Kingswood Oxford seeks an enthusiastic, experienced independent school counselor to lead and serve the Middle School community. The successful candidate will be one with high emotional intelligence, a sense of humor, experience working with middle school students and a growth mindset. He or she will thrive in a school community that values the whole student, strong relationships, and collaborative problem-solving. The right candidate will support KO’s mission, traditions and the culture of the Middle School.

The Middle School Counselor promotes and enhances the overall academic mission of the School by providing services that strengthen home/school/community partnerships and reduce barriers to learning. The Counselor contributes to the development of a healthy, safe, equitable and caring environment by advancing the understanding of the emotional and social development of children and the influences of family, community, and cultural differences on student successes by implementing effective intervention strategies. The School Counselor meets with students individually and in groups to address concerns and makes recommendations for additional services as necessary. The School Counselor reports to the Associate Head of Middle School and works closely with the student life team of the Middle School. In addition, the Counselor should coordinate with the Upper School Counselor and the Consulting Psychologist. The ideal candidates will possess a minimum of a masters’ level clinician status.

Clinical Responsibilities include:

- Counsel, support and advise students
- Run affinity groups as needed
- Provide assistance to teachers to improve student well being and capacity for social and academic success
- Provide assistance to parents to improve student well being and capacity for social and academic success
- Work as a liaison between outside mental health professionals and the School to ensure optimal student functioning and support
- Serve as a member of the Student Life Team
- Weekly meetings with the Associate Head of the Middle School, the School Nurse and the Director of Academic Skills
**Teaching Responsibilities include:**
- Teach Life Skills Classes in Upper Prep, Form 1 and Form 2

**Programming Responsibilities include:**
- Create programs that improve school climate and promote emotional health and wellness
- Create educational programs for parents, students and/or faculty when applicable or necessary.

Located in West Hartford, Conn., Kingswood Oxford is a coeducational, independent day school for motivated students in grades 6-12. KO actively seeks to attract and welcome a diverse population of students, faculty, and staff, including differences in race, color, religion, nationality or ethnic origin, gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation. At KO we believe that a diversity of ideas and perspectives enriches our community and improves our understanding. We continually work to increase equity and access within our learning community and seek candidates who are similarly committed to this work. If you would like to join us in this work, we welcome your application.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and references to jobopenings@kingswoodoxford.org.