



King's College

TAUNTON

Modern Pentathlon/Multi-Sport Coach

Closing Date | Friday 4 August 2023





Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the role of Modern Pentathlon Coach at King's College.

King's regularly hosts and organises a number of multi-sports events including a triathlon, biathlon and pentathlon. The King's Multi-Sports Academy is designed to offer top level coaching from former pentathlete Lydia Rivett, with numerous weekly sessions on offer each week. The club offers children and young adults in the area the opportunity to participate in the sport. Having competed in Modern Pentathlon from grass roots through to world class level, Lydia runs the club and has an in-depth understanding of the sport and training requirements for athletes at different levels.

We recognise and encourage children to take part in a variety of sports, so have built a programme that can work around other activities.

King's pupils of all ages have achieved huge success in Modern Pentathlon, with Finn M being selected to represent Great Britain at the World Triathlon Championships in Bali later in the year. In addition, Rory F and Alba D from King's Hall have recently competed at the European Championships representing Great Britain in triathlon and biathlon. Members from the community club have also competed at national and international level. Furthermore, former Pupil Sam C continues to excel in the sport recently winning a bronze team medal at the Junior European Championships.

If you would like to join a friendly, forward-thinking and purposeful independent school, we would love to hear from you.

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

MICHAEL SLOAN
Headmaster



About the Schools

King's provides continuous day and boarding education for girls and boys aged two to 18 years. It comprises King's Hall School which has approximately 300 children from two to 13 and a senior school with approximately 490 pupils from 13 to 18.

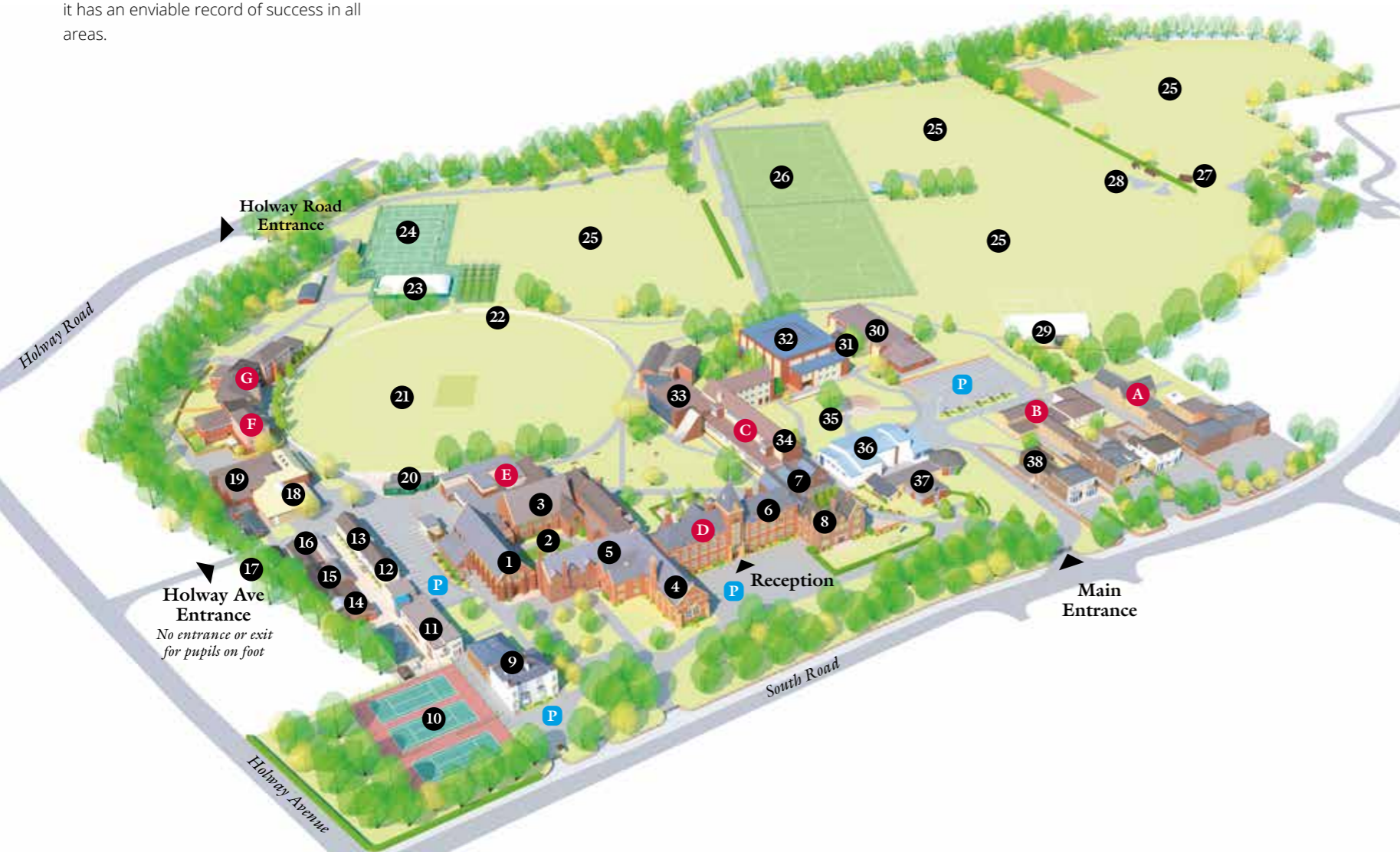
The schools are situated on separate sites in the south west of England and combine traditional values with state-of-the-art facilities. Both schools are run by one governing body, with many functions (marketing, strategy and finance for example) undertaken jointly.

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

A Rural County of Rolling Hills

Taunton is surrounded by natural beauty, with the Blackdown, Mendip and Quantock Hills on the doorstep, plus Exmoor National Park and the Somerset Levels and Dartmouth 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 Role

Post	Modern Pentathlon/Multi-Sports Coach
Responsible to	Assistant Head Co-Curricular
Hours of work	Term Time Fridays 5.45pm to 7.15pm (<i>timings and day can be flexible for the right candidate</i>)

Key Responsibilities

- To support the modern pentathlon programme (obstacle course racing, swimming, fencing, riding, running and shooting).
- To coach one or more disciplines of the modern pentathlon programme. This will be working with a small group and occasionally in individual lessons.
- Meet regularly, at least weekly, with the Assistant Head Co-Curricular or Assistant Director of Sport.
- Provide feedback to staff and players through a range of formats; presentations, video analysis.
- Work with the Head of Strength & Conditioning to improve athletes' performance and reduce injury risk
- The role will involve coaching eight to 18 year olds.

Person Specification

Essential Criteria	Desirable Criteria
Experience or keen interest in developing coaching skills in Modern Pentathlon in one or more of the sports below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pistol shooting • Laser-run • Epee fencing • Obstacle course racing • Gymnastics • Strength and conditioning 	Knowledge in Obstacle Course Racing <hr/> Level 2 coaching qualification in one or more of the below sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pistol shooting • Laser-run • Epee fencing • Obstacle course racing • Gymnastics • Strength and conditioning
Ability to work independently and as part of a team	A significant track record of developing young players
Willingness to be flexible when required.	Ability to drive a minibus (D1 licence)
A passion for the above sports and sport in general	Experience working with both boys and girls

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 a practical assessment
- 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.

Please apply by completing the appropriate King's College application form (we are unable to accept CVs without our application form).

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

Mr Craig Sweet/Mrs Sarah Matthews
 c/o HR Department
 King's College, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3LA

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