



**GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT - SENIOR SCHOOL  
(FOR GIRLS BOARDING HOUSE)  
(FIXED TERM CONTRACT)**

**Job Description**

- TITLE OF POST:** Graduate Teaching Assistant – Fixed Term Contract (Sept 2018 – August 2019).
- RELATIONSHIPS:** The post holder is directly responsible for the Head of Department and the Deputy Head (Pastoral).
- FUNDAMENTAL TASK:** Graduate Teaching Assistants are seen as an important part of the Pastoral and Academic teams at Monkton. They are expected to help with various activities during the school day, to be resident on site to the girl's boarding house, and to help care for the boarders after the academic day has finished and at the weekends. Specific specialisms and dependent on person, experience and qualifications and in line with the needs of the school.
- SPECIFIC DUTIES:**
1. All lessons are taught by suitably qualified teachers, and Graduate Teaching Assistants provide extra help under the guidance of such teachers, primarily in sports and PE. The main sports at the senior school are hockey (all students play), rugby, cricket and rowing, tennis and netball.
  2. Many extra-curricular activities take place at Monkton. GTA's are encouraged to become involved and to offer at least one activity per week, either to help with something they are interested in, or to learn new skills.
  3. Helping with invigilating exams and being part of a team which covers classes for members of staff who have to be away.
  4. Carry out three evening duties 9 – 11pm a week.
  5. Helping in the Sixth Form Centre.
  6. GTA's also join the external trips as a member of staff, this may include helping with Sunday afternoon outings.
  7. Providing Reception cover on Saturday mornings on a rota basis.
  8. Assisting with lunchtime registration.

9. GTA's will be asked to help with a variety of activities, depending on their interests and abilities and time permitting. Precise responsibilities within the above to be confirmed, although can include helping with:
  - a. The Learning Resource Centre
  - b. The Learning Support Department
  - c. The Chaplaincy
  - d. The Music Centre
  - e. The ICT Centre
  - f. Art and Photography
  - g. Drama

**Note:**

The post holder may be reasonably required to perform duties other than those given in the job description for the post, especially in relation to the pastoral side of school life. The particular duties and responsibilities attached to posts may vary from time to time without changing the character of the duties or the level of the responsibility entailed.



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**Person Specification**

	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	Degree Qualification or equivalent	Hold a recognised Coaching Qualification  First Aid Training
<b>Experience</b>		Coaching skills in general sports  Previous experience of working with children
<b>Knowledge And Understanding</b>	Good playing ability and technical knowledge  The flexibility and ability to coach pupils aged 11 – 18 of varying abilities.	Knowledge of issues relevant to education and child development  Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, SEN and Child Protection  Basic knowledge of needs of children
<b>Skills</b>	Mindful of the need to behave appropriately and professionally at all time with pupils, their parents and peers.  Attention to detail  Able to communicate well and establish firm and consistent boundaries  Able to keep clear records  Organisational skills	

<b>Personal Attributes</b>	Motivated and enthusiastic  Able to work as part of a team and flexible in their approach to workload, tasks and providing cover as required by the school.  Honest and trustworthy  Sympathy with School's Christian ethos  Understand and engage with the school's Vision, Mission and Values through their everyday activities	
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### **Child Protection (Safeguarding) including EYFS**

Monkton takes Child Protection very seriously. To this end, all appointments are made subject to satisfactory DBS clearance.

The interview will include questions about safeguarding children. Monkton's Safeguarding (Child Protection including EYFS) Policy includes the following information:

The framework provided is an ordered, purposeful, happy and caring community. Pupils are encouraged to develop moral discernment. High standards of behaviour are expected and young people are asked to treat others with courtesy and respect. The School sets out to create a secure basis for living in community and to achieve a balance between thoughtfulness towards others and freedom for the individual to develop his or her own personality. Good pastoral care is central to the life of the School, through the Principal/Heads, Houseparents, Tutors, the Chaplain, the Medical Centre Sister and other members of staff.

#### ***Specific Objectives***

- 1 To foster pupils' educational development through all areas of the curriculum so that their self-esteem is raised, enabling them to acquire skills, attitudes and coping strategies which will help them to make reasoned decisions based upon sound judgement and valid information.
- 2 To provide a variety of opportunities for discussion with their peers and teachers in which the ground rules of confidentiality, tolerance and trust are observed.
- 3 To teach problem-solving techniques, assertiveness skills and respect for themselves and for other people. To encourage them to be responsible members of the school community, who will develop into caring adults with regard to their families and to society.
- 4 To maintain links with parents and representatives of outside agencies.
- 5 To view seriously any instances of bullying and to deal with them effectively.
- 6 To ensure that all members of the school staff understand Child Protection procedures and are alert to signs of potential or actual abuse in the categories of physical injury, neglect, emotional or sexual abuse.
- 7 To have in place effective reporting and action procedures, as required by the Children Act 1989 (Pupil > Member of Staff > Designated Teacher > Principal/Head > School Medical Officer (where appropriate) > Social Services). These are set out in more detail in the policy 'Child Abuse/Protection' in this section of the Staff Handbook.

The full Safeguarding (Child Protection including EYFS) Policy document can be found through URL: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FZCg7yFnaQkCqR\\_CkmG3FgVq99YnQAgs\\_Svrmt0FR\\_Ck/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FZCg7yFnaQkCqR_CkmG3FgVq99YnQAgs_Svrmt0FR_Ck/edit)  
If you are unable to access the internet, please request a hard copy.



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### **Equal Opportunities Policy, including EYFS (Nov 15)**

The Equal Opportunities Policy Statement and Policy Statement on Harassment at Work are designed to implement the commitment of the School to Equal Opportunities. It is the responsibility of every employee to ensure his or her own conduct conforms to the expected standards and reflects these Policy Statements.

The aim of the Policies is to encourage harmony and mutual respect between individuals in order to promote good working practices with a view to maximising performance.

If these Policies are not implemented, then valuable talent and potential are wasted. Moreover, when unfair discrimination, harassment, bullying or victimisation take place they bring about a climate of fear, insecurity and poor work performance. As well as being unlawful, this affects morale. The School aims to comply with all relevant UK and European legislation.

Monkton Combe School has been registered as a school with a religious character by the DfES. As such the School is able to advertise for and appoint teaching staff who have specific Evangelical Christian faith that is central to the ethos and tradition of the School. In specific circumstances this authority enables positive discrimination in favour of Evangelical Christians.

It is vital that every employee understands his or her responsibilities. Equal Opportunities are taken very seriously by the School and wilful failure to apply the Policies or evidence of discrimination, harassment, bullying or victimisation will result in disciplinary action which may include dismissal.

#### **The Equal Opportunities Policy Statement**

1. The School values the individual contribution of people irrespective of sex, age, marital or civil partnership status, disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, race, colour, religion or belief, ethnic or national origin. The School is committed to ensuring that no applicant for employment or member of staff is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be justifiable. This applies in particular but not only in relation to recruitment and selection, promotion, transfer and training opportunities, benefits, terms and conditions of employment, grievance and disciplinary procedures, termination of employment including redundancies, and conduct at work.
2. All employees should be treated equally with dignity and respect. The School will use its best endeavours to provide a working environment free from unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation on the grounds of sex, age, marital or civil partnership status, disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, race, colour, religion or belief, ethnic or national origin, pregnancy or maternity.
3. The School recognises its legal obligations, including those under the Race Relations Act, Sex Discrimination Act, The Equal Pay Act, the Equality Act and the Part Time Workers legislation.
4. The School is designated as a School with a religious character by the DfES. This may be taken into account when recruiting staff when appropriate to do so. Notwithstanding this, the School undertakes to review periodically its selection criteria and procedures to maintain a system where individuals are selected, promoted and treated on the basis of their merits and abilities.

5. The principles of non-discrimination and equality of opportunity also apply to the way in which staff must treat visitors, pupils, parents, suppliers and former members of staff.
6. The School will not tolerate acts which breach this Policy and all instances of such behaviour or alleged behaviour will be taken seriously, fully investigated and will be subject to disciplinary procedures if found to be discriminatory. The School further seeks to give all employees equal opportunity and encouragement to progress within the School.
7. The School promotes tolerance of each other and respect for each other's position within the School community, and provides positive images and role models, whilst seeking to avoid prejudices and raise awareness of related issues.
8. If an existing employee becomes disabled the School will make every effort to retain him or her within the workforce whenever reasonable and practicable with reasonable adjustments to assist in overcoming or minimising the difficulties. This may need to be in conjunction with a medical advisor.
9. Whenever reasonably practicable to do so, the School will install in existing premises facilities for people with disabilities. Whenever the School invests capital in new or refurbished premises, every practicable effort will be made to provide for the needs of staff and pupils with disabilities.
10. The School undertakes to distribute and publicise this Policy Statement to all employees and elsewhere as from time to time appropriate.
11. Any employee who believes that he or she may have been subjected to treatment which breaches this Policy may raise the matter through the grievance procedure.

### **Policy Statement on Harassment at Work**

1. The School believes that the dignity of every person must be respected. Harassment of colleagues or pupils is unlawful and unacceptable and will be regarded as a disciplinary offence, which in serious cases, may be classed as gross misconduct, resulting in instant dismissal. The highest standards of conduct are required of everyone, regardless of seniority.
2. The School recognises that harassment may take many forms. It may be directed towards persons of either sex. It may relate to a person's ethnic origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental attributes or some other personal characteristic.
3. Harassment may involve action or inaction, behaviour, exclusion, comment or physical contact that the recipient finds objectionable or offensive. It may result in the recipient feeling threatened, humiliated, intimidated, patronised, demoralised or less confident in their ability. Condoning such conduct may be harassment in itself. The test of harassment is, at least in part, subjective.

4. Examples of unacceptable conduct include:-

- verbal abuse, or insulting behaviour
- sexist or racist jokes, jokes about an individual's sexual orientation or jokes about an individual's physical or mental attributes
- the display or circulation of sexually suggestive or racially abusive material
- bullying, coercive, intimidating or threatening behaviour
- the ridicule or exclusion of an individual for cultural or religious differences, on the grounds of sex or sexual orientation or on the grounds of disability or other protected characteristic
- persistent teasing or constant unfounded criticism of the performance of work tasks
- unsolicited or unwelcome sexual advances, including touching, staring or commenting
- comments of a sexual nature about a person's appearance or dress
- bribery or attempted bribery.

5. An allegation of harassment must not be made lightly. If it is found that an allegation of harassment has been made without foundation and maliciously, then this will also be regarded as a disciplinary offence and in serious cases may be regarded as gross misconduct leading to instant dismissal.

6. All complaints of harassment should be made to the appropriate manager unless the complaint is regarding this person, in which case the complaint should be to that person's superior. Reference should be made to the Grievance procedure in the Personnel and Payroll Policies.

### **Statement to Prospective Parents**

We do not discriminate in any way regarding entry and the School does not treat disabled or prospective pupils less favourably for any reason related to their disabilities than it treats those to whom that disability does not apply. We welcome pupils with physical disabilities provided that our site can cope with them. However, the Senior School in particular is situated on a steep hill and whilst every effort has been made to make it as accessible as possible for wheelchair users, there are some areas where this is not feasible due to the topography. The School will always consider reasonable adjustments to admission arrangements to ensure that disabled pupils or prospective pupils are not placed at a substantial disadvantage in comparison with non-disabled pupils. We welcome pupils with special educational needs, providing that our Learning Support Department can offer them the support that they require. However, we advise parents of children with special education needs or physical disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with the Principal/Head before he or she sits the entrance exam so that we can ensure that we can make adequate provision for him/her. Parents should provide a copy of an Educational Psychologist's report or a medical report to support their request, for example for extra time or other special arrangements.

See also Special Educational Needs policy for policy relating to pupils.