



## READING BLUE COAT

An Independent Day School for Boys with a Co-Educational Sixth Form

### **GARDENER** **Full time**

Founded in 1646, Reading Blue Coat School is a leading independent day school of 490 boys aged 11 – 16, with a further 270 students in the co-educational Sixth Form. Set in a beautiful country estate of 46 acres of pristine sport fields, grounds and woodlands overlooking the River Thames in the village of Sonning, just outside Reading, we provide a wonderful working and studying environment.

The School employs over 170 staff and offers a stimulating, friendly and supportive environment in which each pupil can realise his or her full intellectual, physical and creative potential.

We have an opportunity for a professional Gardener to join our small and highly motivated Grounds team. Reporting to the Grounds Manager, you will be responsible for the development and maintenance of the gardens and amenity areas of the estate, ensuring that the School's aesthetic appearance is of the highest standard.

You will have a passion for horticulture, evidenced by your excellent plant knowledge. You will be competent in the operation of a wide range of light machinery; and have experience of maintaining gardens and estates for both private and public enjoyment.

Although not essential, you are likely to have completed a formal horticultural apprenticeship and have a relevant City & Guilds qualification.

We offer an excellent pay and benefits package, including 33 days holiday (plus additional discretionary days leave); pension scheme with 8% employer contribution; free meals and refreshments on duty; free leisure facilities; and a wide range of other employment benefits.

Working hours are Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 16:30, and some Saturday mornings as overtime.

Further details and an application form can be downloaded from our website:

[www.rbc.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.rbc.org.uk/vacancies)

Or contact the Human Resources Manager, Tel: 0118 933 5813 email: [recruitment@rbc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@rbc.org.uk)

**Closing date for applications: 09:00 on Monday 12 August 2019**

Interviews will be held during the week of 2 September 2019.

Applications must be submitted by email with a letter of application and including your CV or School application form to [recruitment@rbc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@rbc.org.uk)

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service enhanced check.