



GORDONSTOUN

**INTERNATIONAL
SUMMER
SCHOOL**

West Coast Sailing Staff

Reports to: West Coast Sailing Lead

Job Description:

Gordonstoun International Summer School (GISS) is chartering three sail training vessels (including Pelican of London) for three weeks in July to run a series of 3-night trips out of Oban on the West Coast of Scotland for their senior students (11-16 years old). We are looking to recruit staff members to work on the ships to support the students onboard.

The role of the GISS staff is primarily pastoral to supervise and support the wellbeing of the students. We are looking for excellent youth work skills, experience of working with young people in a residential setting and some experience sailing and living onboard sailing vessels, ideally sail training vessels.

GISS staff will be on a rotation during the day to supervise the students who are off watch. They will also be responsible for running pre-planned evening activities for the students. GISS staff are the first point of contact for students overnight if there are any issues, and may also be required to work night shifts to safeguard the students on board.

Accommodation and food will be provided. Accommodation onboard Pelican of London will be in a four-berth cabin shared with the other GISS staff and is likely to be a mixed gender cabin.

Role Context:

Gordonstoun International Summer School (GISS) was founded in 1976 and is widely recognised as offering one of the world's most prestigious summer programmes. 300 boys and girls, aged 8-16 and from over 40 countries attend GISS each year. The West Coast sailing experience is a critical part of the overall summer school experience, with many citing it as the most memorable and formative part of their time at Gordonstoun.

Responsibilities of all members of staff:

- Comply with Gordonstoun's policies and procedures on Safeguarding, Child Protection and Health and Safety.
- Contribute in a positive way to the ethos of the school in line with Gordonstoun's values.
- Carry out any other task as required from time to time in order to support the school.

Key Responsibilities

- Be available on a rotational basis during the day to support and supervise the off-watch students
- Be enthusiastic and encourage the students to get involved in all aspects of the running of the ship
- Assist watch leaders in ensuring the students are where they are meant to be at the appropriate time
- Help run evening activities for the students
- Be responsible for the students when they are on shore leave
- Assist the Ship's permanent crew when requested
- Supervise students on buses to and from the ships

Attributes	Essential	Desirable
Education & Qualifications		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In date first aid certificate • Full UK Driving license
Skills and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent youth work skills • Experience working with young people in a residential situation • Experience supervising groups of young people • Some experience sailing and living on boats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience on sail training vessels • Experience of other outdoor activities
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is able to interact socially with young people in a positive and appropriate way • Enthusiastic with the students and enjoys spending time with them • Positive outlook • Have experience of successful team working and be committed to a team-based approach • Uses their initiative to create opportunities for learning and challenge • Tolerance and kindness • Maintain confidentiality and be discreet 	
Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) check will be completed on the successful candidate 	