

**MIS & Data
Services
Assistant
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Information**

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Newcastle upon Tyne Royal Grammar School
Required as soon as available



THE POSITION

If you're excited by the idea of turning data into insight and technology into impact, this role puts you at the heart of the school's digital future!

The successful candidate will support the effective management, accuracy, and use of data across the school. This includes maintaining student and staff records, supporting the use of the school's MIS (iSAMS), assisting with data analysis, contributing to compliance processes, and helping the school adopt new technologies such as the Microsoft Power Platform.

The role requires a flexible, proactive individual who is keen to learn and develop within a dynamic digital environment.

This role is advertised as a full-year role; however, we welcome applications from candidates seeking a term-time-only arrangement. Flexibility can be discussed at interview.





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THE SCHOOL

In 1525, the Mayor of Newcastle, Thomas Horsley, wrote his will, in which he generously gifted his estate to fund a grammar school. Five centuries later, Horsley's vision lives on in the Royal Grammar School Newcastle's corridors and classrooms, and his philanthropic spirit drives the RGS's commitment to education.

Few schools can claim a 500-year history. Over the years, the RGS, has continued to flourish as the premier independent school in the North East of England and as one of the country's leading schools - consistently topping the regional table for academic excellence.

Today, RGS is a fully co-educational school with over 1,300 students aged 7-18 (Years 3 to 13). Its academically selective places are highly sought after. The school has more than 250 students in the Junior School, which shares the same outstanding site as the Senior School. Its Sixth Form is one of the largest in the independent sector, with more than 340 students.

While RGS prides itself on academic excellence, the school is also known for its emphasis on a holistic education. The school's 'There's More to Life' approach informs its holistic education, which is central to students' success, health and happiness.

RGS is based in the heart of Newcastle, immediately opposite Jesmond Metro station. The school occupies over 30 acres of land and has state-of-the-art facilities, including five brand new art studios, a new library, a modern Sixth Form Centre, a 25m swimming pool, two Sports Halls, a Performing Arts Centre, outdoor football/rugby pitches at Mooracres, an artificial turf pitch for hockey and the former County Cricket Ground.



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Academic Success

RGS is a special place, known and respected throughout the whole country as well as the North East. It's a place where aspirations are high, results are outstanding, and opportunities are endless. Our students go on to study highly selective courses at the most sought-after universities but also leave the school realising that life outside the classroom has been equally beneficial.

In 2023, RGS was named the overall national 'Independent School of the Year' by The Telegraph Group's Independent School Parent Awards. The school was again named North East Independent Secondary School of the Year for Academic Excellence 2025 by The Sunday Times' Parent Power Schools Guide. Most recently, the school was named Independent Senior School of the Year at the TES Awards.

Academically, the school is highly selective. Students are assessed for entry at the key entry points (Y3, Y5, Y7, and a handful at Y9, plus Sixth Form). The biggest entry points are Y3 (60 students), Y7 (c.75 students) and Y12 (c.45 students). Beyond the academics, in Junior School (Y3-6), entry is assessed through activity days, whilst at Y7, students are assessed through online tests and an interaction day. Sixth Form entry is through interview only.





Co-curricular Activities

At RGS, students can choose from over 170 co-curricular activities, ranging from music, drama, and sports to unique options like e-sports and knitting. All students are encouraged to discover what excites and inspires them.

Sport is also a central part of life at RGS, with students actively participating in a variety of activities including hockey, cricket, and basketball, from early morning until late afternoon. RGS views sport as a fundamental vehicle for students to develop lifelong skills, character, resilience – and, above all, a love for daily movement.

While it may seem tricky to balance schoolwork with so many exciting co-curricular and sporting activities, RGS has found that students actively engaged outside the classroom often perform even better academically. Both programs are designed to help students develop essential life skills, from self-awareness to decision-making and self-organisation.



Pastoral Care

We understand that all of our students are unique and different, and we strive to treat them as individuals, aiming to tailor our care to meet their needs.

That is why pastoral care is another critical cornerstone of RGS's holistic approach. Student well-being is embedded throughout school life, from a dedicated Form Teacher and an allocated Tutor to easy access to the school Medical Team and counsellors who work together to help students reach their full potential.



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THE INFORMATION & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Over the past four years, the IDT department at RGS has led the school through an exciting digital transformation, deploying over 1300 laptops to students and fulfilling the vision of putting a device in the hands of every child. Students in senior school have devices on a one-to-one basis, and technology now plays a significant role in the day-to-day life of teaching and learning at RGS.

This transformation has included migrating services to cloud environments including device management. The department is led by the Head of Digital Strategy and includes a Head of IT Services, First & Second Line Network Engineers, an IT Coordinator, and two members of the Data Administration team.



ACCOMMODATION & RESOURCES

The MIS & Data Services Assistant will work with the Head of Digital strategy and the rest of the IDT team within a large, spacious but bustling office at the heart of the main school building. It is the centre of operations for all things digital, and it is here our IT technicians offer helpdesk support to all users at school and devices are issued to staff and students when required.

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MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting to the Head of Digital Strategy the MIS & Data Services Assistant's responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

Support for Data Management

- Ensure that relevant information and data reports are available to stakeholders at the appropriate time.
- Support academic and pastoral teams to input accurate and consistent data into all school systems.
- Assist with analysing datasets and producing reports for academic departments and senior leaders.
- Support the organisation and administration of the student assessment and reporting cycle.
- Maintain accurate staff and student records in iSAMS.
- Provide day today administrative support to the Data Team.
- Support the creation, maintenance, and improvement of Power Platform tools (e.g., Power Automate workflows). Training will be provided as appropriate.
- Act as the first point of contact for iSAMS queries and liaise with the vendor for technical support when required.

Data Compliance

- Support administrative tasks related to data protection, including Data Subject Access Requests, incident logging, and internal documentation.
- Assist in managing and administering data access permissions across school platforms.
- Responsible for user account creation processes in systems including Microsoft 365 and iSAMS.
- Assist with maintaining the Information Departmental Register (IDT Information Register).

Administrative Support

- Assist with student set changes, timetable adjustments, and rooming requests.
- Support the academic and administrative annual rollover processes.
- Support the processing and data entry of new applicant information for both staff and students, working collaboratively with Admissions and HR.
- Support the onboarding of new staff and the offboarding of leavers.
- Assist with the production, publication, and delivery of staff training related to systems and data processes.



Customer Care

- Provide excellent customer service to parents, staff, and students.
- Respond promptly and professionally to data-related queries.
- Communicate system changes, updates, and relevant information to stakeholders.



Other Responsibilities

- Provide cover for your colleagues within the IDT Services team during their absence.
- Attend and participate in regular department meetings.
- To undertake other duties and responsibilities as required by Head of Digital Strategy.
- As a lead professional, set personal targets and take responsibility for your own continuous development.



SKILLS, EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

The following person specification indicates those areas of skills and personal characteristics, qualifications, training and experience that we are looking for.

Qualifications and Training

Essential Skills & Experience

- Strong data manipulation and data processing skills, including advanced Excel knowledge (e.g. cleaning datasets).
- Experience working with an organisation's database or data management system.
- Experience using Microsoft 365 applications (Excel, Teams, SharePoint etc.).
- Understanding of data protection principles; previous data protection training desirable.
- Ability to work independently and manage workload effectively.
- Ability to work accurately with excellent attention to detail.
- Excellent communication skills with a customer focused mindset.
- Willingness and enthusiasm to engage in ongoing training and professional development.

Desirable

- Experience working in a school environment, and with a school MIS (preferably iSAMS).
- Experience producing or contributing to data reports for stakeholders.
- Experience delivering basic training or user guidance.
- Awareness of data compliance processes (DSARs, data breaches, permissions management).

Skills and Personal Characteristics

- An interest in education and how technology could change the education environments and student experience.
- Proactive approach to the duties and responsibilities associated with the role with the ability to balance conflicting demands.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, and the ability to work effectively with a range of different stakeholders including IT and non-IT specialists.
- Enjoy working as part of a team, building strong working relationships with many different colleagues across the school.
- Self-motivated with the ability to work independently with minimum direction.
- Manage internal and external projects as required either independently, with other colleagues, or with third parties.
- Excellent attention to detail.
- An understanding of the wider issues of working with young people (safeguarding, etc) is important.



LIVING IN THE NORTH EAST

Whilst the North East is beloved and popular with so many, we know that not everyone will have had first-hand experience of it, so this is a short introduction to a city and region which we love, and believe you will too. Newcastle is a medium-sized city with an historic centre and a vibrant life of its own. There's culture and arts in the form of the award-winning BALTIC Art Gallery and The Glass House, alongside several theatres that attract national touring productions. There's music from classical to club and we are home to the Royal Northern Sinfonia. There's also a growing food culture with some fantastic restaurants.

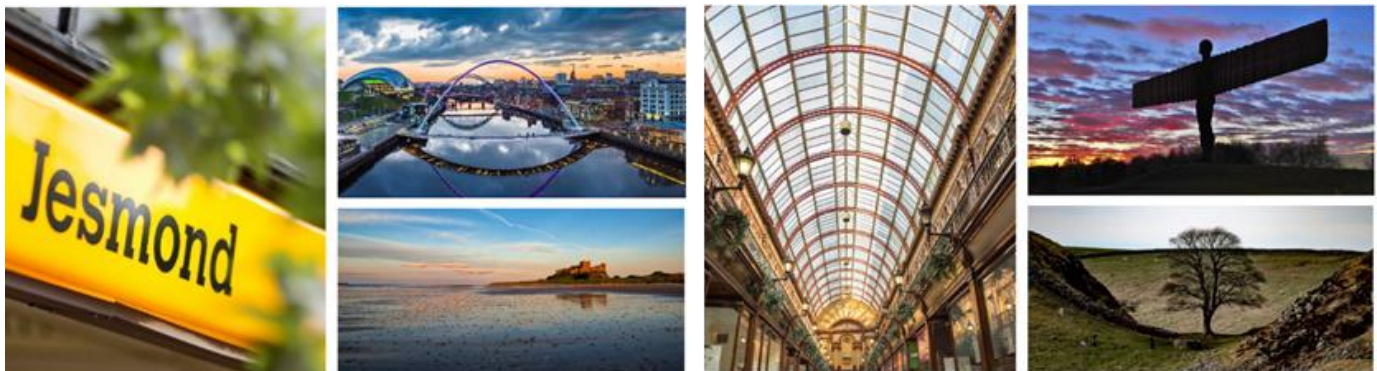
If you like sport then there's certainly no shortage of top-class entertainment: from Premier League football being played at St James' Park and EFL at the Stadium of Light to first class cricket at Durham (a mere half hour away), and great rugby at the Falcons, not to mention basketball and even ice hockey, and then there is the annual Great North Run. The North East has also produced some of the country's finest athletes in track and field and there are clubs aplenty to get involved with, most famously in Gateshead.

The coast and the hills are minutes away from the city centre. By car you can be in the middle of nowhere in 45 minutes, the Scottish Borders is only an hour away and the Lake District an hour and a half. The coast is served by the Metro (our version of the Tube), but some of the country's best beaches are up the road in Northumberland, less than 40 minutes by car. There's mountain biking, road cycling, climbing, and endless hill walks in stunning countryside. There are green spaces all over the city too, with plenty of parks for children and dogs alike to run around.

There are three local teaching hospitals, two universities in the city with another three close by. Some pioneering medical work goes on at the RVI, Great North Children's Hospital and the Freeman Hospital.

History abounds with more castles than you could count and sites of interest for almost every period of English (and border) history. Add that to a proud, independently minded, and very friendly local population and we have most things you could want.

There are excellent primary schools in the region and city as well as some good secondary schools too, but staff do get a discount at the RGS. There are also a number of good competitor independent schools as well.



MAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This role is advertised as a full-year role; however, we welcome applications from candidates seeking a term-time-only arrangement. Note: Terms may vary for term time only or term time only + contracts.

- The start date for this role will be as soon as possible following completion of the School's Safer Recruitment checks.
- The post will report to the Head of Digital Strategy and sits within the School Operational Team.
- This is a permanent role with the school and the successful candidate will be employed on an all-year-round contract which includes attendance on all staff days and training days throughout the year.
- The successful candidate will also be expected to work the mandatory safeguarding training day in September each year, which is compulsory for all staff.
- The successful candidate may also be required to work limited special events in school (e.g. RGS Day) with advance notice being given by the school.
- The normal core working hours for the role will be 37.5 hours per week, 8.30am – 4.30pm (7.5 hours per day), Monday to Friday throughout the year.
- The salary will be in the range of 26-28k gross per annum (Full Time Equivalent), and the actual salary will be chosen to reflect the experience and skills offered by the successful candidate. Please note: the salary will be pro rata for term time only working.
- RGS staff salaries are reviewed on 1st August each year.
- Holiday:
 - The school offers a generous annual leave entitlement of 31 days plus Bank Holidays for all year-round support staff.
 - Terms may vary for term time only staff. As the successful candidate's employment will commence mid-way through the school academic year, there may be a shortfall on the holiday accrued to cover the holidays during the 2025/2026 school year. We will discuss options around how the holiday shortfall could be balanced at interview.
- The employee will be required to comply with a range of RGS policies, in particular, those regarding Data protection, use of ICT facilities, Child Protection, Staff Code and Health and Safety, a copy of which will be made available.



WHAT WE OFFER



Working Environment

- A warm, ambitious and supportive staff community, unified by shared values and a passion for helping young people thrive.
- Opportunities to engage in rich co-curricular life of the school including 170 clubs, societies and creative opportunities.



Food & Facilities

- Outstanding facilities across 30 acres, including state-of-the-art art studios, a modern Sixth Form Centre, Performing Arts Centre and extensive sports facilities including a 25m pool.
- Free use of the gym, fitness suite and swimming pool at permitted times.
- Complimentary lunch during term time
- Access to our modern school library and extensive reading materials.



Health & Wellbeing

- Optional healthcare plan, including optical, dental, physio cover and telephone GP access.
- Onsite confidential counselling service.
- Access to the school medical team, including triage advice and free flu vaccinations.



Pension & Financial Benefits

- Support staff pension scheme (APTIS):
 - 6% employee contribution with a 10% employer contribution, or
 - 3% employee contribution with a 5% employer contribution.
 - Salary Exchange available (optional).



Additional Benefits

- Life assurance scheme (Aviva): 5x annual salary.
- Eligibility for the RGS Support Staff Sick Pay Scheme (after a qualifying period).
- Interest-free loan for corporate Metro travel pass (T&Cs apply).
- Bike to Work scheme (T&Cs apply).
- Enhanced maternity pay.



Professional Development

- Opportunity for middle leaders and aspiring middle leaders to participate in a focussed training programme.
- Access to 100+ free online training courses
- Regular safeguarding training
- Ongoing training and development opportunities, including internal/external training
- Free entry to school productions in the Miller Theatre (Performing Arts Centre)
- Easy city-centre access, directly opposite Jesmond Metro station—ideal for commuting.



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HOW TO APPLY

For all general enquiries or to arrange a chat about this opportunity, please email Sarah Buist (Head of Digital Strategy) s.buist@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk.

Please visit www.rgs.newcastle.sch.uk/join-us/work-with-us to access our application form and further information for applicants.

Applications should be emailed directly to jobs@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk no later than 9.00am Friday 8th May 2026.

Please include:

1. A covering letter
2. A fully completed RGS application form.

We will hope to make the appointment as soon as possible following interview, offering the post and gaining acceptance, so applicants should arrive for interview with a clear idea of what would be involved in moving to the area (if necessary) and working at the RGS.

Reasonable travel expenses will be considered to attend an interview if candidates live outside the local area. This is normally up to a maximum contribution of £100 on provision of receipts. If your expenses will be significantly higher than £100 and an overnight stay is required, please note all expenses will need to be booked and approved in advance. If you plan to claim expenses, please contact the Head's Secretary, Sandra Ellis S.Ellis@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk in advance of your interview, who will talk you through the policy and advise on eligibility for reimbursement.

Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment

RGS Newcastle is committed to the safeguarding of children and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and those working in school to share this commitment. The school applies the Government's Keeping Children Safe in Education Safer Recruitment procedures to all candidates including appropriate pre-interview checks on shortlisted candidates and pre-employment checks pending any offer. More information regarding the checks can be found in our Information for Applicants [here](#), and '[Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)' (September 2025)

Equal Opportunities

We are looking to appoint staff from a wide variety of backgrounds. Not just because it is the right thing to do but because at the RGS we recognise that those different experiences provide fresh perspectives, opportunities to challenge existing beliefs and provide opportunities to act as excellent role models for our diverse student body. We are committed to creating an inclusive and diverse school culture and our staff are at the heart of this. We are proud to be an equal opportunities employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment regardless of neurodivergence, age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnerships.

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We strive to achieve a diverse workforce, fully representative of our pluralistic society and the ethnic make-up of the student population in the UK. People of colour are under-represented on our staff team. We are keen to attract applicants from a diverse pool of candidates and determined to be a fully inclusive employer, and a great workplace for people of Black, Asian, and ethnic minority heritage as well as White heritage.

We encourage all candidates to complete an 'equal opportunities' form with your application. This will be sent directly to the HR team for monitoring purposes.

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