



# ROEDEAN

An independent 11 – 18 girls' day and boarding school in Brighton



## ***The post of Farm Hand***

### ***The Role***

Reporting to the Head of Experiential Learning, the Farm Hand will be responsible for the day to day management of the farm including over lunchtimes, and to ensure the upkeep of the farm ie: maintenance and welfare of the animals (20 sheep and chickens and 4 goats).

### ***Main Duties***

The farm at all times must be kept in pristine condition, as must the animals with regard to their appearance and health. The Farm Manager is responsible for ordering of all animal feed, ensuring that there is enough stock at all times, waste and refuse collection, cess pit emptying, hay and straw deliveries.

- To liaise with and organise visits from neighbouring schools and the wider community alongside the Farm Educational Lead
- To work with the Head of Experiential Learning to develop a strategic vision for the Farm and further develop a programme of study to meet the holistic needs of our cohort
- To maintain oversight of the physical structures pertaining to the Farm
- To oversee the management of the quality of the pasture and ecosystem around the Farm, ensuring compliance with relevant H&S and DEFRA legislation
- To provide tasks/jobs list for completion by the 'School Farmer'
- To oversee student participation in farm activities
- To plan and effect co-curricular study and activities, such as Community Service and Academic Enrichment
- To run activities and sessions to develop pupils' understanding of the workings of the farm and animal welfare in conjunction with School Farmer
- To increase participation in the Farm across all year groups and all staff
- To carry out all other daily duties as necessary and arrange for holiday and weekend cover as required

There is the option to include an educational element working with pupils on the farm.

## ***Person Specification***

The applicant will ideally have a background in livestock farming/smallholding, and be able to provide evidence of relevant qualifications and/or experience. The applicant should have some experience of teaching or leading educational groups, and may be a qualified teacher.

The post-holder must:

- Be committed to farming
- Have deep knowledge & practical experience
- Have excellent time-management and organisational skills
- Have an understanding of Health and Safety issues
- Have an understanding of animal health and welfare
- Be able to manage budgets and maintain financial records
- Have good ICT and communication skills
- Be able to organise and motivate

## ***Appointment details and how to apply***

Applicants should complete the application pack and return it to Louisa Butler, Roedean School, Roedean Way, Brighton BN2 5RQ.

Due to the need to appoint quickly we reserve the right to interview and appoint at any time.

This job description may be reviewed from time to time in light of changing circumstances and if it is necessary to amend/alter this, those concerned will be consulted.