



Grounds Person (Sports Pitches)

OVERVIEW

The Grounds Person (Sports Pitches) is responsible for the preparation and maintenance of sports playing surfaces to a high standard year-round to include; rugby, football, hockey, lacrosse, cricket and athletics. The role will also include general estates duties, as directed by the Head of Grounds or the Estates Manager. The schools' sports pitches are essential to both the Prep and Senior schools and host local and national sports programs.

This role will be specifically centred around the school's sports pitches but the post holder is expected to assist in the upkeep of the whole estates grounds as directed by the Grounds and Estates Managers.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Pitch preparation and maintenance; mowing, scarifying, rolling, marking and autumn renovation
- Mowing, aeration, scarifying and fertilising; tractor mounted and pedestrian machinery
- Line marking; Initial setting out, marking and weekly over-marking
- Clean and maintain machinery and equipment to maintain good working order
- Daily maintenance of grounds,
- Cutting grass to specified standards in non-sports areas
- Operate machinery, ride on mowers, power tools, tractors and associated plant
- Carry out all general grounds tasks, including turf care, planting, shrub & tree pruning, tree lopping, maintenance of paths and removal of weeds and leaves etc
- Maintain watercourses and repairs to hard landscape areas including small projects
- Help to repair & maintain machines & plant
- Help to maintain & repair gates, fences, sheds and out-buildings.
- Carry out weed spraying, application of fertilisers, chemicals etc.
- Attend appropriate training courses to allow safe use of chainsaws and other power equipment, if required and as agreed with the Grounds Manager
- Assist with erection & dismantling of sports equipment, goal posts, marquee etc.
- Other duties as required from time-to-time supporting other staff, as defined by the Grounds Manager, Estates Manager or Director of Estates and Services

PERSON SPECIFICATION

- Experience with sports pitches is essential
- Level 2 Sports Turf/ Horticulture
- Chemical spraying licenses (PA1,PA2 and PA6) and NPTC Cross cutting licenses are desirable, but not essential
- Ability to drive/operate machinery and plant associated with pitch care
- Be polite, professional and friendly at all times with pupils and colleagues
- Be able work as part of a team, and independently
- Be prepared to assist colleagues in a willing and positive manner, including assisting with other duties as required

- Be flexible, reliable, punctual and trustworthy
- To have the ability to manage their own time effectively and to prioritise work

TERMS

- Full time, 39 hours per week, 5 days out of 7, to include some Saturday working in preparation for fixtures
- Salary dependant on qualifications and experience