**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Job Title**  
Casual Gardener

**Responsible to:**  
Head Gardener

**Role:**  
To support the Head Gardener in the development and upkeep of the College gardens and outdoor spaces at all sites.

**Main Duties & Responsibilities:**

- To support and assist the Gardens Team in the high standard of maintenance and ongoing development of all garden areas including lawns, mixed borders, roses, wall shrubs, pathways, hedges, trees, plant propagation and glasshouse work.

- To care for the needs of existing planting stock within the gardens using appropriate materials in a cost effective and timely way.

- To work alongside all members of the gardens team providing support as appropriate.

- To have knowledge and an understanding of all relevant Health & Safety regulations appropriate to the working garden environment and a publicly visited area.

- To carry out work and processes in the gardens using a wide range of mechanical equipment and hand tools in a confident, safe and appropriate way.

- To communicate effectively within the gardens team and with other members of the college, public and visitors

- To undertake training and/or courses as needed for this role if required by the Head Gardener.

- To participate in the weekend watering rota

- To carry out any other appropriate tasks as may reasonably be requested and directed through the Head Gardener.

**Qualities we look for in our Casual Gardeners:**

- Enthusiasm for horticulture

- Conscientious, hardworking and reliable
• Commitment to observe health and safety practices at all times, and to fully engage with all necessary training and instruction
• Ability and desire to support others
• Attention to detail
• Willingness to carry out physical tasks in all weathers
• Problem solving skills and a ‘can-do’ attitude
• Good interpersonal and communication skills
• Ability to maintain care and attention at all times, especially when operating machinery and equipment
• Willingness to at all times maintain the standards expected of a representative of a publicly visited garden