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# History of Stephen Perse

The Perse Girls School, founded in 1881, evolved into the Stephen Perse Foundation in 2007, and first admitted boys to its Senior School in 2017. Stephen Perse has grown over recent years, adding a coeducational sixth form to its highly successful Senior School in 2008, and four nurseries and early years settings (three in Cambridge and one at Dame Bradbury's in Saffron Walden) between 2010 and 2021. Stephen Perse has been fully coeducational in all settings since 2017 and now comprises four nurseries, two junior schools, a senior school and sixth form.

Predominantly a day school, there are currently 60 (mainly sixth form) boarders. As well as its reputation for academic excellence, Stephen Perse is renowned for an innovative approach to education, and a focus on preparing students for the future.













## **Our Mission Statement**

At Stephen Perse, our mission is to educate and inspire the contributors to tomorrow's world: intelligent young people with the creativity, compassion, confidence and conviction to question, evaluate and improve society.

# **Our Vision Statement**

To deliver this mission, our vision is to create and sustain an outstanding educational environment that:

- Fosters modern scholarship through exceptional teaching and a dynamic, flexible and rigorous academic curriculum.
- Provides outstanding breadth of opportunity and quality of experience through a rich and varied cocurriculum.
- Nurtures and celebrates individuality, wellbeing, personal development, and contribution to the growth of others, through superb pastoral care, social and emotional education, and learning support.
- Champions and models equality, diversity and inclusivity, and social and environmental responsibility with a global outlook.

## **Our Values Statement**

With excellence and creativity in teaching and learning at the core of each of our schools and nurseries, we value the positive difference our students can make in the world through:

- Scholarship and the advancement of knowledge and understanding.
- Kindness, courtesy, inclusivity and collaboration.
- Diligence, independence and selfreliance.
- Humility, reflectiveness and the pursuit of self-improvement.
- Character, individuality, wellbeing and confidence.
- Conserving the environment and living sustainably.

# Welcome from the Principal

# Richard Girvan

Stephen Perse is a leader in modern independent education, superbly well placed, both to meet the challenges, and to seize the opportunities, presented by its future.

Any school, indeed, any group of schools, is only as strong as its people. Stephen Perse boasts exceptional people across all of its schools and nurseries, and invests in their recruitment, development and empowerment to ensure our pupils benefit from excellent role models, outstanding support and exceptional teaching. As Principal, I consider this investment in our people to be of utmost importance.

At Stephen Perse, all are united in embracing the modern world and in seeking to help our pupils to find and take their place in it, as confident, socially responsible adults. We seek to attract people who are inspired by this challenge, people who share our values, people who are passionate about our collective vision of developing the change-makers of the future.





# Admissions Officer (Maternity Cover) JD & PS Responsible to: Admissions Manager

Location: Based at the Stephen Perse Cambridge Senior School and Sixth Form, and Foundation wide

## **Role Description**

You will be responsible for providing an efficient, high-quality admissions service to a wide range of customers; with experience of working in a fast paced, customer focused environment, using a wide range of administrative processes and procedures. Your main responsibilities will be focused on admissions for all Nursery and EYFS sites and the Junior School in Cambridge.

This position is to cover a period of maternity leave, commencing in May 2025, until March 2026, or upon return of the current postholder, whichever comes first.

## **Main Responsibilities:**

#### Admissions:

- Responsible for admissions for all nursery and EYFS sites - these include Cambridge, Madingley and Dame Bradbury's.
- Responsible for admissions for the Junior School, Cambridge (Fitzwilliam Building Years 1 - 6).

- Respond to admissions enquiries from parents, agents and other stakeholders promptly by email, telephone, letter and face to face. Compose replies to enquiries as appropriate.
- Develop and maintain relationships with prospective parents and parents throughout the admissions process.
- Arrange and coordinate daytime tours of the schools for prospective pupils throughout the admissions process.
- Provide information and arrange tours for visitors to the school sites.
- Ensure accurate data input and maintenance of prospective students' information on the admissions CRM and database (iSAMS) for all schools in the Foundation.
- Ensure prospective pupil electronic records are kept up to date.
- Record and keep track of prospective student status.
- Ensure that all paperwork for scholarship and bursary applications is accurately recorded and distributed in a timely manner.

- Assist in the organisation of Open Days and attend Open Days and Entrance tests.
- Arrange individual testing for students for entry throughout the year.
- Assist in producing results for Head of Admissions and Admissions Manager after testing days.
- Work alongside and meet with the Head of Admissions and Admissions Manager to plan and review activities.
- Assist with Sixth Form and international recruitment as required.
- Assist in producing paperwork required for testing days.
- Assist in block testing as required.
- Liaise on a daily basis with the Head of Early Years and Head of Junior School, Cambridge.
- Update the Head of Early Years and Head of Junior School, Cambridge on a regular basis.

#### **General responsibilities**

- Act as an excellent ambassador for Stephen Perse at all times.
- Undertake other duties as agreed with the leadership team.
- Build and maintain good working relationships with all Stephen Perse colleagues.
- Assist as necessary in other Stephen Perse areas at peak times.
- Work at all times towards the aims and goals of Stephen Perse and any individual objectives and targets you may have agreed.
- Proactively identify areas for improvements within Stephen Perse.
- Actively promote the Stephen Perse Equal Opportunities Policy, encouraging staff awareness and participation in all areas.
- Act in accordance with the Data Protection principles at all times.
- Adhere at all times to Stephen Perse operational and employment policies and procedures.
- Take care of your own health and safety and that of people who may be affected by what you do (or do not do).
- Cooperate with others on health and safety, and not interfere with, or misuse, anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.

- Follow the training you have received when using any work items Stephen Perse has provided.
- Adhere to the Stephen Perse Privacy Notice and ensure private and confidential data is kept secure and disposed of in the appropriate manner.

This job description is not necessarily comprehensive and the position holder will be required to carry out such other duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post.

Safeguarding and welfare of children

The post holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom s/he is responsible, or with whom s/he comes into contact, will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the Stephen Perse Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy statement at all times. If, in the course of carrying out the duties of the post, the role-holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School, s/he must report any concerns

to the School's Designated Person or the Stephen Perse Designated Safeguarding Lead. All employees of Stephen Perse adhere to the Safer Working Practices guidance and all teaching staff are required to adhere to the Teaching Standards which can be **found on the government website**.

# **Person Specification**

	Essential	Desirable	Assessment Method
Qualifications	Good general level of education including numeracy and literacy - GCSE or equivalent, grade C or above in Maths and English	Degree educated or equivalent	Application Form Production of the Applicant's certificates at interview
Knowledge & Experience	Excellent communication skills, both oral and written  Experience of working with children and young people  Excellent ICT skills (Google Docs, Gmail, Outlook, Word, Excel and databases)	Experience with an admissions/registry environment  Knowledge/experience of working in an educational establishment, ideally independent schools, would be an advantage  Knowledge of CRMs	Application Form
Skills & Aptitudes	Due to our statutory obligations in respect of safeguarding, the ability to read, understand and communicate in English to a sufficient standard to understand these obligations is required  Excellent forward planning, personal organisation and time management skills at all levels  Professional appearance and manner, with good customer service skills  Proven ability to take initiative and responsibility for own output  Good team member and assertive  Ability to keep calm under pressure and to prioritise workload  Positive outlook and a can-do approach	Ability to speak a second language  Knowledge of International recruitment	Interview
Personal Attributes	Professionalism and integrity  Dedication and enthusiasm  Energy and resilience		Interview

#### Terms and conditions

All appointments for Stephen Perse are subject to satisfactory reference and disclosure and barring service (DBS) checks, suitability to work with children checks, online checks, proof of identity and eligibility to work in the UK, completion of a medical questionnaire and proof of qualifications.

#### Hours of work

37.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday from 8:00-16:00, 52 weeks per year. This position is a fixed term contract.

#### Salary

£29,482 - £32,451 per annum.



#### **Benefits**

- 30 days holiday plus bank holidays and Christmas closure (pro rata for part time).
- Contributory pension scheme matching up to 7%\*.
- Life assurance scheme.
- Rail season ticket loan/discount on train travel on Greater Anglia rail services.
- Free lunch and refreshments provided.
- Annual flu immunisation.
- Many of the sites offer covered bike parking.
- Free access to the Cambridge University Botanic Garden.
- Private health and dental plan subscriptions (pro rata for part time).

\*Eligibility criteria applies.

#### **Privacy Notice**

Please see our privacy policy which is available on the recruitment portal. http://www.stephenperse.com/



# **Person Specification**

Please apply directly by downloading an application form from our recruitment page at www.stephenperse.com/recruitment, or email recruitment@stephenperse.com to request an application form.

Please send completed application forms to recruitment@stephenperse.com

We are unable to accept CVs.

#### The Recruitment Process

- Closing date for applications:
   9am on Friday 28 February 2025.
- Interviews will take place:
   Week commencing
   Monday 10 March 2025.

References may be taken up before interview.

# Invitation to interview and recruitment arrangements

Stephen Perse is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils. Stephen Perse has a statutory duty to apply for DBS clearance and shall ask the successful candidate to complete an online form which must be cleared before the applicant can commence work. Such checks may take up to eight weeks to complete.

Stephen Perse has a legal responsibility to ensure that all its employees have the legal right to live and work in the UK. Therefore, you will need to provide original documents verifying that you are eligible to work in the UK to the interview. Details of these will be provided in the invitation to interview.

All candidates invited to interview must bring the original documents confirming any educational and professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post.







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