



POCKLINGTON SCHOOL

Ages 0 to 18



Applicant Pack
Sports Assistant
May 2026





School Information

Pocklington School was founded by John Dolman in 1514 as part of a guild whose aims encompassed support for the poor and sick or the parish as well as the foundation of a school “for bringing up the youth in virtue and learning”

The foundation was thus based on a commitment to the value of education and to the creation of opportunity for those who would take their place in a society which was finding itself increasingly in need of an expansion of education. Today there is, in the school, a similar commitment to quality of education and the upholding of high standards in all facets of life.

We value our Christian foundation: of course pupils and staff comprise individuals of different faiths and beliefs but there is a desire to aspire to Christian values.

The majority of students are day pupils but there are also boarding pupils across 2 boarding houses accommodating senior and junior boys and girls. The Senior School and the Prep School work closely together, with the facilities across the site available for all ages. The school is fortunate in having good playing fields and plenty of open space and gardens. There are excellent facilities, including a fine theatre, a sixth form centre, a superb library, an Art and Design Centre, a swimming pool and other sports facilities.

We have recently expanded our provision to include a brand new state of the art nursery accommodating babies up to 4 years.

Set in extensive grounds on the edge of Pocklington, 12 miles east of York, we offer a unique working environment based within a historic market town, but close to major cities and heritage coastlines. The East Riding of Yorkshire is a wonderful place to work and live, with one of the local villages, Bishop Wilton having recently featured at number 5 on the Sunday Times' best secret villages to live in list.

Staff are supported by approachable and knowledgeable colleagues. You will be encouraged to undertake development opportunities and will find a friendly and welcoming working environment. We offer a community and family feel, not just a workplace.

Strategic Education Vision 2020-2026



The Pocklington Values of Courage, Truth and Trust, along with the nine Virtues which underpin them, are embedded in every aspect of Pocklington School life to sustain, inspire and galvanise the whole School community

ETHOS AND VALUES

A Pocklington Education is:

Academically challenging, supportive and individually personalised

Holistic, broad and full of opportunity

Family and community focussed

Grounded in our Values and Virtues

One that embeds personal and social responsibility

Designed to ensure pupils are adaptable and future-world ready

Inclusive and caring with a Christian ethos that welcomes all faiths and none

AIMS

We aim to:

Uphold our Pocklington Values and Virtues in all that we do

Broaden our pupils' horizons and raise their ambitions

Work closely with families in educating their children

Nurture innovation and adaptability and be proud of our tradition

Be a great place to live and work

Ensure our Foundation's long-term future

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Our strategic objectives are to:

Foster and deliver teaching and learning of the highest quality

Retain and develop our first-class teaching and support staff

Further improve our outstanding

- sport, music, drama and wider co-curricular program
- boarding, pastoral care and provision for wellbeing

Optimise our pupil recruitment

Cultivate a culture of giving back and increase accessibility to the school

Be sustainable and efficient

Inspire, support and celebrate equity, diversity and inclusion

Extend and deepen our links with our local, national and international community

Continue to grow a technologically capable community



Employee Benefits

The following are on offer as part of your employment with the Foundation. For further information on anything detailed here, please speak to the Human Resources Team.

Foundation Benefits:

Generous Pension Scheme – We offer competitive employer contribution rates for all staff

Death in Service Benefit – 3 times salary or last 12 months salary for casual workers

Discounted School Tuition Fees for permanent staff - with the option to spread payments over 12 months

Discounted Gym Membership - Francis Scaife Leisure Centre (Pocklington)

Employee Assistance Programme – offering a health, wellbeing and counselling service for staff and their families

Smart Health – Unlimited access to 24/7 online GP as well as a range of other health & wellbeing experts. Available to you and your immediate family.

On-site Gym and Swimming Pool

Free Lunch in term time

Free Staff Room Refreshments – in term time

Enhanced Maternity and Adoption Pay - see the policies on the Extranet under Bursarial, HR & Payroll, Policies

Enhanced Sick Pay Arrangements – detailed within the Absences from Work Policy, also to be found on the Extranet

Annualised Pay where possible – allowing for easy home budgeting

Winter car lights & tyre testing – organised by the Transport Team each January

Internet and e-mail access at work (subject to appropriate use in accordance with the school policies)

Free parking

Free library services – including holiday book loans

HMRC:

Cycle to Work scheme - This scheme is offered on a salary sacrifice basis, allowing staff benefit from reduced tax and NI payments.



Job Information

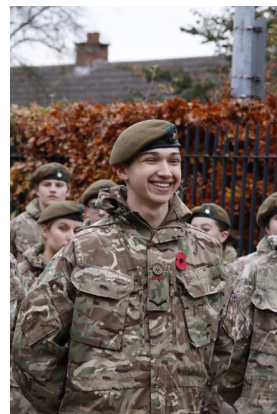
Role Title: Sports Assistant

Overall Purpose: Provide sports coaching to our pupils in PE lessons and games sessions and undertake boarding duties

Responsible To: Director of Sport

Staff Responsible For: N/A

Salary: £18,843 including accommodation and meals during term time



Job Advert

Sports Assistant (Specialising in Rugby)

required from September 2026

We have an exciting opportunity for a Sports Assistant to work with us for a one-year residential placement (7th September 2026 to 9th July 2027) which will include being part of our boarding community.

The successful candidate will work with our Physical Education and Games departments to inspire, enthuse and nurture our Prep and Senior School pupils to foster and deliver learning of the highest quality.

Ideally you will be due to graduate in Summer 2026 (or have recently graduated), however we will consider applications from candidates who don't have a degree but instead have experience in sports coaching and have played Rugby to a high standard. You will be enthusiastic, well-organised and committed to enhancing sports participation throughout our community. You will work with competitive teams at all levels; therefore, we are looking for someone with high-level playing or coaching experience ideally in Rugby, although those skilled in Hockey, Netball, Cricket, Tennis or Athletics would also be looked upon favourably. Experience of strength and conditioning or similar sports science programmes would also be beneficial, although not essential.

In addition to assisting with the delivery of high-quality PE and Games lessons, you will support team fixtures and contribute to our extensive co-curricular sports programme. This role offers an excellent opportunity to develop coaching and pastoral skills, making it ideal for those considering a career in teaching or sports coaching.

This is a residential post, providing valuable pastoral experience through involvement in our boarding community. You will assist with evening and weekend duties, balanced by time off during the week. You are not normally required to work during school holidays, although there may be opportunities to take part in sports tours and special coaching days.

In return, you will benefit from structured support and coaching from experienced colleagues within our successful PE and Games departments, alongside the support of our friendly and collaborative school community, located twelve miles east of York.

You will receive an annual salary of £18,843 with accommodation and meals provided during term time.

For more information or to have a chat about the role please call 01759 322666 or email popelya@pocklingtonschool.com

At Pocklington School we strive to inspire, support & celebrate equity, diversity & inclusion, indeed this is so fundamental that it is one of our core strategic objectives. As such we are committed to promoting equality and diversity within our workforce. As part of our recruitment process, we actively encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds, experiences, and identities, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability and age. We recognise the value of diverse perspectives and believe that a diverse team enhances innovation, creativity and success. We strive to create an inclusive environment where all employees feel valued, respected and empowered to contribute their best. Pocklington School Foundation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced disclosure via the DBS.

Job Description

GRADUATE SPORTS ASSISTANT

Reporting To:

Director of Sport for Games with management links to the Head of PE for KS3; Deputy Head (Pastoral) for boarding duties; Prep School Sports Coordinator for Prep School duties.

Regulated by the Assistant Head (Staff Development and School Operations) of the Senior School.

Main Purpose:

Assist the Director of Sport in the delivery of his Departmental Plan for Sport at Pocklington School, helping to promote enjoyment and competence in sport by developing competitive teams in two or more of the following sports: Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Netball, Tennis, Athletics. Assisting the Boarding House Parents in the running of the Boarding House. Assist the Head of Sporting Development with the delivery of the school athletic development program.

Child Protection

The post holder is responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom they are responsible, or with whom they come into contact, and will adhere to and ensure compliance with the Foundation's Child Protection Policy Statement at all times.

If, in the course of carrying out the duties of the post, the post holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the school they must report any concerns to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead or to the Head.

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POCKLINGTON SCHOOL FOUNDATION

You will play an active part in coaching our pupils as well as undertaking a range of responsibilities within the boarding houses thus developing pastoral skills. This will be valuable experience to contribute towards a career in teaching or coaching.

Main Duties - Sports

- Full involvement for all timetabled games lessons and selected PE lessons, including those of the Prep School
- Coaching and leading teams and running team practices throughout the year
- Refereeing, umpiring or supervising Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Netball, Tennis or Athletics fixtures during the week and the main fixtures on Saturdays
- Be involved in the delivery of the school's Athletic Development Program
- Playing a significant role in the delivery of off-site programmes in the local community

Main Duties - Boarding

- Involvement with boarding duties which will include evenings and weekends – Full details available on request
- To implement the school's boarding principles
- To implement the National Minimum Boarding Standards for welfare and pastoral care in the house
- To perform any other key tasks which the Housemaster/mistress may reasonably assign.

General Duties

- Covering occasional classes and invigilation as required by the Senior Deputy Head (Academic).
- To encourage pupils to adopt a healthy lifestyle.
- To take part in the staff appraisal system as organised by the school.
- Work to uphold the school's virtues and values through the school's strategic education vision.

The above main duties are not exhaustive and may vary without changing the character of the job or level of the responsibility.

Person specification – Graduate Sports Assistant

	Essential criteria	Desirable criteria	How measured
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of playing at least 2 of the sports offered • Previous Coaching experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of playing one of the school's major sports to at least Club level 	Application Form, Interview
Education and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of appropriate sports CPD • A good degree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant coaching, refereeing or umpiring qualifications • First Aid Training 	Application Form
Skills and knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of being skilled in the sports being offered • Clear and effective communication skills • Good understanding of the Sports offered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of good management, which incorporates detailed planning, successful implementation and effective monitoring and evaluation of strategies 	Delivery of Coaching Session
Personal attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership qualities, including energy, resilience and the ability to enthuse and motivate others • An ability and willingness to make a significant contribution to the extra-curricular life of the school • An ability to relate well to colleagues and children. To be mindful of the need to behave appropriately and professionally at all times with pupils, peers and parents • Sympathy with the Christian values of the school and the nature of working in a boarding environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High levels of organisation and initiative • Approachability, accessibility and flexibility • A commitment to a career in schools or sports coaching 	Interview

Child Protection: this post is subject to acceptable references and clearance from the Disclosure & Barring Service as part of the Foundation's commitment to providing a safe environment for our pupils.

Recruitment Timetable

Closing Date: 9am Friday 5th June

Expected Interview Date: To be arranged

Expected Start Date: 7th September 2026

Please apply online using the MyNewTerm applicant tracking system
<https://mynewterm.com>

This can be accessed through <https://www.pocklingtonschool.com/work-with-us> where you can find out more about working at the Pocklington School Foundation.

Please ensure you read the following policies in the “related documents” section

- application process and safer recruitment guidance
- recruitment of ex-offenders policy statement
- policy regarding disclosure information
- GDPR privacy notice relating to the Recruitment Process

These policies are also available to view on the key recruitment policies page of our website along with our safeguarding children policy

<https://www.pocklingtonschool.com/work-with-us>

We can also send these to you as a hard copy if requested.

For further information please contact Abby Popely, HR & Recruitment Advisor:

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Thank you for your interest in working with us and we look forward to receiving your application.

