



Gardener

Wrekin College is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school. The pupils are aged between 11 and 18 years. The School enjoys an excellent reputation in both academic and sporting achievements, and is situated on a site of approximately 100 acres on the outskirts of Wellington, a medium-sized Shropshire market town. The Old Hall Preparatory School shares the site and facilities.

We are seeking a full-time gardener to join our Gardens and Grounds team.

Responsible To: Head of Gardens and Grounds

Main Purpose of Job:

- To provide efficient and effective day-to-day gardens maintenance.
- To support and assist the Head of Gardens and Grounds and the Head of Operations in the planning and implementation of long-term garden maintenance and improvement plans.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- To deliver excellent standards of garden maintenance and presentation through:
- Provision and seasonal maintenance of flowers including trees, hedges, shrubs, roses, herbaceous plants and annuals.
- Non-specialist propagation and plant production and maintenance under glass.
- Use of garden machinery as necessary including mowers, strimmers, tractor and trailers, shredders, scarifiers and other machinery and hired plant.
- Maintenance of paths, gates and other hard landscaping
- To make suggestions to the Head of Gardens and Grounds and Head of Operations on possible schemes and to keep both fully informed of the progress and developments in the garden.
- To draw up small designs for areas around the site and propose suitable planting plans to complement the designs.
- To design and implement vibrant and interesting seasonal plant displays for all areas of the site.
- To advise on planting schemes, landscaping and maintenance of all residential staff gardens.
- Optimum use of composting systems.
- To support the Estates Department in other tasks, as directed by the Head of Operations.

Health and Safety:

- Advise the Head of Gardens and Grounds on all risk assessments and method statements for use of garden equipment.
- Ensure that appropriate PPE is available and worn at all times as required.
- Ensure that all equipment is fully serviceable and has undergone all servicing and repairs required before use.
- Keep hand tools and small garden machinery in good clean condition.

Salary will be dependent on experience.

Closing Date 2nd April 2024

CVs will only be accepted as supporting documentation. Please go to our website www.wrekinoldhall.co.uk and download an application form.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment, Further information from <http://www.wrekinoldhall.com>

All shortlisted candidates will be social media screened in accordance with the KCSiE guidance.

The successful applicant will be subject to a disclosure and barring list check and other child protection screening including previous checks with previous employers.

Under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 it is a criminal offence for a person over 18 (e.g. teacher, matron, sports coach) to have a sexual relationship with a child under 18 where that person is in a position of trust in respect of that child, even if the relationship is consensual. This applies where the child is in full-time education and the person works in the same establishment as the child, even if s/he does not teach the child. Moreover, whatever the age of the pupil, a sexual relationship between an employee and a pupil will be considered an abuse of a position of trust and gross misconduct, likely to result in dismissal.

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons. Registered Charity No 52841