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JOB DESCRIPTION

Sherborne Summer aims to give each student a great experience and happy memories. The courses are for students aged 8 – 17 from several countries to develop their use of English. They get a taste of life at a British boarding school and, as well as classes in English and drama, they have several other subjects such as history, science, maths and computing. Some students follow academic courses at IGCSE or A levels/IB Diploma. The course has a strong 'fun' element in a caring, friendly environment: the house parent will work closely with the deputy house parent to ensure that the boarding house runs effectively and that the care of the students and staff working in the house is always a priority.

Sherborne School Recruitment and Selection Policy Statement

Sherborne School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants for this post must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including reference checks with previous employers and a criminal record check with the DBS.

Job Title:	HOUSEPARENT RESIDENTIAL (Summer School)
Contract:	Temporary Contract for a maximum of 7 weeks from 2 July to 20 August 2025. Compulsory training sessions will take place over 3 days between Sunday 29 June and Tuesday 1 July 2025. Offers of employment are subject to the course being able to run and final student numbers.
Location:	Sherborne Newell Grange Campus and/or Main Sherborne School Campus and any boarding house.
Line Manager:	Houseparents are line managed by the Director of Short Courses who will direct them in their daily duties. Houseparents may also take direction from the Pastoral Lead.
Remuneration:	Currently £13.60 per hour (<i>to be reviewed in April 2025</i>). Hours worked until approximately the 20th of the month will be paid in arrears on the last banking day of each month direct into a nominated UK bank account. Meals may be taken in the school dining room during working shifts.
Holiday:	In view of the requirements of the course, holiday leave cannot be taken during this period of temporary employment. Houseparents are entitled to receive a pro-rata holiday entitlement of 5.6 weeks per annum which will be paid after the end of the contract period.
Hours	In your capacity as Houseparent you are likely to be on duty for up to 48 hours per week. However, as this is a residential position there may be occasions which require you to work outside of the rota.

Probationary Period: In accordance with School policy, offers of appointment are subject to a probationary period of up to six months.

All summer course contracts are subject to a one-week notice period by either side.

Medical Fitness: Any offer of appointment is conditional upon a self-declaration of physical and mental fitness to carry out the responsibilities of the role.

DBS Disclosure (Police Check)/References: As Sherborne School is registered to ask 'exempted questions' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, successful applicants will be subject to a criminal record check from the Disclosure and Barring Service before the appointment is confirmed. This will include details of cautions, reprimands or final warnings; further details are available upon request. This post is also subject to receipt of two satisfactory written references, one of which must be your current/last employer.

Post-holder's Responsibility: You share with all staff the responsibility to promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young people for whom you are responsible, or with whom you come into contact. In doing so, you are expected at all times to adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policy. If you become aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School or on the courses, you must report any concerns to the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead (Child Protection Officer) or one of the Deputy DSLs.

CORE DUTIES

The Houseparent:

- lives in a boarding house with the students, and is responsible for their safety, supervision and general welfare - taking regular attendance and holding regular house meetings;
- provides a high standard of care and supervision in the house, to supervise and maintain a good working relationship with the team of house staff (residential assistants and domestic staff) in the efficient organisation and running of the house;
- is expected to set a high standard of behaviour, dress and punctuality at all times and to ensure that house staff exhibit similar high standards;
- is responsible for ensuring the house is prepared, ready for the arrival of students at the start of the courses, that a full check has been completed with a comprehensively recorded detail of the condition of all rooms and areas of the house at the start of the courses;
- ensures that incident and accident reports are completed and appropriately filed, that house logs, sign out lists, evacuation reports, registration lists etc are maintained and up to date;
- ensuring routine and regular fire drills and Fire Marshal duties;
- delegates duties in the boarding house to resident or non-resident pastoral assistants;
- must be in the house every evening, except on their day off and is responsible for the arrangements at bedtime and waking up time for students;

- is responsible, with the resident pastoral assistants, for the writing of end of course house reports for the students in their care;
- may be required to liaise with parents/guardians and agents by phone, and respond to any questions raised by them;
- may call in Matron at any time outside surgery hours for any urgent medical problem, which a student may have;
- may be required to ensure the safe storage of medication in House and administer medicines to students in accordance with training and School protocols and in liaison with Matron;
- may be required to deliver First Aid in accordance with training and School protocols;
- is responsible for pastoral care and student discipline in the house, ensuring that any serious incident or breach of discipline by a student is reported immediately to the Director of Short Courses;
- should liaise with the domestic team to ensure that any damages are reported and dealt with, any repairs effected, and that the house and rooms are maintained clean and tidy and in good working order, calling in the Estates Department as appropriate;
- is responsible for ensuring all rooms are checked for damages against the condition at the start of the courses and for ensuring that the house is handed back at the end of the courses in excellent order, to the minimum of the standard at the start of the courses;
- ensures that any relevant COVID-19 guidance is adhered to, and any breaches are reported or resolved appropriately;
- must be alert to any and all safeguarding issues and ensure all concerns, no matter how trivial they may seem, are reported to the appropriate staff in a timely manner.

Training Requirement for Houseparent – this list is not exhaustive, and the post holder may be required to undertake other training as required by the School

Training	When
Houseparents are required to attend compulsory training sessions	Between Sunday 29 June and Tuesday 1 July 2025
Safeguarding (Child Protection)	During induction days
Prevent Training	Online module
Safeguarding Children Level 2	Online module
Conflict Resolution	Online module
Medication and Administration of Medicines training	During induction days
Food Hygiene, Level 2 Certificate	Online module
Fire Marshal	Online module
Health and Safety Essentials	Online module
GDPR in Education	Online module
Training with Line Manager	Induction days and in daily meetings
First Aid Training	During induction days

PERSON SPECIFICATION:

Personal attributes	Essential	Desirable
Ability to lead and motivate the team of resident and non-resident assistants in their boarding house, maintaining excellent communication over the shift handovers to enable a smooth consistency for the students	x	
A friendly and approachable manner	x	
Energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the role	x	
A quick thinker, with the ability to work independently and remain calm under pressure	x	
A desire and interest in working with young people	x	
A willingness to work as a team, and be able to work proactively	x	
Excellent communication skills	x	
A willingness to learn and undertake a wide range of skills and tasks	x	
A willingness to commit to a working summer fitting the dates of the courses (ie rather than trying to fit summer work around family holidays or visiting friends)	x	
Experience of working with young people		x
A knowledge and understanding of differing cultural values and issues		x
Previous experience working on a Sherborne International Summer or Easter course (or equivalent course elsewhere) in a pastoral capacity		x
Previous experience of working within a boarding house at a reasonably senior level		x
Valid first aid qualification		x
Other duties required by all School staff	Essential	Desirable
Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people	x	
Always observe health and safety procedures and safe working practices	x	
Adhere to the Staff Code of Conduct as a representative of the School and comply with all School policies and procedures	x	
To comply with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. It is the responsibility of all staff to protect data and to take all reasonable steps to ensure data are kept securely	x	
Undertake any other duties as required by the Director of Short Courses or your line manager, which are commensurate with the level of your post, to meet the changing needs and demands of the School	x	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS***Non-Smoking Policy:***

It is the policy of Sherborne Schools Group that all our workplaces are smoke free, and all employees have a right to work in a smoke-free environment. Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the school, both internal and external. This includes company vehicles. This policy applies to all employees, contractors and visitors. The use of e-cigarettes or similar is treated in the same way as real cigarettes and falls within this policy.

Pension:

Where eligible the post-holder will be automatically enrolled into the Pension Scheme, as per current legislation, on the first day of the month after completion of three months' service. Further details may be obtained from the Director of HR (Bursary).

Method of Application

To apply, please either use the Quick Apply button on TES or, alternatively, complete the Sherborne Schools Group Application form and return it to hr@sherborne.org

In the event of any queries please contact: *Samantha Belgeonne, Compliance Operations Manager*
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The School reserves the right to interview candidates as applications are received (preferably face-to-face and on mutually agreed dates and times). Vacancies will be withdrawn as roles are filled.

Please state in your application your availability to attend interview in Sherborne - or let us know if you are only available for a remote interview.