RELATIONSHIPS: The post holder will be responsible on a day-to-day basis to the House Parents of Hatton House who in turn, are responsible to the Headmaster.

FUNDAMENTAL TASK: To support the House Parents and the boarding team in the supervision of boarders in Hatton House. To assist in the smooth running of the House and ensuring that high standards are met.

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

Daily Routines
- Supervision of rising and bed times (apart from when off duty).
- Encourage tidiness and care of personal items.
- Ensure that all boarders are correctly dressed for each day’s activities.
- Encourage good manners and courtesy from pupils.
- Assist duty staff in supper and other meals as required.
- Organise match kits for school teams.
- Preparation for and induction of occasional boarders.
- Organising and taking the register during weekend duties.
- Supervision of occasional/flexi boarders’ belongings.
- Liaison with Domestic Services Manager and her team and Maintenance teams as required.
- Liaise with parents and House Parents regarding transport arrangements for boarders at Leave Weekends, half term and the end of term.
- Oversee the unpacking and packing of pupil belongings at the beginning and end of term and liaise with the House Parents regarding the appropriate safe storage of all belongings.
- Being on call overnight when resident in Hatton House as per the rota.

Laundry
- Carefully monitor the children’s laundry.
- Ensure that casual clothes are clean and in good repair.
- Repair or replace torn clothing.
- Liaison with the School Outfitters regarding school uniform provision.
- Organise the linen room for the proper storage of clothes and put away the clean laundry.
- Supervise the closing down of the dormitory at the end of term and the preparation at the beginning of term.

Medical
- Provision of basic medical care as a First Aider when nurses are off duty
  - Administer First Aid, when necessary
  - Administer certain drugs/medicines, when necessary as trained by the RGNs.
- Liaise with the School Medical Officer if required.
- Liaise with the School Nurses.
- Liaise with the Head’s office as required.
- Be aware of diet and personal hygiene of pupils.
- Make appointments for local medical needs e.g. Dentist, Orthodontist
- Escort children to dentist/doctor and A&E.
- Maintain medical records including registering new boarders with the school doctor.
Administration
● Ensure stationery stocks are maintained.
● Medical centre administration.
● Order pharmacy or clinical items under the guidance of the RGNs, inc. epipens and gumshields.
● Check first aid boxes and bags have relevant supplies (RGNs will provide list of items).
● Assist with organising medical training for the boarding staff and assist with maintaining records.

General
● Attend all staff meetings.
● Attend House Staff meetings.
● Participate in Chapel when on duty.

Note:
The post holder may be reasonably required to perform duties other than those given in the job description for the post. The particular duties and responsibilities attached to posts may vary from time to time without changing the character of the duties or the level of the responsibility entailed.
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<td>Full UK driving license</td>
<td>First Aid and Paediatric First Aid qualification or a willingness to undertake training if necessary. Medical, nursing or social care qualification.</td>
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<td><strong>Experience</strong></td>
<td>Proven success of working with young people.</td>
<td>Management of medical matters relating to pupils, including the management of prescribed and non prescribed medicines.</td>
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| **Personal Attributes** | Warm and caring disposition, so as to provide a welcoming environment for both pupils and parents.  
Empathy with and positive regard for young people.  
Well organised and professional in approach.  
Patience, creativity and initiative.  
Flexible, adaptable and able to prioritise; resilient under pressure.  
A strong team player.  
Sympathy with School’s Christian ethos.  
A commitment to professional development.  
Able to lead and manage own work effectively and take responsibility for own professional development.  
Able to work flexible hours. | A desire/commitment to being part of the whole school community. |
MONKTON PREP SCHOOL
RESIDENTIAL MATRON

Terms of Employment

Salary: The initial salary will be at Point 15 – 20 of the Support Staff Salary scale. Actual salary; £14681.59 - £17054.36 per annum for 40 weeks including pro-rata entitlement to holidays. The salary will be reviewed in April and normally annually thereafter.

Hours of Work: This is a residential position. The matron will be on duty whilst in residence during term times, plus sufficient time at the beginning and end of term / half term or leave out weekends to ensure the house is ready for leaving or returning children. The Residential Matron will also be required to attend INSET. The Residential Matron will have a protected period and off duty times to be negotiated in advance with the Head and Houseparents.

The nature of this post means that the occupation of School accommodation is necessary for the better performance of the post holder’s duties, and this is free of rent. The cost of heating, fuel and light and telephone line rental is also covered by the school but is a taxable benefit in kind.

Pension Monkton provides access to a stakeholder pension scheme as required by law. The School will comply with its obligations under the Government’s auto-enrolment scheme at the relevant time. You will be provided with details of the scheme and your right to opt out in due course. (Contributions: Employee minimum 1%. 3% from October 2017 and 5% from October 2018. Employer contribution currently 5%).

Holidays 33 days including bank holidays (pro rata for part time/part year). When a bank holiday occurs during term time this will be considered as a normal working day and the normal rules regarding holiday will apply. Holidays should be taken during School holidays.

Sickness Membership of the School’s Support Staff Sickness Scheme.

Notice This post is subject to a probation period of one year and during that time there will be a notice period of one term. One term’s notice from either party.

Medical All employees are subject to a medical report and to undergo a medical examination if required.

Retirement The normal retirement age for this employment is 65. However, the mechanics for compulsorily retiring employees have now been abolished so employees are required to provide notice in line with their contractual obligations, above, when they wish to retire.

Security Monkton Combe School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers and Disclosure and Barring Service.
Monkton takes safeguarding very seriously. To this end, all appointments are made subject to satisfactory DBS clearance. The interview will include questions about safeguarding children. Monkton’s Child Protection (Safeguarding) Policy includes the following information:

The framework provided is an ordered, purposeful, happy and caring community. Pupils are encouraged to develop moral discernment. High standards of behaviour are expected and young people are asked to treat others with courtesy and respect. The School sets out to create a secure basis for living in community and to achieve a balance between thoughtfulness towards others and freedom for the individual to develop his or her own personality. Good pastoral care is central to the life of the School, through the Principal/Heads, Houseparents, Tutors, the Chaplain, the Medical Centre Sister and other members of staff.

**Specific Objectives**

1. To foster pupils’ educational development through all areas of the curriculum so that their self-esteem is raised, enabling them to acquire skills, attitudes and coping strategies which will help them to make reasoned decisions based upon sound judgement and valid information.

2. To provide a variety of opportunities for discussion with their peers and teachers in which the ground rules of confidentiality, tolerance and trust are observed.

3. To teach problem-solving techniques, assertiveness skills and respect for themselves and for other people. To encourage them to be responsible members of the school community, who will develop into caring adults with regard to their families and to society.

4. To maintain links with parents and representatives of outside agencies.

5. To view seriously any instances of bullying and to deal with them effectively.

6. To ensure that all members of the school staff understand Child Protection procedures and are alert to signs of potential or actual abuse in the categories of physical injury, neglect, emotional or sexual abuse.

7. To have in place effective reporting and action procedures, as required by the Children Act 1989 (Pupil > Member of Staff > Designated Teacher > Principal/Head > School Medical Officer (where appropriate) > Social Services). These are set out in more detail in the policy ‘Child Abuse/Protection’ in this section of the Staff Handbook.


If you are unable to access the internet, please request a hard copy.
The Equal Opportunities Policy Statement and Policy Statement on Harassment at Work are designed to implement the commitment of the School to Equal Opportunities. It is the responsibility of every employee to ensure his or her own conduct conforms to the expected standards and reflects these Policy Statements.

The aim of the Policies is to encourage harmony and mutual respect between individuals in order to promote good working practices with a view to maximising performance.

If these Policies are not implemented, then valuable talent and potential are wasted. Moreover, when unfair discrimination, harassment, bullying or victimisation take place they bring about a climate of fear, insecurity and poor work performance. As well as being unlawful, this affects morale. The School aims to comply with all relevant UK and European legislation.

Monkton Combe School has been registered as a school with a religious character by the DfES. As such the School is able to advertise for and appoint teaching staff who have specific Evangelical Christian faith that is central to the ethos and tradition of the School. In specific circumstances this authority enables positive discrimination in favour of Evangelical Christians.

It is vital that every employee understands his or her responsibilities. Equal Opportunities are taken very seriously by the School and wilful failure to apply the Policies or evidence of discrimination, harassment, bullying or victimisation will result in disciplinary action which may include dismissal.

The Equal Opportunities Policy Statement

1. The School values the individual contribution of people irrespective of sex, age, marital or civil partnership status, disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, race, colour, religion or belief, ethnic or national origin. The School is committed to ensuring that no applicant for employment or member of staff is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be justifiable. This applies in particular but not only in relation to recruitment and selection, promotion, transfer and training opportunities, benefits, terms and conditions of employment, grievance and disciplinary procedures, termination of employment including redundancies, and conduct at work.

2. All employees should be treated equally with dignity and respect. The School will use its best endeavours to provide a working environment free from unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation on the grounds of sex, age, marital or civil partnership status, disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, race, colour, religion or belief, ethnic or national origin, pregnancy or maternity.

3. The School recognises its legal obligations, including those under the Race Relations Act, Sex Discrimination Act, The Equal Pay Act, the Equality Act and the Part Time Workers legislation.

4. The School is designated as a School with a religious character by the DfES. This may be taken into account when recruiting staff when appropriate to do so. Notwithstanding this, the School undertakes to review periodically its selection criteria and procedures to maintain a system where individuals are selected, promoted and treated on the basis of their merits and abilities.

5. The principles of non-discrimination and equality of opportunity also apply to the way in which staff must treat visitors, pupils, parents, suppliers and former members of staff.
6. The School will not tolerate acts which breach this Policy and all instances of such behaviour or alleged behaviour will be taken seriously, fully investigated and will be subject to disciplinary procedures if found to be discriminatory. The School further seeks to give all employees equal opportunity and encouragement to progress within the School.

7. The School promotes tolerance of each other and respect for each other’s position within the School community, and provides positive images and role models, whilst seeking to avoid prejudices and raise awareness of related issues.

8. If an existing employee becomes disabled the School will make every effort to retain him or her within the workforce whenever reasonable and practicable with reasonable adjustments to assist in overcoming or minimising the difficulties. This may need to be in conjunction with a medical advisor.

9. Whenever reasonably practicable to do so, the School will install in existing premises facilities for people with disabilities. Whenever the School invests capital in new or refurbished premises, every practicable effort will be made to provide for the needs of staff and pupils with disabilities.

10. The School undertakes to distribute and publicise this Policy Statement to all employees and elsewhere as from time to time appropriate.

11. Any employee who believes that he or she may have been subjected to treatment which breaches this Policy may raise the matter through the grievance procedure.

**Policy Statement on Harassment at Work**

1. The School believes that the dignity of every person must be respected. Harassment of colleagues or pupils is unlawful and unacceptable and will be regarded as a disciplinary offence, which in serious cases, may be classed as gross misconduct, resulting in instant dismissal. The highest standards of conduct are required of everyone, regardless of seniority.

2. The School recognises that harassment may take many forms. It may be directed towards persons of either sex. It may relate to a person’s ethnic origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental attributes or some other personal characteristic.

3. Harassment may involve action or inaction, behaviour, exclusion, comment or physical contact that the recipient finds objectionable or offensive. It may result in the recipient feeling threatened, humiliated, intimidated, patronised, demoralised or less confident in their ability. Condoning such conduct may be harassment in itself. The test of harassment is, at least in part, subjective.

4. Examples of unacceptable conduct include:-
   - verbal abuse, or insulting behaviour
   - sexist or racist jokes, jokes about an individual’s sexual orientation or jokes about an individual’s physical or mental attributes
   - the display or circulation of sexually suggestive or racially abusive material
   - bullying, coercive, intimidating or threatening behaviour
   - the ridicule or exclusion of an individual for cultural or religious differences, on the grounds of sex or sexual orientation or on the grounds of disability or other protected characteristic
   - persistent teasing or constant unfounded criticism of the performance of work tasks
   - unsolicited or unwelcome sexual advances, including touching, staring or commenting
   - comments of a sexual nature about a person’s appearance or dress
   - bribery or attempted bribery.
5. An allegation of harassment must not be made lightly. If it is found that an allegation of harassment has been made without foundation and maliciously, then this will also be regarded as a disciplinary offence and in serious cases may be regarded as gross misconduct leading to instant dismissal.

6. All complaints of harassment should be made to the appropriate manager unless the complaint is regarding this person, in which case the complaint should be to that person’s superior. Reference should be made to the Grievance procedure in the Personnel and Payroll Policies.

**Statement to Prospective Parents**

We do not discriminate in any way regarding entry and the School does not treat disabled or prospective pupils less favourably for any reason related to their disabilities than it treats those to whom that disability does not apply. We welcome pupils with physical disabilities provided that our site can cope with them. However, the Senior School in particular is situated on a steep hill and whilst every effort has been made to make it as accessible as possible for wheelchair users, there are some areas where this is not feasible due to the topography. The School will always consider reasonable adjustments to admission arrangements to ensure that disabled pupils or prospective pupils are not placed at a substantial disadvantage in comparison with non-disabled pupils. We welcome pupils with special educational needs, providing that our Learning Support Department can offer them the support that they require. However, we advise parents of children with special education needs or physical disabilities to discuss their child’s requirements with the Principal/Head before he or she sits the entrance exam so that we can ensure that we can make adequate provision for him/her. Parents should provide a copy of an Educational Psychologist’s report or a medical report to support their request, for example for extra time or other special arrangements.

See also Special Educational Needs policy for policy relating to pupils.