



TRURO SCHOOL

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Information for Candidates **Assistant House Parent**

Commence January, 2023

Part Time / Term-Time Only

From Kieran Topping Business Director



Welcome to Truro School!

Thank you for your interest in the role of Assistant Houseparent here at Truro School.

Our School is steeped in 140 years of history, and is Cornwall's leading coeducational independent school for children aged 3-18. We are situated over two campuses. The Senior School educates around 840 pupils and is set within 40 acres of sports fields and open spaces overlooking Truro and its iconic Cathedral. The Prep School educates around 300 pupils and is located next to the Royal Cornwall Hospital. We have superb facilities and resources at both sites that support our forward-looking educational ambitions.

Our Cornish setting allows us the privilege of working in a thriving city surrounded by beautiful rural and coastal opportunities. Our educational philosophy is to promote inclusive excellence, academically, pastorally and via a vibrant co-curriculum, for all who join our school.

Underpinned by a welcoming and liberal Methodist ethos, we champion the values of curiosity, courage, creativity, compassion and confidence in all we do. We want all our pupils to be and to become the very best of themselves, embracing the richness of a broad and forward-thinking education. We want our staff to be excited by what we are able to provide for the children under our care.

We are an "excellent¹" co-educational school that is large enough to offer many diverse and exciting opportunities, but small enough to know our children and families well. We champion an ambitious, broad and balanced education, and we hope that everybody who joins us will feel an important part of this flourishing community.

For a flavour of life here at Truro School please look at our website www.truroschoo.com and view our virtual tour, where you will see and hear from staff and pupils, and find a glimpse of who we are and where we work.



Kieran Topping

Business Director

¹ As judged by ISI in 2017 at both our Senior and Prep Schools

Job Description: Assistant Houseparent

ACCOUNTABLE TO:

The Housemaster/mistress; Head of Boarding

GRADE:

NT1 on the Truro School salary scales.

CORE PURPOSE:

This is a part time position to support the effective running of the boarding houses, and to ensure that the pastoral and wellbeing needs of the boarders are met.

Ideally it would be combined with a Resident Tutor role – see separate job description.

This role comes with 25 allocated hours per week to be used flexibly, across all the boarding houses, to support the Head of Boarding/Housemaster/Housemistress and Medical team to ensure that key functions detailed below are completed.

KEY TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Support and assist the Housemaster/Housemistress during emergencies such as medical, fire and/or missing boarder.
- If resident, to manage effectively the morning, evening and weekend operations of a boarding house when on duty, to provide overnight emergency cover and to ensure that the pastoral needs of the boarders are met.
- To supervise boarders in the boarding houses and onsite (such as in the dining room) when scheduled for duty.
- To oversee administrative tasks such as travel and laundry for boarders with guidance and oversight from Head of Boarding/Housemaster/Housemistress.
- Provide cover for absent non-resident or resident tutors and/or the Housemaster/mistress.
- If resident, assist with early wake-ups (eg swimmers/choristers) and late returners (eg fencing/trips/delayed trains) when on wake-up duty or overnight cover.
- Assist and lead in weekend activities including a trip to Truro/Park for junior houses, a Saturday evening social activity, and a trip outside of Truro, and return receipts from house card to HsM.
- Attend and contribute to boarding staff meetings.
- Liaise with parents and guardians if needed when on duty (for example a late returner from a weekend away) or to update regarding pastoral or medical matters.
- Be aware of the National Minimum Standards for Boarding and take actions to ensure that the boarding house is compliant
- Be aware of and follow the Boarding Risk Assessments and Boarding Health & Safety Policy.
- To prioritise the safety, wellbeing and safeguarding of boarding students, and to be aware of and follow whole school and boarding policy with reference to these.
- Help with the preparation of the boarding houses before the start of term and support with noticeboards, posters and communication across the wider school and boarding community.
- To act 'in loco parentis', as a fair and reasonable parent would when on duty, whilst maintaining effective communication with parents, Head of Boarding, Housemaster/ Housemistress.
- To carry out duties, as directed by the Head of Boarding, and in conjunction with your Line Manager, beyond the normal duty rota in the event of boarders being present in the boarding house, for example if a flight is delayed at the end of term, or an ill boarder is staying in the boarding house.
- Undertake continuous professional development to help to enhance the care and supervision of boarders.

- To supervise boarders who are present in boarding houses (e.g. Senior Girls) during weekday afternoons or during other scheduled duty hours.
- Manage the boarders' laundry service for all boarders and liaise with the Laundry Attendant (who washes and irons the laundry).
- Assist with the medical care of boarders and liaise with the Medical Centre nurses.
- Liaise with Estates staff carrying out maintenance work.

PERSON SPECIFICATION:

Essential:	Desirable:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a good degree or high-level relevant qualification, with a passion for working with young people • a strong work ethic and high levels of organisation and planning • excellent communication skills, both written and verbal • ability to engage with students and develop positive and meaningful working relationships • personal warmth and the ability to connect with pupils • ability to work as a proactive member of a team • ability to take initiative and solve problems • the desire to inspire others to lifelong activity and learning • support for independent education and specifically the values and ambitions of Truro School • a D1 driving licence (or a willingness to obtain) • sensitivity to the Methodist ethos of the School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience working within a residential or medical setting • Experience working with young people • Knowledge and understanding of the concepts and skills essential for pupil success • Knowledge of the pastoral needs of young people and an understanding of how best to protect their wellbeing • First Aid qualification

Truro School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening including checks with past employers and a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

We embrace diversity and promote equality of opportunity. We welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Our Motto

Esse Quam Videri, meaning 'to be, rather than to seem to be.'

Founded by Methodists in Cornwall in 1880, our School is a welcoming community in which children and adults can flourish, thrive and be happy. They enjoy being and becoming the very best of themselves.

Our Values

From nursery through to Sixth Form, the values our community nurtures are:

- **Curiosity** to always want to discover and learn more, academically and more widely too.
- **Confidence** to build resilience by learning from both successes and failures alike.
- **Compassion** to understand and champion the needs of others, in our community and beyond.
- **Creativity** to be imaginative in how we express ourselves and approach new challenges.
- **Courage** to enjoy becoming the very best of who we are, with integrity and ambition.

Our Ambition

To be a community of inclusion and excellence delivering the best educational journey in the South-West.

Our community and its culture reflect our Methodist foundation and our ongoing evolution in an inspiring Cornish setting. In an ever-changing world, we support and challenge young people to thrive – personally, spiritually, academically, socially, and physically. We value our pupils in the diversity of their identities, beliefs, abilities, talents, interests, backgrounds, and needs. The happiness, energy and wellbeing of our community shapes and inspires who we are and who we can become.

Academic Life

Many of our pupils at Truro School celebrate exceptional results as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their lives, education and career. Our Upper Sixth pupils enjoy places at some of the best universities in the world including Oxford, Cambridge, and a range of Russell group universities.

57% of GCSE and iGCSE grades in 2022 awarded were 9-7 (or A*/A), with just under 18% at grade 9.

In the same year, we were pleased to report 63% of A-Levels were graded A*/A. Furthermore, 81% of all A-Level grades were graded at A*-B, with a 100% pass rate.

Further information can be found here: www.truroschoo.com/senior-school/academic/results

The Co-Curriculum

We believe that a rich co-curricular life is a key ingredient of an excellent education. Whilst having fun, participating in a wide range of activities, without academic pressures, pupils broaden their horizons and learn a new skill or extend existing skills. This develops confidence, self-esteem, teamwork and independent-thinking, communication skills and social development across all year groups.

Our aim is for every Truro School student to leave us with a breadth of knowledge, understanding and a desire to continue with their selected passion. We encourage students to try a variety of activities, to embrace challenge, success and failure in order to grow.

Sport

Truro School has an enviable reputation for the high quality of its sporting provision. Several teams compete nationally and the School hosts elite sportsman in the fields of windsurfing, fencing and sailing to name but a few. All abilities are catered for and every student is encouraged to participate in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Music

Truro School is one of the most busy and vibrant music departments in the country and is home to the Truro Cathedral choristers. Music is evident in all year groups with over 60 concerts each year involving our ensembles, choirs and bands. Tuition is available for numerous instruments including cello, violin, flute, clarinet, saxophone, drums. Over a third of our school undertake instrumental or vocal lessons each week from 30 of the county's top specialist teachers.

Major events each term include the annual Hall for Cornwall Concert, the Junior and Senior Charity Concerts, jazz band and Nine Lessons and Carols.

Drama

Truro School is renowned for the quality of its drama productions which are held in our professional Burrell Theatre. The school runs a number of major productions throughout the year including the annual whole school play or musical, an annual sixth form drama project (including performing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival every two years) and the junior play in the summer term.

Cornwall

Truro School is located in the county of Cornwall, in south west England. It is surrounded almost exclusively by water which makes it ideal for those who love to spend their downtime at the beach, surfing, sailing, windsurfing or just enjoying a coastal walk. With the nearest beach only a 15-20 minute drive either north or south from Truro School, it is most certainly a life style choice of many. Take a look at www.visitcornwall.com for more information about how to get here, where to stay and what's on.



TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

If you are appointed to the role, a formal offer will first be made verbally and then followed up with an offer letter and contract of employment. The following are for guidance and may or may not be available at the time of offer. Benefits are subject to change from time to time.

- Competitive salary based on the Truro School salary scales
- Pension scheme
- Lunch provided
- Free membership of the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre and pool facilities
- Free weekly fitness classes for staff only
- Access to a wide range of books, magazines and DVDs through the School library
- Free parking
- Free fruit, tea, coffee and espresso machine
- Discounted school fees
- Employee Assistance Program
- Cycle to Work scheme
- Employee benefits platform
- Continued Professional Development and training possibilities

Terms of Employment

The role is for a part-time Assistant Houseparent. Ideally it would be combined with a Resident Tutor role – see separate job description. The roles are term-time only.

Salary

The part-time Assistant Houseparent role has an annual salary of £10,395pa. Truro School has its own pay scales.

Pension Scheme

Truro School complies with its legal obligations to provide access to a pension scheme. Non-teaching staff have a pension via L&G whereby the School double-matches an employee's contribution, up to an employee contribution of 5%. So, where an individual contributes 5% to L&G, and the School will make a 10% contribution.

Employee Assistance Program/Employee Benefits Platform

Truro School utilises Care First as our EAP provider so all employees have access to a 24/7 helpline and website support. In addition, this platform gives to access hundreds of discounts, offers and savings from high street retailers to holidays, Marks & Spencer to Bloom & Wild.

Other Employment Checks

The offer of employment will be conditional upon satisfactory receipt of the following;

1. Proof of right to work in the UK
2. Enhanced criminal background check (DBS) & Barred List check
3. Two satisfactory references
4. Evidence of qualifications held
5. Overseas criminal record check (if you have resided or worked out of the UK in the past 3 years)
6. TRA and section 128 check (if applicable)
7. Fit to Work Questionnaire
8. Acceptable self-disclosure form



APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for this position, you will need to complete and submit a formal application using our Truro School application form. We are unable to accept any CVs. This should be emailed to recruitment@truroschool.com or mailed to the School address.

Through the submission of your application form you should demonstrate your qualifications, skill, and experience in relation to the role you are applying for. This information will be assessed against the requirements detailed in the job description.

Once the closing date for applications has been reached we will shortlist applicants and you will be contacted in order to either be invited to interview or to be notified that you have not been successful this time. Our shortlisting process utilises anonymised application form in order to avoid any bias. If you are called for interview you will be asked to provide your right to work in the UK evidence, complete a self-disclosure form and a provide a copy of your qualifications. Additional selection methods such as a presentation or activities/tasks may be used and you will be notified in advance if that is the case.

References may be taken up prior to interview.

All applicants must be prepared to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and undergo any other appropriate child protection screening including checks with past employers.

The post for which you have applied is exempt from Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975, amended 2013. If you are shortlisted and invited to interview, you must declare any relevant warnings, reprimands, cautions and/or convictions by completing a self-disclosure form prior to interview. Any positive disclosure will be discussed at interview.

Any information given will be treated in strict confidence and will be considered only in relation to your application for this post. Truro School does not discriminate against candidates with irrelevant criminal convictions. For further information on which offences should be disclosed please visit:

<http://hub.unlock.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/What-will-be-filtered-by-the-DBS.pdf>

and/or view the flowchart on our employment webpage.

Candidates who have a disability or any other special requirement should let the school know so that reasonable adjustments can be made during the recruitment process.

You should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in the application being rejected or summary dismissal if the applicant has been selected and possible referral to the police and/or Department for Education.

We look forward to receiving your application.

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