astroturf pitch on site and a full-size Astroturf pitch 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 we share a well-equipped and modern boathouse with three Cambridge colleges that enables pupils to pursue rowing. The main field at School has the 1st XV pitch and 1st XI cricket square. It also has tennis and 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, a six-lane cricket net facility and three hard netball/tennis courts. 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, hockey, tennis, swimming, rowing and cricket. The Head of the Strength and Conditioning/Sports Academy runs a programme to support the most able 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 currently made up of seven full-time members of staff (The Director of Sport, Head of Rugby, Head of Hockey and Academy, Games Professional Coach and Resident Games Coaches), six part-time department staff (Head of Netball, Head of Cricket, Head of Tennis, Head of Rowing, Head of Swimming, Head of Squash) 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 and overseen by the Deputy Head (Wider Curriculum).

Cricket

In Cricket at The Leys we aim to foster a sense of enjoyment in all those who participate, to offer quality coaching for players of all ages and abilities, and to organise competitive fixtures against schools in the local area and further afield. At present, the school runs five girls' teams and nine boys' sides, from Year 7 to the Sixth Form. We also aim to stretch our top cricket players and help them progress to the highest representational honours. There is a strong fixture list including Felsted, Ipswich, Brentwood and The Perse. The boys' sides have enjoyed success in county, regional and national tournaments as well as on their circuit in the Eagles Nest competition. Our girls' cricket programme is particularly strong with the Senior Girls touring the United Arab Emirates in February 2024 and our U15s team reaching the last four in the Country, in both indoor and outdoor Competitions. In 2021 our U18 girls team also reached the last four in the country.

The Appointment

This appointment offers an exciting opportunity to help drive forward achievement in cricket throughout The Leys School, coaching girls and boys and supporting its development through all age groups. The successful applicant will report directly to the Head of Cricket and Director of Sport. The precise hours for this coaching will be agreed between you and the Director of Sport in liaison with the Head of Cricket.

For details of our staff benefits, please visit our website [Why Work at The Leys - The Leys](#). Accommodation may also be available if required.

The salary for this role will depend on the experience of the candidate and the hours agreed.

Mr Ben Elston, the Director of Sport, would welcome informal contact with interested parties by email (bce@theleys.net) or by telephone (01223 518523).