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Graduate Teaching Associate – Hockey (Residential)

Reporting to:	Director of Hockey / Director of Sport / Deputy Head Pastoral
Location:	Wrekin College
Contract Type:	Fixed-term (1 academic year), term-time plus pre-season
Accommodation:	On-site accommodation provided, with full board during term time

Purpose of the Role

The Graduate Teaching Associate (GTA) – Hockey will support the delivery of hockey across the school while contributing to the wider life of a busy boarding environment. This is an ideal role for a recent graduate seeking experience in coaching, education, and pastoral care. The role combines hockey coaching with broader involvement in sport, academic support, and residential duties.

Key Responsibilities

Coaching & Player Development (Hockey & Wider Sport)

- Assist in delivering a structured hockey programme across all age groups (e.g. U12–1st XI).
- Support coaching sessions, practices, and fixtures for designated hockey teams.
- Contribute to skill development across core areas (passing, receiving, attacking play, defensive structures).
- Assist with performance analysis and provide feedback to pupils.
- Support hockey tours, festivals, and pre-season training.

- **Contribute to the coaching and delivery of other sports as required**, depending on seasonal needs and the candidate's experience.
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Academic & Classroom Support

- Assist teaching staff in lessons across a range of subjects (as appropriate to graduate's background humanities and science background preferable).
 - Provide one-to-one or small group academic support for pupils.
 - Help with supervision of prep (homework) sessions.
 - Contribute to a positive and purposeful learning environment.
 - **Support wider classroom activities and cover where required**, demonstrating flexibility across departments.
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Boarding & Pastoral Care

- Act as a member of a boarding house team.
 - Support the Houseparent in the day-to-day running of the boarding house.
 - Undertake evening and weekend duties on a rota basis.
 - Provide pastoral care, guidance, and support to pupils.
 - Contribute to the co-curricular and social life of the boarding community.
 - **Assist with additional boarding duties as required**, including trips, activities, and supervision.
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Programme Support (Sport)

- Assist the Director of Hockey in delivering the school's hockey philosophy and seasonal planning.
 - Support the organisation of fixtures, training schedules, and events.
 - Help ensure consistency of coaching and standards across teams.
 - Assist with equipment management and pitch preparation.
 - **Provide support across the wider sports department**, contributing to fixtures, events, and programmes beyond hockey.
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Administration

- Assist with registers, match reports, and performance tracking.
 - Support communication with pupils and staff regarding training and fixtures.
 - Help coordinate logistics such as transport, kit, and matchday arrangements.
 - **Undertake general administrative tasks across sport, boarding, and academic areas as required.**
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Person Specification

Qualifications & Experience

- A good undergraduate degree (essential).
 - Strong hockey playing background (school, club, or university level).
 - Coaching experience (desirable but not essential).
 - Interest in teaching and/or a career in education or sport.
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Skills & Knowledge

- Sound understanding of hockey techniques and tactics.
 - Ability to contribute to a range of sports (desirable).
 - Ability to engage and motivate young people.
 - Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
 - Organised, reliable, and adaptable, with a willingness to take on varied responsibilities.
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Personal Attributes

- Enthusiastic, energetic, and proactive.
 - Positive role model with high personal standards.
 - Approachable, supportive, and resilient.
 - Strong sense of responsibility and commitment.
 - Flexible and willing to contribute fully to all aspects of school life.
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Additional Expectations

- Active involvement in the boarding house, including evening and weekend duties.
 - Contribution to the wider co-curricular programme (e.g. clubs, trips, activities).
 - Attendance at fixtures (including weekends) and school events.
 - Willingness to support other sports, academic departments, and boarding commitments as required.
 - Commitment to professional development and training opportunities.
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Safeguarding Statement

Wrekin College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful candidate will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check and participate in safeguarding training.