



# IPSWICH SCHOOL

## ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT PLACEMENT

For the academic year | September 2026 – 2 July 2027

### THE SCHOOL

Ipswich School is one of the top schools in the country and is certainly one of the foremost independent schools in East Anglia. We have been ranked Suffolk's top independent school (*The Sunday Times Parent Power*) for many years.

We were established prior to 1399, although we moved to our present site in 1852. We have over 900 pupils aged between 3 months and 19 years and we are fully co-educational.

The most recent ISI Inspection of the Senior School rated us as *Excellent* in all categories, a judgement of which we are very proud. The School operates a 5-day week, with representative sports played during the week and on Saturdays.

At Ipswich School our key aim is to encourage pupils to realise and fulfil their potential. By treating them as individuals, providing the best possible pastoral care, and kindling a real interest in their studies, we hope that they will enjoy their education and achieve the best possible results.

### SPORT AT IPSWICH SCHOOL

For the past 2 years, Ipswich School has been ranked in the top 20 schools for sport in the UK by School Sport Magazine. Particular highlights include:

- **Cricket:** current Girls National U18 runners up T20 and semi-finalists in the Hundred.
- **Rugby:** ranked 4th in the UK in 2025-26 season
- **Hockey:** Tier 1 for both Girls and Boys, 2025 U19 Girls ISHC National Champions.
- **Netball:** U19 regional finals 2025 and 2026.

As you can see, this is an incredibly exciting time to join Ipswich School Sport.

How have we done it?

- Well-resourced, high-level coaching, including Sports Graduates
- Full use of S&C programmes, physio and analysis software.
- challenging fixture list

Whilst a focus for 2026-27 will remain on elite sports, we are also keen to embrace Sport For All.

Our facilities are outstanding and include a hockey, netball and tennis centre at Rushmere, 4 astroturf pitches, extensive playing fields for rugby, cricket and athletics at Notcutts, and our 1st XI Cricket Square at main school, which has hosted first class games and is home to two annual Suffolk 1st team fixtures. We also have two sports halls, one on site and one at Rushmere, two indoor cricket lanes, an indoor swimming pool and a new strength

and conditioning suite with the latest software. Visit our website to find out more:

<https://www.ipswich.school/sport>

## **RESPONSIBLE TO**

You will be responsible to the Head of Athletic Development and you will work closely with pupils, our Heads of Sport, Director of Sport and teaching and support staff.

## **PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Assist with the delivery of the athletic development programme for the senior school, that reflects the age and physical development of our pupils.
- Work alongside sports coaches to assist with the delivery of training sessions for the desired sport.
- Lead and assist with the design and delivery of pitch-based S&C during games sessions throughout each term.
- Assist with the tracking of growth and maturation data for all senior school sports scholars.
- Assist with the input of the Ipswich School injury tracking database.
- Assist with the physical profiling of 11+, 13+ and 16+ scholarship days, collating and feeding back information to the Director of Sport.
- Assist with the data collection of the physical profiling sessions.
- Assist with programme design and reporting on our training platform, Teambuildr.
- Undertake a targeted and systematic personal development programme facilitated by the Head of Athletic Development.
- Develop programming and planning skills that align with testing, monitoring and coaching strategies.
- Support achieving UKSCA accreditation can be given.

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

You must be currently undertaking an undergraduate degree in a sport-related field. This could include sports science, strength and conditioning or sports therapy

You should also demonstrate the following:

- Good team working and communication skills
- An interest in working with young people
- The ability to respect confidentiality and understand the importance of protecting data
- Be resourceful and self-directed
- Be flexible in approach and willing to take on other duties as required
- Be able to prioritise your own workload and to differentiate between tasks that are important and those that are urgent
- Be forward thinking and proactive.

## **PLACEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

- This is an unpaid opportunity for one academic year, aimed at undergraduate students who require a placement to gain practical experience relating to their university course.
- Your placement hours in school each week during term time (35 weeks per annum) will depend on the requirements of your degree course, but may include supporting Saturday fixtures.
- Your placement will be overseen and managed by the Head of Athletic Development.
- Lunch will be provided by the School on Mondays to Fridays during term time.
- You may be given the opportunity to assist with pre-season Sports training as required, and with trips, tours and camps that may take place during Ipswich School holiday periods. The Director of Sport and Head of Athletic Development will liaise with you regarding this.

- Students on placements are able to use the School's swimming pool, S&C suite and cardio suite free of charge (in compliance with appropriate rules and regulations, and at times when you are not required to undertake activities associated with your placement).
- If you are unable to commute from home or university, there may be the possibility to live on-site and work as part of our Boarding team alongside this placement.

Ipswich School term dates (for day pupils) in 2026/27 are set out below as a guide:

- Michaelmas term: Mid-August (pre-season starts), 3 September (term starts) – 11 December 2026
- Lent term: 4 January – 25 March 2027
- Summer term: 14 April – 2 July 2027

## **CLOSING DATE AND INTERVIEW ARRANGEMENTS**

Please advise us of any special requirements you may have if you are called for interview. If your special requirements mean that you need to submit your application in a different format please contact us.

Please send a cover letter and completed application form HR department, Ipswich School, 25 Henley Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IPI 3SG, or via email: [hr@ipswich.school](mailto:hr@ipswich.school) **by no later than 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. For any further information regarding the post please contact Kai Adams, Head of Athletic Development, [kxa@ipswich.school](mailto:kxa@ipswich.school).

Candidates shortlisted for interview will be advised of individual interview arrangements.

We reserve the right to interview candidates and assess applications as we receive them and to close this advertisement once this position has been filled for 2026/7.

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If we have not been in touch with you by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 then we regret that your application will have been unsuccessful, but we would like to thank you for your interest.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

- Ipswich School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service. Having a criminal record will not necessarily be a bar to obtaining the position. The Ipswich School policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders and the Code of Practice relating to the Disclosure and Barring Service are available on request.
- Ipswich School's employees are responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people they are responsible for, or come into contact with. The post holder must adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's Safeguarding Children Policy at all times. If, in the course of carrying out his/her duties, the post holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School he/she must report any concerns to the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead (the Deputy Head Pastoral for Senior School pupils, the Prep Deputy Head for Prep pupils and the Nursery Manager for The Lodge Day Nursery).
- Ipswich School's employees are expected to attend training in safeguarding children as directed.
- Applicants are advised that in the interests of the health and safety of all its pupils and employees, Ipswich School operates a No Smoking Policy and employees are expected to comply with the statutory restriction on smoking in public places.