



King's College
TAUNTON



POSTGRADUATE ASSISTANT TEACHER (SPORT/PE)

CLOSING DATE:
FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2026



HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

At King's, we are committed to ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to unlock their potential, regardless of background or circumstance.

Thank you for your interest in the role of Postgraduate Assistant Teacher at King's College.

King's College is an exciting, forward-looking and rewarding school to work in. We support all staff to develop their teaching and pastoral skills, providing frequent access to high quality professional development, utilising the skills and experience of colleagues through our peer-coaching programme and tailoring professional development to each individual and their aspirations.

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We look forward to hearing from you and considering your application.



Michael Sloan
Executive Head, King's College Taunton

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ABOUT THE SCHOOLS

King's provides continuous day and boarding education for girls and boys aged two to 18 years. It comprises King's College Prep which has approximately 300 children from 2 to 13 and a senior school with approximately 400 pupils from 13 to 18.

The schools are situated on separate sites in the south west of England and combine traditional values with state-of-the-art facilities. Both schools are run by one governing body, with many functions (marketing, strategy and finance for example) undertaken jointly.

King's College has a rich and welcoming family and community ethos. Just over 60% of the pupils board. For a relatively small school, it has an enviable record of success in all areas.

The school has regularly topped GCSE and

A-level league tables for Somerset. A broad range of co-curricular activities is offered, and the school is renowned for its success in sport, music, performing arts, fine art, design technology and outdoor pursuits. In many of these activities our pupils have achieved success at national and even international levels.

Good discipline is encouraged in a firm and positive way within a supportive pastoral framework. King's College is strong on manners and social skills. Pupils go on to thrive at good universities and in their professional careers. In short, King's is a purposeful, outward-looking, down-to-earth, highly successful school.



KING'S COLLEGE

South Road, Taunton TA1 3LA

Main School Building

- 1 The Chapel
- 2 The Quad
- 3 Dining Hall
- 4 Woodard Room
- 5 Latin
- English
- Philosophy of Religious & Ethics
- Modern Foreign Languages - upstairs
- 6 Main School Corridor
- Headmaster's Office
- PA to the Headmaster's Office
- Examination Office
- Admissions Office
- Careers Office
- Maths
- 7 Philip Richards Building
- Library - upstairs
- IT Helpdesk
- Visitor toilets
- 8 Headmaster's House
- 9 Silvermead Studio and Arts House
- 10 Briar Lee Tennis Courts
- 11 Sixth Form Centre
- Head of Sixth Form Office
- Development Office
- 12 School Uniform Shop
- 13 Cookery School
- 14 Laundry
- 15 Shooting Range
- 16 CCF and Outdoor Pursuits
- Stores
- Chindits
- Army/Navy/Marines
- 17 Finance Office
- 18 Design Technology Centre
- 19 Squash Courts
- 20 First Team Cricket Pavillion
- 21 First Team Cricket Pitch
- 22 Buttler's Ramp
- 23 Tennis and Netball Dome
- 24 Tennis and Netball Courts
- 25 Sports pitches (rugby/cricket/athletics/football)
- 26 All-weather Hockey Pitch
- 27 Cricket Pavilion
- 28 Athletics Cabin
- 29 Sports Performance & Cricket Centre
- 30 Swimming Pool
- 31 Changing Cabins
- 32 Sports Hall
- Climbing Wall
- Gym
- PE Classrooms
- 33 Science Centre
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- History
- 34 Geography Centre
- 35 The Amphitheatre
- 36 The Theatre
- Black Box
- Auditorium
- 37 Music School
- The Octagon
- Music Technology
- Practice Rooms
- 38 Medical Centre

- A Bishop Fox House - Boys
- B Carpenter House - Girls
- C Meynell House - Girls
- D King Alfred House - Boys
- E Taylor House - Girls
- F Woodard House - Boys
- G Tuckwell House - Boys

A RURAL COUNTY OF ROLLING HILLS

Taunton is surrounded by natural beauty, with the Blackdowns, Mendips and Quantock Hills on the doorstep, plus Exmoor National Park, the Somerset Levels and Dartmouth are a short drive away.

Somerset is renowned for its cheddar cheese and cider. A wealth of apple orchards once made Somerset the cider capital of the UK, whilst the Cheddar Gorge caves are still used to mature cheese today.

Taunton is the county town of Somerset, in the South West of England. It is a busy market town located between junction 25 and 26 on the M5.

A growing commercial and residential centre, Taunton has a splendid small theatre, the County Cricket Ground, a successful rugby club, a delightful museum, the usual shopping outlets and restaurants, and a regular farmers' market.

If you love the great outdoors, you can be on the beach in 40 minutes and the Quantocks are just 15 minutes away. For those who prefer city lights, the fast West Country train service reaches Paddington in under two hours. By car, Exeter is 25 minutes south, Bristol 35 minutes north and you can reach Bath in about an hour.



THE POST

This is an exciting opportunity for a postgraduate to work at one of the strongest and most successful sporting schools in the country. The work will be fun, varied and exciting and will allow the post holder to generate experience and knowledge to potentially further their career in teaching/coaching or life in general. You will be part of a thriving team involving 5 full-time PE teachers, 10 heads of sport, a strength and conditioning team as well as numerous full/part time sports coaches.

We have an array of indoor and outdoor sports facilities across both schools and one of the leading school sports programmes. The school thrives on sporting achievement and continues to reach the latter stages of national cups across a multitude of sports. We are renowned for producing top sports performers who regularly go on to represent universities, professional and international teams when they leave King's. In amongst these are the likes of Jos Buttler, Maddie Hinch, Tom Banton, James Rew and Will Smeed. We currently have 60 pupils on our high-performance programme, which has been designed to support and challenge our pupils who are in academies or performance centres. Our prep school also has a wonderful sports programme that supports pupils of all abilities as well as those regularly playing at county or regional level.

Our Postgraduates (PGATs) will receive mentoring support both from a sports coaching point of view as well as PE teaching throughout their time with us. This will involve a weekly review meeting and the opportunity to observe lessons and coaching sessions regularly.

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

- Direct responsibility to assist with the coaching of sport at King's to include running a team in each of the three school terms (core sports). This will involve accompanying teams to fixtures and officiating matches.
- To work as part of the PE programme or strength and conditioning team as per qualifications, experience or desire to learn and be involved. This may involve some academic/practical PE lessons (providing cover or to gain experience).
- To assist with minor administrative tasks within the sports department at the discretion of the Assistant Head Co-Curricular or sports leadership team.
- To help with the management of the sports facilities and to provide support for school or external based bookings throughout the year. This will involve working closely with the Commercial Events & Lettings Manager.
- To undertake any normal duties expected of a teaching member of staff which help with the general running of the school.
- To assist with boarding duties once per week as well as occasional weekend activities for boarders.
- To provide support on activity afternoons either during our high-performance sport sessions or activity slots (such as Chindits/CCF/hobbies etc).
- To provide support for any trips, matches or camps we run throughout the year at the discretion of the Assistant Head Co-Curricular or sports leadership team.

REMUNERATION

The post will come with the following:

- Salary of £15,100 per annum.
- Free shared accommodation.
- Three meals per day during term time.
- Full King's College coaching kit.
- Provision and costs covered of relevant CPD at the discretion of the Assistant Head Co-Curricular.
- Free use of all sports facilities throughout the year including the gym, swimming pool, squash courts etc.
- Added incentive for the candidate to continue their time at King's as a PE PGCE student, should they be successful in securing this opportunity after their first year.

PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

| | Essential Criteria | Desirable Criteria |
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| Qualifications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree level qualification in sports science or similar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recognised coaching level of 2 or higher in any of our core sports |
| Skills and Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coached and/or played sport to a high level in at least one of our core sports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to coach across numerous sports |
| Personal Qualities and Abilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passionate about coaching / teaching sports • Perseverance and patience • Confident at communicating with others and a willingness to try new things | |

The qualities and experience outlined in the person specification will be assessed by the following methods:

- Sight of original qualifications
- King's College application form
- Interview, including teaching a lesson
- References from current employer and other, chosen, professionals

King's College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safe welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS



Candidates are expected to have read the enclosed appointment policy and agreed to the terms within.

King's has its own pay scale and there are discounts at both King's College Prep and King's College for staff children.

Please write a brief letter of application, addressed to the Headmaster, and complete the application form enclosed and send by email or letter to:

King's College HR Department
c/o King's College, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3LA

recruitment@kings-taunton.co.uk

01823 328105 / 01823 328231

The closing date for applications is Friday 13 February 2026.

Interviews will be held in the week beginning 9 March 2026.



We encourage.
We are courageous.
We are King's.



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