



The Royal School
Wolverhampton



**CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACK
VOLUNTEER BOARDING ASSISTANT
START DATE SEPTEMBER 2025**



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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the post here at The Royal School, Wolverhampton (RSW). To help you decide on whether this is the school for you it is important to understand where we have come from and where we are going.

The school is built upon a combination of things; it's unique heritage, record of academic excellence, outstanding educational environment, and the full support and endorsement of our Patron, the Earl of Wessex.

From this, the Governors and leadership team are committed to supporting wider access for pupils, of all abilities and backgrounds, to add to The Royal's rich and diverse educational offer.

The Royal School, Wolverhampton offers a unique proposition to families in Wolverhampton and its surrounding area of an 'all-through', 4-19, co-educational, nondenominational day and state boarding school, with the capacity over time to provide for 1500 pupils, through a carefully managed programme of growth.

Whilst remaining fully non-selective and dedicated to supporting pupils in need, this change process has enabled RSW to combine its traditional values and academic offer with a global perspective. All this is to benefit our pupils, and to create a dynamic outward looking, culturally diverse, yet inclusive school community. Within this, pupils acquire the rich subject knowledge, life skills, understanding and aspiration to succeed locally, nationally, and internationally.

We welcome your application to be part of our community and would love you to visit and see the school in action or call us to talk things through.



Mr Tom Macdonald
Principal





Job Description:

Job Title:	Volunteer Boarding Assistant
Accountable to:	Head of Boarding
Terms of employment:	Voluntary role with accommodation provided. 1 year initial agreement.
Start Date:	September 2025
Salary:	Voluntary but a shift allowance provided for sickness/holiday cover
Shifts:	Equivalent to two evenings a week and 1 weekend in 3.

The Post

The Royal School is looking for dynamic, innovative and empathetic School Leavers, University students or Gap year students who are looking to gain experience in boarding or education to volunteer as a boarding assistant and add to our award-winning boarding experience. The role of a boarding assistant is often the most fulfilling and rewarding role in any school and here at the Royal this is no different. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to contribute to and build on our boarding experience that has helped students achieve academic and extra-curricular success (including a gold medal and an MBE).

Boarding at The Royal School, Wolverhampton

Boarders at the Royal are a key part of the school's character, ethos and history. The school has two boarding houses, Dartmouth and Lichfield, serving boys and girls from year 7 to year 13. We have capacity for 82 boarders at present, but following expansion as part of our £46 million rebuild and refurbishment programme, this will increase to 100 students across the two houses.

Our boarders join us from across the globe and from all walks of life. We house Elite Swimmers, International Students (with British citizenship or leave to remain), and UK residents alongside a small number of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASCs) in keeping with our origins and foundation as an orphanage.





Purpose of the role

- **To support the houseparents in the organisation and management of boarding activities and trips.**
- **To help provide the caring "family" atmosphere essential for the wellbeing of the pupils**
- **To be aware of the special needs of all pupils in the boarding house particularly those from overseas or from vulnerable backgrounds.**
- **To live within the house to supply additional adult presence. This must take into account the not always obvious fact that "simply being there" is an invaluable contribution to a well-run house.**
- **To provide additional support to the houseparents in the day-to-day operations of the boarding house**

House Duties

- **They are expected to help support and provide activities for the pupils during the week.**
- **They are expected to live in the accommodation provided during term times.**
- **When on duty they will refer any problems to a houseparent (if on duty) as a first point of contact then the Head of Boarding, or the member of SLT providing cover for the Head of Boarding.**
- **When on duty, they should be present with the students in the house.**

School Duties

- **Volunteer Boarding Assistants are integrated into the boarding staff duty rota. These duties will be specified by the Head of Boarding and duty days are usually arranged to suit individual needs of the volunteer and the Boarding team.**
- **Boarding duties require the supervision of boarders including at meals times, compulsory activities and evenings.**
- **Any changes to school duties will be agreed, in advance, by the Head of Boarding.**
- **Volunteer Boarding Assistants will be supported by the core boarding team and will not solely responsible for the care of boarders, but will act to assist employed duty staff.**
- **They must maintain effective communication with the lead boarding staff on duty and share notes on student wellbeing, safeguarding, activity and behaviour with the other duty staff.**
- **They should be prepared to undertake any additional tasks, within reason, as directed by the Head of Boarding.**
- **They must be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security and confidentiality, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.**
- **These terms of service may be reasonably varied by the School Leadership as required by the needs of the school.**



Person Specification

Requirements	Essential	Desirable
Education & Qualifications		
Educated to A Level or above.		X
Willingness to undertake further work-related training	X	
Relevant experience		
Skills, Knowledge & Abilities		
Excellent literacy, numeracy and IT skills		X
Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.	X	
Accuracy and attention to detail		X
Organisation skills		X
Disposition		
Ability to think creatively and to prioritise	X	
Excellent interpersonal and communication skills	X	
Organised and self-motivated	X	
A commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.	X	
A commitment to the school values and professional standards	X	
Ability to work under pressure and to prioritise and meet deadlines		X
Willing to participate in development and training opportunities.	X	
Calm, professional and good-humoured personality	X	

Person Specification continued



Other requirements		
Candidates must demonstrate awareness/understanding of equal opportunities.	X	
A commitment to follow all requirements, training and adhere to all policies ensuring and promotion of the safeguarding and welfare of students.	X	
Candidates must demonstrate an understanding and knowledge of the individual's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people.	X	
Candidates must be a least 18 years of age	X	

The Benefits of Volunteering

To gain recognition from future employers or universities - Universities and employers like to see that you are going above and beyond and shows motivation. It also offers the opportunity to develop decision making, language, problem solving, communication and organisational skills. It also shows that you can be confident and independent, build relationships successfully, embrace responsibility and work as part of a team.

Work experience - Although you may be taking part on a voluntary basis, taking a gap year or volunteering shows potential employees that you are not afraid of working hard, taking on new challenges and working in new, challenging environments. This can greatly enhance and build your personal CV before you even start your career.





The Royal School Boarding Houses



Dartmouth House

Dartmouth Boarding House is our boys' boarding house with capacity for about 50 boarders. The aim of Dartmouth boarding house is to help shape young, ambitious boarders ready for whatever future lies ahead of them. Building on fundamental principles of the house – encouraging boarders to be honest even in difficult circumstances, demonstrate confidence in all situations and above all else show good character, Dartmouth House aims to bring together an eclectic mix of nationalities and cultures to help prepare students and equip them to be successful young adults.



Lichfield House

Lichfield boarding house is our girls' boarding house with capacity for approximately 30-35 students dependent on age. Lichfield House is dedicated to support our boarders to become young female role models, challenging themselves to achieve their goals. Building on fundamental principles of the house – encouraging boarders to learn from their experiences, to have integrity, to value friendship and to feel empathy, Lichfield House celebrates everyone's uniqueness and culture to create a calm and caring environment in the house.





School Ethos



- **Traditional values and behaviour, with a forward looking, dynamic and global outlook.**
- **Excellence in the Arts, on the sporting field, in STEM and across academic breadth.**
- **An outstanding co-curriculum and enrichment programme, provided through our extended day, which nurtures and develops young people across a range of talents, promotes skills for life and underpins academic success.**
- **An inclusive approach to building pupil motivation, aspiration, and self-esteem through our all-age family style boarding structure; vertical House system; and outstanding pastoral and wrap around care, which means that pupils entering RSW at whatever age and stage can be well supported in their learning and achieve challenging individual targets.**
- **The development of self, personal responsibility, and accountability within a vibrant and supportive extended community through our weekly and term time boarding houses, our links with The Royal's existing alumni and our outstanding programme of engagement with the wider local community.**
- **Having staff, children, and parents who are committed to learning as the passport to success.**
- **A unique physical location and setting in which to grow and develop, established within the heart of the city.**



The Royal School Values

RESPECT

The respect we have for one another can be seen in the diversity of our community and the acceptance of all pupils, staff and families for who they are. Respect is seen in the exemplary behaviour of our pupils and the care given to them by our staff.

TRUST

All success is founded on taking the first step into the unknown. We support our community to take risks and encourage them to develop the skills they need to be resilient. We aim to nurture their love of risk so they keep that excitement throughout their whole lives.

COMMUNITY

We truly feel like a 'Royal Family'. We welcome families, pupils and staff into our community and encourage everyone to play an active part in building strong links to our school. We provide opportunities through events such as Founders' Day and Prize Day.

INITIATIVE

Initiative and independent learning is built into our curriculum and encouraged through our extended day provision. We encourage our pupils to solve problems themselves and work hard to give them the tools to do so.

RISK

At The Royal School, our pupils take pride in being trustworthy learners. As a school, we trust our teachers to support all pupils in their learning and personal development. This trust is seen in the outstanding curriculum that is delivered every day, and the range of experiences on offer.





What we offer

The Royal School provides:

- An exciting opportunity to join a culture of innovative curriculum practise and a unique ethos.
- The chance to join a team of outstanding leaders and practitioners and be at the forefront of developing educational approaches across the region.
- A supportive and caring team - which aspires to develop the leaders of tomorrow and provide the best opportunities for professional growth.
- The opportunity to lead a culture that is committed to the development of 'character' enabling all children to make the best progress in their academic, sporting, musical and aesthetic experience.
- You will be passionate about continuing to further grow our expectations of high performance and outstanding pastoral care.

If you would like to contribute to our school, then we would love to hear from you!





Application Process

We are always willing to consider strong volunteer applicants and applicants will be considered on receipt

Enquiries related to the role to Mr A Large al@theroyal.school

Completed volunteer application forms to lcallaway@theroyal.school

Available from <https://www.theroyalschool.co.uk/boarding-wolverhampton-west-midlands/staff-vacancies>



How to find The Royal School

By Car: Postcode WV3 0EG

By Rail: Wolverhampton Train Station is located at WV1 1LE.

The Local Area

The Royal primarily serves the local Wolverhampton area, as well as Shropshire, Staffordshire, and the greater West Midlands. We also maintain our long-established boarding culture and have 80 boarding places taken up by students from far and wide.

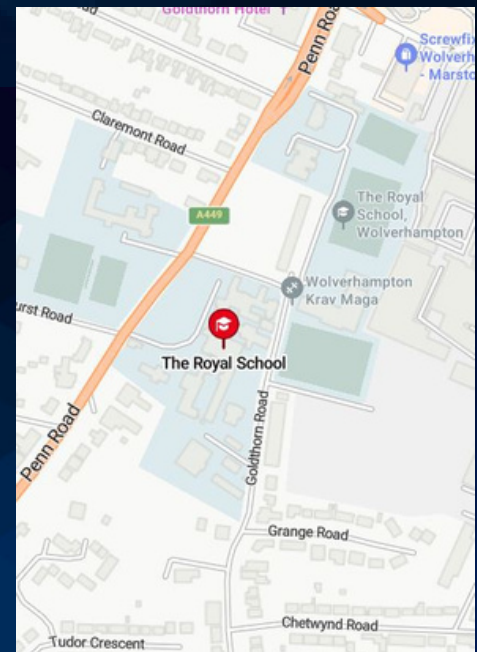
Wolverhampton is a vibrant city in the West Midlands, where you can enjoy a rich cultural and historical heritage.

Ideal for family days out to support learning visits can be made to Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Bantock House Museum Wightwick Manor.

The Halls, The Grand Theatre and Arena Theatre offer shows and entertainment.

Close to Baggeridge Country Park, West Park, The Wrekin, countryside is close to relax and enjoy walks.

Close transport links to Birmingham and Telford for more culture, shopping and a diverse selection of cuisine and entertainment.



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