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Activity Monitor (AM)- Job description 2009.

International Student Club runs English language courses for foreign students visiting Britain. In 2009, we are running summer courses for junior students at **Haileybury College** in Hertfordshire, **from 6 - 26 July and from 27 July - 16 August**. The students will attend either the Junior Course for 10-14 years or the Senior Course for 14 - 17 years. Up to 18 nationalities may be represented. Accommodation and food are provided. Staff live in the boarding houses with the students, usually 3 or 4 staff per house of 40 - 45 students.

The activity programme

We organise a programme of excursions and activities for the students, who are divided between two courses. The Junior Course will have activities in the morning and the Senior Course in the afternoon then they alternate each day. After dinner, all students join in the evening activities.

Students are also divided into mixed international teams for activities and will be awarded points for their achievement and contribution. Activities will include sports, arts and crafts, competitions, discos and the preparation of a summer project. They also go on 1 full day and 2 half day excursions, or 2 full day excursions each week. **Knowledge of London or Cambridge is an advantage.** Trips are prepared in class and monitored to ensure that students benefit fully from them.

The activity programme is educational but must also be fun - **maximum contact with students is vital** to ensure their involvement, enjoyment and above all, safety.

The sports facilities at Haileybury are outstanding, with a large modern sports centre and indoor pool, tennis courts, football pitches and ample playing fields. You will organise tournaments and competitions, within a team system, to keep students motivated.

Qualifications in sports coaching and first aid are an advantage, as is experience of the dramatic arts, dance, arts and crafts, and musical ability. Enthusiasm and energy are vital.

Staffing

There will be 10-16 activity monitors on site, depending on the number of students, who will work under the guidance of the Activity Director (AD). There will also be an academic Director of Studies and 8 - 14 teachers, who will be involved in the social programme to a lesser extent.

The job

The post is for a minimum of 2 weeks, maximum of 6 weeks. The continuation of work in August depends on student numbers and the successful completion of the July contract. You will be paid at the end of each month, for actual sessions worked. This job description, together with your letter of appointment will form the basis of your contract. A formal contract will be offered once your acceptance of the post has been confirmed.

You may be asked to provide a CRB disclosure or a letter of good conduct, confirming your suitability to work with children, and be asked to sign a declaration to that effect. References will always be taken up.

Every prospective member of staff must provide original proof (eg passport) of their right to work in the UK. We commit a criminal offence if we fail to ask for, see and be satisfied with the documentation offered.

Activity Monitors will be paid £250 per week.

There is an extra payment of £20 per week for returning staff.

For extra residential duties, we pay an additional £10-£30 per week.

Payment, including holiday pay, is made at the end of each course.

Duties of the post

- **Your primary responsibility is to work under the guidance of the Activity Director to ensure the smooth running of the social and activity programmes, including excursions.**
- **Be aware that the safety of students is paramount. You will be expected to follow our health and safety guidelines and to exercise careful judgement in providing a safe environment at all times.**
- On **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July**, take part in staff training and assist in setting up the school. You will also help pack up the school at the end of the course if required.
- Help with greeting and orienting students on arrival.
- Plan, organise and supervise activities, within the guidelines provided by the AD, during the morning, afternoon and evening for 16 sessions a week. A session is either a morning, afternoon or evening and last 2.5-4.5 hours with an average of 3 hours. The Activity Director will draw up the timetable for your duties.
- Help put students to bed on a rota basis.
- Motivate and encourage students to participate in the maximum number of activities to the greatest possible extent.
- Accompany students on excursions, having researched the trip in sufficient detail to provide commentary, answer questions and give guidance during the trip. Detailed information is provided by ISC.
- Assist the teachers in project lessons and the preparation of the Project show. This will usually involve participation in one project lesson on each teaching day.
- Attend staff briefing meetings on time throughout the course.
- Complete student certificates and a staff questionnaire at the end of the course, making suggestions for improvement as appropriate.
- Consider ISC Health and safety procedures and advise the Directors of any improvements you think are needed.
- Be responsible for the welfare and discipline of all students, not only those in your boarding houses and to ensure they are fully aware of the high standard of behaviour expected of them.
- Work in a professional and flexible manner with colleagues, group leaders, Haileybury staff and all visitors.
- Additional duties, eg Head of boarding house will be confirmed in your appointment letter or allocated upon taking up your post.