



**Rookwood School
Vacancy Details**

Position: Head of PE

Hours of Work: Full Time

Contract terms: Fixed Term – Maternity

Contract type: Term Time

Ideal Start date: 17/04/2026

Place of Work: Rookwood School, Weyhill Road, Andover SP10 3AL

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, inspiring, committed and well qualified Head of Physical Education to lead a well-established department and contribute to its excellent results at all levels. This is a fixed term, maternity cover starting in April 2026.

The successful candidate will be expected to teach and provide learning opportunities for pupils from KS1 – KS5. The post holder will be expected to actively lead and the future development of the subject both within the curriculum and in extracurricular activities.

Nestled on a leafy site in Andover, Rookwood School is a happy and thriving learning environment for pupils aged 6 months to 18 years. At the heart of our ethos is strong pastoral care, where every individual is treated with respect and dignity. Our school motto, 'Sapere Aude,' translates to 'dare to know' or 'have the courage to understand', perfectly capturing the essence of our identity. We encourage our pupils to question, explore, and achieve more than they ever thought possible.

Physical Education is a popular subject both at core and examination level. Students follow a varied core curriculum, which leads to a high uptake of entries at GCSE (AQA syllabus) and BTEC Level 3/A-Level PE. Additionally, an interest and/or experience in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, which runs at Rookwood at all three levels, would be seen as beneficial.

At Rookwood we have excellent PE facilities including a 25m pool, netball courts, tennis courts, indoor hall with pitches/courts for football, badminton, basketball, volleyball and hockey.

We are looking for a head of PE who can:

- Provide professional leadership, direction and management of the PE Curriculum in order to secure high quality teaching, the effective use of resources and improved standards of learning and achievement for all pupils.
- Teach A Level, GCSE and OCR National PE in addition to PE and Games.
- Organise and coach sports teams in both Prep and Senior Departments.

- Organise and Accompany teams to off-site fixtures
- Actively support the extra-curricular sporting programme
- Help to motivate and encourage our pupils to develop and reach their potential in sports

In return we will offer you:

- A professional, hardworking and supportive team of staff with the capability and desire to raise student achievement even further
- Enthusiastic students who are willing to learn and are proud of their learning environment
- Opportunities for further professional development
- Employee assistance provision
- Access to reduced educational fees for qualifying children
- A caring and supportive working environment within a vibrant school community

Applications are invited to be submitted via our online application portal:

<https://applicant.website/i/65A755/vacancy-info/0000000999>

The closing date for application is – 24th November 2025.

The full Job Description can be obtained directly from the vacancies section on our school website - www.rookwoodschool.org/vacancies.

We reserve the right to close this vacancy earlier than the date advertised.

Rookwood School is totally committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children & young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, as all new staff will be subject to enhanced DBS clearance, identity checks, right to work in the UK, qualification checks and employment checks to include an exploration of any gaps within employment and two satisfactory references.

All positions which involve working with children are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974).