



**GAP YEAR ROWING
COACH**

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**SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S
SCHOOL**

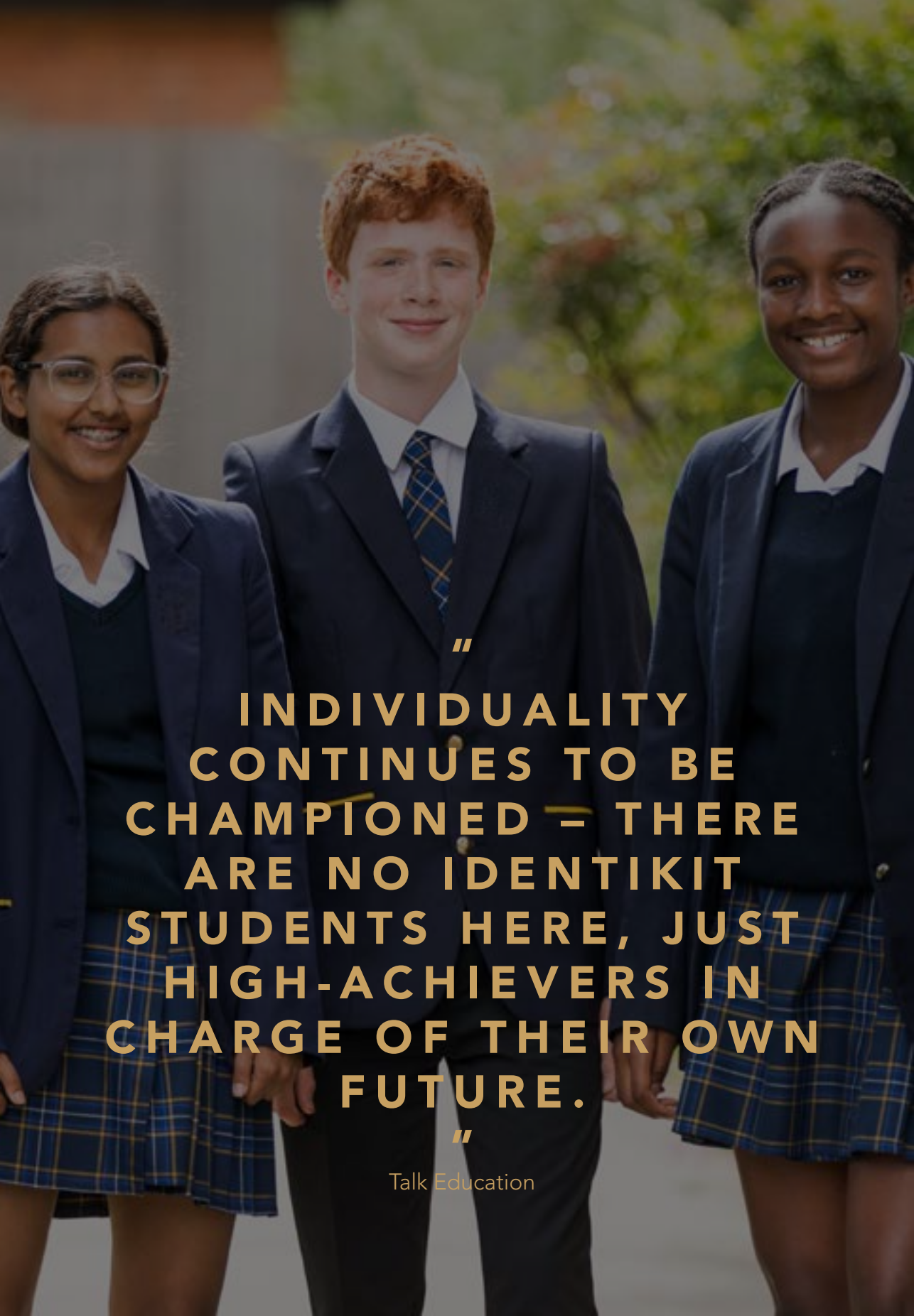
A young boy and girl in school uniforms are walking on a paved path outdoors. The boy is on the left, wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a white shirt, a blue and white patterned tie, and dark trousers. He has a backpack on. The girl is on the right, wearing a dark blue blazer, a white collared shirt, a dark blue sweater, and a blue and white plaid skirt. She is also wearing glasses and has a backpack on. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background shows a brick building with a blue door, green bushes, and trees.

WELCOME TO SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S SCHOOL

It is our pleasure to introduce you to our wonderful school; a lively and welcoming community where every student is supported to achieve great things, and where curiosity, ambition and generosity thrive. At Sir William Perkins's School, students are at our heart. We expect the best from them, and in return they can expect the best from us. We provide teaching of the highest quality, where each individual is stretched and challenged and given the tailored support and attention required. We are a warm and friendly school: we know our students, their talents, hopes and aspirations, and we work with them to develop confidence, leadership skills and an ability to collaborate with others. With access to a diverse co-curricular programme, students are accomplished all-rounders with university statements studded with personal achievements and successes. Our students leave us in Year 13 with determination and clearly defined ambition, ready to make their mark on the world.

Sir William Perkins's School is a high-performing independent school for approximately 600 students aged 11 – 18 years. In September 2026, boys will be joining the school in years 7 and 12, with a phased move to co-education by 2030. The Head is a member of both HMC and GSA.

The school was founded in 1725 by a wealthy local Chertsey merchant to educate the town's children. The School moved to its present site in 1819 and became fully independent in 1978. It is located on an attractive 12-acre site situated on the outskirts of Chertsey, a two minute walk from the railway station and very near to the junction of the M3 and M25.



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OUR VISION



Our vision reflects our shared sense of purpose, aiming to create an environment that supports each person's success whilst recognising the importance of working together to build a strong, purposeful community and a sense of belonging.

OUR MISSION



To champion the individual and build confidence, integrity, and excellence. Our holistic education promotes innovation and creativity both inside and outside the classroom. Our values of curiosity, ambition and generosity enable our students to go beyond academic success, leaving the school as conscientious, world-ready individuals.

OUR VALUES



We seek to nurture in every student the values of curiosity, ambition and generosity. Curiosity about our world and our future. Ambition for ourselves and for others. Generous with our thoughts, our gifts and our time. We seek to build confidence, integrity, and excellence in a caring, innovative, and happy community, so that each pupil leaves having been given the best possible chance of achieving their full potential, taking with them sound values, breadth of skills and knowledge, and ready to take on the world.

ABOUT US

Entrance to the School is by competitive examination and the School values its excellent academic reputation. The students are highly motivated and eager to learn. Significant emphasis is also placed on the broad and balanced curriculum, the wide-ranging co-curricular activities and the caring and supportive environment.

The ISI regulatory compliance inspection in September 2024 notes that "Pupils demonstrate excellent social awareness and they grow up to be poised, confident, and articulate." Our latest Good Schools Guide Report, conducted in March 2025 describes the school as "Big enough to thrive, small enough to care, SWPS is a place where learning and enjoyment go hand-in-hand, meaning that good grades are the happy by-product of a well-rounded education."

The staff are thoroughly professional, highly qualified and knowledgeable, enthusiastic and passionate, support and have an appreciation of the breadth of the educational experience that is provided.

The school is characterised by a warm and welcoming atmosphere and mutually supportive approach. Expectations of staff are high but equally, personal workloads are carefully considered by the Senior Leadership Team. There are plenty of opportunities for further appropriate professional development and a generous inset budget. All staff are equally valued for their part in the overall success of the school and there is a strong sense of fun and humour.

The Governing body is keen to ensure that staff remuneration is competitive and are continually reviewing the package to ensure that SWPS can attract and retain outstanding staff.

Further information about the School and our most recent inspection report can be accessed at www.swps.org.uk





GAP YEAR ROWING COACH

ACCOUNTABLE TO: HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION & ASSISTANT SENIOR COACH

ANNUALISED HOURS, FIXED-TERM

This is not an exhaustive job description, and it is expected that the post holder may undertake such other duties as may reasonably be requested. For the avoidance of doubt, the duties and responsibilities contained within this job description may change from time to time according to the requirements of the role and it is not intended to have contractual effect.

JOB PROFILE

Gap Year Rowing Coaches will perform an exciting role in the continued development of our Boat Club. The role(s) may be a first opportunity for those with a strong passion for, and understanding of the sport to develop their coaching skills, working predominantly with the younger rowers of the club.

ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To assist the J15 the J14 Lead Coaches in the sessional coaching of the J15 and J14 squads, as well as the Year 8 Ready to Row programme.

To support the Equipment Manager (EM) where necessary to maintain the operation of a tidy and efficient building, safe fleet of boats and range of reliable land-training equipment.

To support the logistics of running the Boat Club, particularly via practical duties as determined by the Head Coach (HC), Head of Administration & Assistant Senior Coach (HASC) and EM.

To be able to confidently and professionally lead sessions with the younger year-groups when necessary due to staffing or for professional development purposes.

To deliver quality coaching sessions in line with with SWPSBC club strategy, working closely with other coaches to ensure continuity of message.

To assist the HC, HASC, EM & J15 Lead Coach with the set-up and adjustment of club equipment.

To ensure the continuation and growth of a positive and enthusiastic environment in the whole Boat Club.

To have a flexible approach to working patterns, which can include irregular weekday hours, work at weekends and sections of school-holiday periods.

To attend SWPSBC training camps when required.

To assist in the preparation and transport of equipment to races, fixtures and training camps.

To ensure water-safety standards are upheld at all times in line with SWPSBC Risk Assessments.

Use school ICT systems to ensure full-engagement with Boat Club plans and individual squad business throughout the week.

Be familiar with the Staff and Department handbooks and support all the School's policies.

Advise a member of the Pastoral Team (Form Tutor, Head of Year, Pastoral Deputy Head) where there is cause for concern with an individual student.

Form good staff-student relationships that promote enjoyment of rowing and are in line with the aims, policies and development plans of the School.

Ensure that relevant aspects of the School's Health & Safety policy are implemented.

Undertake any reasonable task as directed by the HC, HJRA, EM, Director of Sport or Senior Leadership Team member.

Strive for personal and professional development through full engagement with the workings of the Boat Club and the goings-on of all squads.

Be committed to the safeguarding of children and young people.



GAP YEAR ROWING COACH

PERSON SPECIFICATION

SKILLS, EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifications and Experience:

Experience of rowing within a performance school or club programme.

Competitive experience at National Schools' Regatta, British Rowing Junior Championships and Henley Women's/ Royal Regatta (desirable).

First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain ASAP.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Ability to inspire and motivate students.

Ability to relate effectively and to earn the confidence of colleagues, students and parents/carers.

Ability to use strategies that effectively support the School's policies and procedures, e.g. on safeguarding, health & safety, rewards and discipline, monitoring and tracking, etc

Excellent organisational and time management skills.

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

Commitment to the aims, ethos and objectives of the School.

Professional and with integrity.

Passion for Rowing.

A hunger to learn and develop as a coach, and a willingness to expand knowledge and skillset by integrating with the coaching team as a whole.

A keen eye for detail and an intent to implement and maintain high operating standards both personally and amongst the pupil body.

Positive and enthusiastic about their specialist field.

Good communicator.

Keen interest in all aspects of School life.

Enjoyment of new challenges and experiences.

Adaptable and Reflective.

Kind and with a good sense of humour.

CHILD PROTECTION

The post-holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of all students with whom they come into contact, will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's child protection policies at all times. If in the course of carrying out the duties of the post the post-holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School, they must report any concerns to the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

Sir William Perkins's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Applicants must undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.



WORK WITH US

SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S SCHOOL IS A FRIENDLY,
EXCITING AND SUPPORTIVE PLACE TO WORK.
THE SCHOOL OFFERS AN ATTRACTIVE RANGE
OF BENEFITS

BENEFITS

School-specific salary scale which recognises the qualifications, skills and experience of the candidate.

Fee remission.

Membership of group personal pension scheme with life assurance cover for nonteaching staff.

Learning and development opportunities.
Outstanding subject facilities.

Access to Employee Assistance Programme (EAP).

Free lunch during term time, when working hours permit.

Limited free car parking on site.

Enhanced sickness and family friendly policies.

On site Fitness sessions for a small fee.

Strong tradition of on-going financial investment and development.

Opportunities to travel the world through domestic and international trips and tours.

Library facilities open to all.

Staff Social Committee.

Warm and engaging working environment and an excellent staff room.

Access to a staff discount platform.



JOIN US

APPLICATION

Applications will be considered on arrival and the School reserves the right to interview and appoint before the closing date

LOCATION

Full details are available at www.swps.org.uk/contact-us

By Road

The school is conveniently situated on the A320 between Staines and Woking, with easy road access and Junction 11 of the M25 is within a few minutes' drive of the school

By Rail

Chertsey Train Station is a five minute walk away from the school





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