

Candidate pack

**Placement  
Sports Coach -  
Lifeguard  
For September  
2026**

*Stowe*



# Our Vision and Ethos

## We are Change Makers

Our goal is to inspire pupils and colleagues to be Change Makers who will shape positive futures for themselves, their families and the global community. Our World-class facilities support our educational aims and are shared with the wider community. We strive for excellence and celebrate achievement, valuing education as a journey and not a destination in the belief that all pupils can exceed their potential. Learning is learnable and everyone can improve. Our aim is to encourage personal development by creating a flourishing, vibrant, cohesive, caring and socially inclusive community which embraces pluralism, diversity and intercultural understanding. We celebrate differences by giving everyone a voice and then listening to multiple viewpoints. It is our collective responsibility to develop the cognitive, physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of everyone in our community. We are committed to the development of character with particular emphasis on tolerance, resilience, honesty, humility, courage, compassion, gratitude and service. We strive to attract and retain employees of the highest calibre.



Dr Anthony Wallersteiner  
**Head of The Stowe Group**

The Group's talented and committed workforce is one of our greatest strengths. We are committed to fostering team engagement, attracting, mentoring, developing and retaining our best teachers and support colleagues. We focus on employee well-being, provide opportunities for professional growth and create a culture of community and partnership. Environmental stewardship and sustainability are cornerstones of The Stowe Group.

Pupils and colleagues have a heightened awareness of their social and environmental responsibility in preserving our unique ecosystem. We have developed and implemented a comprehensive Environmental Stewardship Programme which confronts a variety of challenges, including climate change and environmental sustainability.

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# THE *Stowe* GROUP

The Stowe Group of schools (Stowe, Ashfold, Swanbourne House and Winchester House) is situated on four separate sites in Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire. Across the four schools, The Stowe Group can offer education for boys and girls from 3-18 years. Within The Stowe Group there are more than 1,800 pupils and 800 members of staff. The Schools occupy sites of historical significance in Swanbourne, Dorton, Brackley and the world-famous landscape gardens at Stowe, where we work with The National Trust to manage 880 acres and open the grounds to over 200,000 visitors a year. Stowe House is open to the public during the School holidays and for guided tours during term time. The Stowe Group is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. In 2021, The Stowe Group launched its transformational and substantive Change Makers vision and Change 100 programme.



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**SWANBOURNE HOUSE**  
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE



**ASHFOLD**  
SCHOOL



**WINCHESTER**  
HOUSE



# Job details

**Appointment of: Placement Sports Coach (Lifeguard)**

**Department: Sports**

**Accountable to: Director of Sport**

**Number of direct reports: N/A**

**Location: Stowe**

**Salary: £7,000, free accommodation and full board**

**Contract: Fixed term until July 2027**

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## **Purpose of the job:**

To be integral parts of the academic and pastoral communities within the Stowe Group schools. Primary roles are to be part of the schools’ Sports Departments and the pastoral teams supporting the boarding houses.

## **Key Responsibilities and Accountabilities:**

- To promote the aims of the Group at all times with colleagues, parents, pupils and the public.
- To play a full part in seven day a week boarding Schools with commitment to teaching, pastoral care, extra-curricular activities and School duties.
- To assist in the recruitment of pupils and to promote the Schools and Departments.
- To provide professional high quality teaching/coaching, with the effective use of appropriate resources and the highest standards of learning and achievement of all pupils.
- To attend all appropriate Health & Safety (COSHH) and Child Protection training issues related to the pupils, Schools and Departments.

## **Key Tasks**

### **1. Coaching/Management/Administration**

- To coach sports as required in the activities programme as directed by the Directors of Sport.
- To attend matches and tournaments as required.
- To supervise and run activities.
- To attend INSET for continued professional development.
- To give feedback to players to develop their performance and understanding.

## **Key Tasks continued.**

- To organise the filming of matches.
- To assist with video analysis, including organising and clipping footage so that it is ready for review.
- Ensuring all coaches are able to access the match footage and use it for team analysis and feedback sessions.
- To develop links with other Prep and local schools.
- To assist the Directors of Sport in the delivery of the Sports Scholarship programmes.
- To undertake any additional duties within reason as defined by the Directors of Sport and Pastoral Heads.
- To ensure adherence to statutory Health and Safety and Data Protection Legislation at all times.
- To ensure compliance with the current teaching staff handbooks.

## **2. Social and moral welfare of pupils**

- To take responsibility for the educational, social and moral welfare of pupils in the context of Stowe Group's boarding communities.
- Contribute to the pastoral well being of the pupils by being a member of staff on duty in the boarding houses during the evening and overnight.

## **3. Assessments and reports**

- To provide or contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual pupils and groups of pupils.

## **4. Review and Professional Development**

- To keep abreast of developments in his/her sport(s) and its coaching methods in order to maintain a high level of professional competence Staff should also participate in arrangements within the agreed framework for review and professional development, including INSET.

## **5. Discipline, Health and Safety**

- To maintain good order and discipline among pupils and safeguarding their health and safety both on the School premises and when they are engaged in School and other activities elsewhere, within the framework of the Health and Safety Policy documents.
- To adhere to and manage all appropriate Health & Safety legislation, risk assessments and Child Protection training issues.

## **6. Meetings**

- To participate in all meetings which relate to the school curriculum, school organisation and school administration and to attend Chapel, assemblies and other school events as required by the Heads of schools.

## **7. School Duties**

- To undertake the supervision of pupils during breaks, at meal times, in detention, on school journeys and on school premises as required by the duty rota.
- To be accommodated on site as required for the execution of your duties.

## Person specification

The selection of candidates for short-listing will be based on this specification and candidates should bear this in mind when preparing their application and completing the application form

Attributes	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lifeguard qualification</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A good degree or currently working towards a degree</li></ul>
Specialist Skills and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Personally committed to continued professional development</li><li>• The ability to transfer your enthusiasm and knowledge of sport to the pupils</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The ability to play and coach at least 2 sports to a high level</li><li>• Ability to referee in at least one sport</li><li>• Good ICT skills</li><li>• Driving licence</li></ul>
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hard Working, Enthusiastic and energetic</li><li>• Good team player</li><li>• Patience and a sense of humour</li><li>• Good organisational skills</li><li>• Good professional manner and appearance</li><li>• Excellent practitioner able to inspire pupils in the love of (your) sport</li><li>• Ability to communicate effectively with pupils, staff and parents</li><li>• Willingness to contribute fully to the life of busy boarding schools</li></ul>	

This job description and Person Specification reflects the present requirements of the post and as duties and responsibilities change/develop, the job description will be reviewed and be subject to amendment in consultation with the post holder

**Date Agreed: March 2026**

# Stowe SPORT



'I was really interested in joining Stowe School so I could apply the knowledge I learnt at university into a practical role. Stowe is a very rewarding, friendly and dynamic place to work.'

**Jess**, Graduate Sports Coach 2023/24 (from University of Birmingham)



'What really caught my attention about working for Stowe was the opportunity to work in multiple aspects of sport. Stowe offers me the chance to broaden my horizons, try sports and aspects of life I haven't done before.'

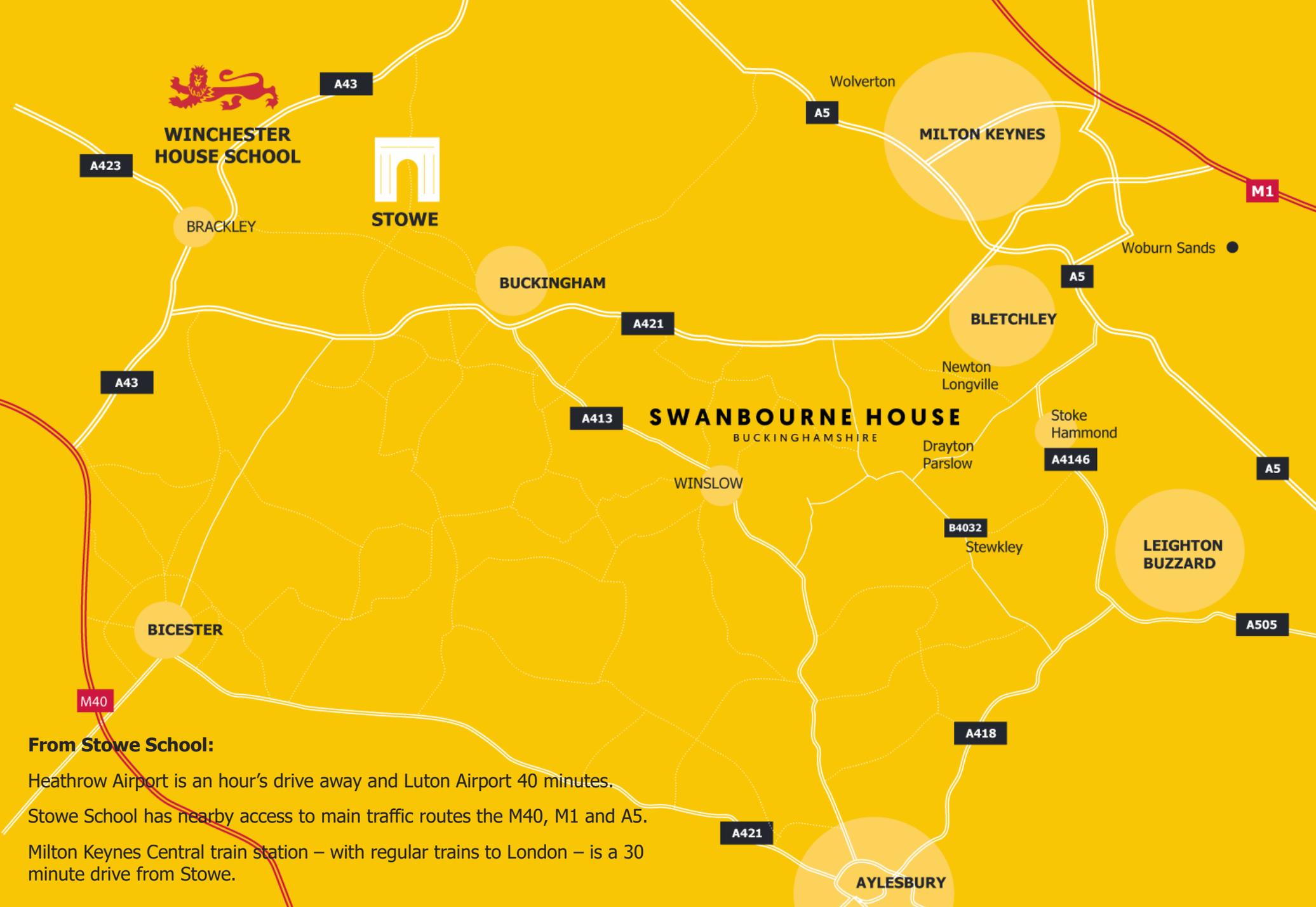
**Jack**, Placement Sports Coach 2022/23 (from Anglia Ruskin University)



'Stowe School offers an amazing opportunity for a Placement Sports Coach, with access to exceptional sporting facilities and the chance to work with some of the top young athletes in the country. Surrounded by a team of highly experienced and renowned coaches, you'll be immersed in an environment that promotes professional development and excellence.'

With accommodation and regular meals provided by the school, you can focus your time on developing your coaching skills and building relationships with athletes, making this an ideal placement for those looking to advance their career in education or sports coaching.'

**Will**, Placement Sports Coach, Loughborough University 2024/25



**WINCHESTER  
HOUSE SCHOOL**



**STOWE**

**From Stowe School:**

Heathrow Airport is an hour's drive away and Luton Airport 40 minutes.  
Stowe School has nearby access to main traffic routes the M40, M1 and A5.  
Milton Keynes Central train station – with regular trains to London – is a 30 minute drive from Stowe.



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