



IPSWICH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT PLACEMENT **11 August 2025 – 3 July 2026**

THE SCHOOL

Ipswich School has been listed as one of the top 100 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*).

We were established prior to 1399, although we moved to our present site in 1852. We have over 1,100 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

Ipswich School aims to create an environment that instils passion in sport. We have superb sporting venues at Henley Road, Westwood and Notcutts. Ipswich School Sports Centre at Rushmere (ISSC) is a multi-million pound training venue offering first class sports and events facilities.

Our Sports programme, under the leadership of our Director of Sport, has entered an exciting new, professional phase and we are proud to have been ranked in the top 20 for strongest Independent Sports School in the country by *School Sports Magazine*.

Visit our website to find out more: <https://www.ipswich.school/sport>

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.
- Assist with the design and delivery of gym and pitch based S&C during games sessions and after school activities throughout each term.

- Assist with the collation and presentation of pupils physical data, for monitoring and benchmarking purposes.
- 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 programme design and reporting on our training platform, Teambuildr.
- Support achieving UKSCA accreditation can be given by a UKSCA accredited coach.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

You must be currently undertaking an undergraduate degree.

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

You must be currently undertaking an undergraduate degree.

- This is an unpaid opportunity for one academic year.
- It is anticipated that your placement hours in school will total 20 hours each week during term time (3-4 days a week) (35 weeks per annum).
- 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 and fitness gym 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).
- It is possible that accommodation might be available on the school site. This can be discussed at interview.

Ipswich School term dates in 2025/26 are set out below:

Michaelmas term

11 August (pre-season starts), 4 September (term starts) – 16 December 2025

Lent term

5 January – 27 March 2026

Summer term

20 April – 3 July 2026

We would expect you to be in School during term time, holidays should be taken during the School's holiday periods.

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 copy of your CV to Geoff Robinson, Head of Athletic Development, Ipswich School, 25 Henley Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IPI 3SG, email: gpr@ipswich.school **by no later than 28th February 2025**. Candidates shortlisted for interview will be advised of individual interview arrangements.

PLEASE NOTE

- Ipswich School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and placement students 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, volunteers and placement students 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 Senior 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, volunteers and placement students are expected to attend training in safeguarding children as directed.