



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for showing interest in the position of School Nurse, we are excited that you are interested in working at Putney High School and hope the information below will give you an insight into our ethos and aims as a school, and why we believe Putney to be such a rewarding place to work.

### The Spirit of Putney

Putney High School has been at the forefront of educating girls since 1893 when it began life as 'East Putney High School'. Over 125 years later, we are one of the UK's leading independent girls' schools, a pioneering school of the Girl's Day School Trust (GDST) and consistently ranked among the top performing schools both in London and the UK.

Putney High School is situated on a large and leafy campus at the top of Putney Hill in south west London. The site comprises a Junior School, a Senior School and a purpose built Sixth Form Centre, enabling us to provide an inspiring, academically exceptional and truly relevant education for over 1000 girls aged between 4 and 18 years old.

There is a real "spirit" about the girls that come here who are inspired to develop the love of learning, the "can-do" attitude and the character that are a hallmark of our many trailblazing alumnae, and which make the school such an exciting and rewarding place to work.

We are a community of bold and curious thinkers where staff and students are enabled not only to fulfil their ambitions, but to branch out intellectually beyond the confines of the curriculum. Putney's departing Year 13 are consistently awarded the highest grades at A Level, and go on to further study at the finest educational establishments in the UK and around the world.

Putney pupils are stretched, supported and encouraged to find their passions by teachers who love their subjects. We are a leading learning community whose award-winning research projects not only inform our practice but have been recognised by the Chartered College of Teaching, seeing us shortlisted for TES Independent School Awards and i25 among others. We are also immensely proud to this year have a finalist in the Pearson National Teaching Awards. Our innovative teaching methods and research into the Science of Learning keep us at the forefront of our profession, and allow us to ensure that every pupil and member of staff is given the opportunity not only to achieve his or her potential, but to truly flourish.

Putney is a forward-thinking school that believes not only in the importance of a first rate education, but in offering one that is relevant to a fast changing future. There is excitement and opportunity in

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the air here – pupils have a voice and there is a bold inquisitiveness which sees staff and students collaborate in fresh new ways, making the most of cross-curricular links between departments and fuelled by a genuine passion for new ideas and technologies. As a result, Putney features regularly in the UK media, Headmistress, Suzie Longstaff is a regular commentator at conferences in the UK and abroad.

We are committed to equipping young people with the creative mindset and the adaptability that will set them apart in the modern world. Our *Putney Ideas Exchange (PIE)* and *Residency programme* offer students access to a wide range of thought leaders and experts in their fields.

While Putney students are unashamedly ambitious and love to win, they also just love to take part and pursue their passions with energy and enthusiasm, finding time for a huge range of interests and activities. An extensive co-curricular programme offers a vast array of sports, art, music, drama, clubs and societies – many of which are devised and run by pupils themselves.

Being such a busy London school, we take seriously our responsibilities to our community and embrace involvement with local schools and institutions through volunteering and other outreach initiatives. Ours is a kind, healthy and happy community that while it is high achieving, remains compassionate, down-to-earth and aware of responsibilities to one another and to the wider world. Our *Breathe* and *Positive Schools* programmes focus on environment and wellbeing, taking action to encourage positive behaviours and habits of mind. Putney students go on to be ambassadors for these values in every sector and in every corner of the globe, ready for adventure, conscious of their responsibilities, and eager to achieve the many exciting goals that they pursue.

Whatever role you play in our vibrant school community, our democratic and tolerant ethos provides the best possible working environment, one where the wellbeing and personal development of every individual is respected and enabled to thrive and where every door is open to you.

## **Rewards and Benefits**

The GDST offer a variety of benefits such as:

- Competitive Salaries
- Access to extensive professional development opportunities
- Training grants for qualifications
- Generous pension schemes
- Free life assurance benefit
- A discount of up to 50% on fees for children at GDST schools
- Interest free loans for training, computer purchase loans and season travel ticket loans
- A Cycle to Work scheme
- Competitive terms and conditions of employment

## **Location & Transport Links**

The school benefits from excellent public transport links from the local area, Central London and beyond.

We are only a 10 minute walk from Putney Rail Station (about 15 minutes from Waterloo) or from East Putney underground on the District Line.

The school is located halfway up Putney Hill on the left hand side as you drive up the hill between Carlton Drive and Lytton Grove.

From Putney Rail Station turn left out of the station, cross the Upper Richmond Road at the traffic lights and walk up Putney Hill. From East Putney Station turn left out of the station and take the first left, Carlton Drive. Follow the road round at the top where it meets Putney Hill. The school is immediately on the left.

## Applications

Applications should be made on the GDST application form (CV's alone will not be considered). Please include a covering letter addressed to me explaining why you are wishing to apply for this position at Putney High School.

Your completed form and letter addressed to me should be emailed to: Helen Batchelor, HR Manager at [recruitment@put.gdst.net](mailto:recruitment@put.gdst.net).

**The closing date is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, applications to be received by 12.00 midday**

**Interviews will be held on week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

## Conditions of Employment

This is a "regulated position" under the Criminal Justice and Courts Act, 2000 and the postholder will be required to undergo a criminal background check. All new staff in the GDST are subject to a probationary period as specified in their contract of employment (normally 6 months) during which time their work performance, conduct and attendance will be reviewed.

Thank you again for your interest in the role and if you have any particular questions about any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact Helen on 020 8788 4886 (ext. 27939).

I wish you the best of luck with your application.

Yours faithfully,



Suzie Longstaff  
Headmistress