



## House Parent

In this pack you will find: a detailed job description, the minimum requirements for this role, the profile of an ideal candidate, information about the selection process, and an introduction to the company for on-course staff.

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### Oxford Summer Courses, a Bridgemark company

[Oxford Summer Courses](#) is part of Bridgemark Education, founded by two school friends and Oxford graduates who wanted to open up exceptional educational journeys to more people. In 2020 we ran COVID-compliant in-person courses and [Melio](#) online courses. Our approach is based on interactive teaching, growth mindsets, small group learning, and tutor autonomy. We channel our passion into making a positive impact on our surroundings whether that be our students, the wider community or the environment.

### Apply now

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Please note that only successful applicants will be contacted and that no terminology in this document is intended to discriminate on the grounds of a person's gender, marital status, race, religion, colour, age, disability or sexual orientation. Every candidate will be assessed only in accordance with their merits, qualifications and abilities to perform the duties of the job.

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## Job Description

### Role summary

*Job title* House Parent

*Location* Oxford (EFL only) OR Juniors location TBC

*Reports to* Course Director

*Reports to you* Student Helpers

*Pay rate* £9.50 per hour

*Typical hours* 65 hours Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 10.30pm on a shift pattern.

*Contract type* Temporary Zero-hours contract

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## Purpose

As a House Parent, you'll be responsible for the welfare, safeguarding, and discipline for a group of 15-25 children taking part in one of our residential courses.

## Main duties and responsibilities

- You will take a leading role in the welfare, safeguarding, and discipline of the children in your group.
- With a team of Student Helpers, you will provide pastoral care and support.
- With the support of Student Helpers, and as part of the broader residential team, you will supervise wake-up, lights-out, and mealtimes.
- You will support the Deputy Course Director and Student Helpers in the delivery of the social and cultural programme, including activities, day trips, and restaurant meals.
- As a residential member of staff you will share overnight and on-call duties, responding if needed to any welfare, safeguarding, or disciplinary issues as required.

## Benefits

Pay bands are calculated to be fair and consistent across all roles at Bridgemark. They are reviewed annually, taking into account any changes to the role.

This is a residential role. Accommodation and on-duty meals are provided at no cost to the employee.

Full role training is provided.

## Safeguarding

Oxford Summer Courses is committed to safeguarding and protecting children. We check references and undertake enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks to ensure all our staff are suitable to work with children.

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# Person Specification

## Minimum requirements

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- Extensive experience working with children in a residential setting
- Experience of child safeguarding protocols
- Right to work in the UK (we cannot sponsor work visas for this role)

## On-course staff profile

### Skills, abilities and knowledge an ideal candidate can demonstrate

- Staff management skills
- Budget management skills
- General IT skills

### Qualifications you may hold, or be working towards

- Safeguarding qualifications
- First Aid qualifications

### Experience you may have

- Working at a boarding school
- Volunteering as a leader for the Scouts or similar organisations
- Working on residential summer schools or holiday camps

### Personality traits of a great House Parent

- Empathy, patience, and kindness
- Organised and authoritative
- Calm and responsible

## Our company values

**Foster well-being** Our on-course team are mental health first aid trained. Supported by a dedicated crisis team, they never turn a blind eye if a student is struggling—however challenging.

**Adopt a growth mindset** Our on-course team never play the blame game. They have the courage to suggest better ways of doing things, and can take on more responsibilities each year.

**Maintain momentum** Our on-course team make the very most of their time with us by equipping themselves with skills for the future. They could grow into a full-time role and even travel the world.

**Achieve impact** Our on-course team appreciates the smallest interaction with students. They relish their position as role models and take time to build significant relationships.

**Collaborate** Our on-course team amaze us with their resilience and positivity when working under pressure. They do this by sharing the load and harnessing the diversity in the team.



## Selection process

### Pre-interview task

If you are invited to interview you will be asked to submit a pre-interview task. We ask for this to be sent 48 hrs in advance so that your interviewer can review it and consult the wider team if necessary.

### Interview

The majority of interviews will take place online this year using Google Meet. There is no need to download any software and you will be sent a link to the meeting room in advance. You will be asked to bring some documents to show on screen.

After being introduced to the role, you will be asked about your relevant experience. Your interviewer will also find out how you would respond to scenarios that often arise in this role.

There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and find out more throughout.

### Role assignment

Students sign up to courses throughout the year, so positions will be filled on a rolling basis. This may mean that we will be unable to confirm the details of vacancies at the interview. If you are made an offer we will contact you separately to offer specific roles, dates, and location.