

NURTURING TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE, INSPIRING TOMORROW'S LEADERS



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION PACK



WELCOME FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the Assistant Principal role at Tauheedul Islam Girls' High School and Sixth Form College (TIGHS).

TIGHS is an 'outstanding' secondary school and sixth form for 11-18 year-old girls. The Academy delivers a knowledge-based academic curriculum alongside a rich and diverse programme that develops leadership, character and a firm commitment to helping others.

Star's mission is to create outstanding schools that deliver the very best education to young people. Our culture is one of aspiration and high expectations. Every child's educational journey is of paramount importance to us and we take seriously our responsibility to shape their future life chances. We passionately believe that schools have a transformational impact on society and we have seen the difference that a rounded, high quality educational experience can make to individuals and communities.

I would like to share with you an insight into the exciting journey TIGHS has been on to firmly establish itself as one of the most successful schools in the country. I hope that this information pack will inspire you to apply for the post and to start thinking about how you might support this already outstanding school to achieve even greater successes and further enhance the quality of provision available to our pupils and their families.

Since opening in 1984, TIGHS has grown from its humble beginnings to become one of England's flagship schools, where all pupils flourish. The school has been judged to be 'outstanding' in its last four Ofsted inspections and, for over ten years, has consistently been ranked as one of the best schools in the country for progress made by pupils with low prior achievement and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Following the promotion of the current post holder, we are looking for an established or aspiring leader with a proven track record of supporting children to achieve outstanding results - someone who shares the trust's vision and the belief that all young people, if nurtured and given the right opportunities, can achieve excellence in their academic studies and personal and leadership development.

As a member of a well-established trust, which runs 35 schools, there are many opportunities for collaboration and joint practice development.

Our leaders are supported by Star's extensive expertise, experience and infrastructure. As a senior leader in a Star school, you will become an important part of a strong family where schools work collaboratively on a range of initiatives such as the development of the curriculum, delivery of CPD programmes and implementation of the leadership specialism.

Our schools are clustered within five Star partnership areas across the country. As a member of the Lancashire partnership, TIGHS works closely with other Star schools and receives support from an experienced regional director to improve outcomes for young people in the region.

If you are ambitious, motivated, values-driven and keen to spur social mobility by providing a first-class education to children from disadvantaged areas, this could be the opportunity of a lifetime.

Thank you for considering the position of Assistant Principal at TIGHS.

Yours sincerely,

SIR (MUFTI) HAMID PATEL CBE

Chief Executive, Star Academies























ABOUT OUR SCHOOL



Tauheedul Islam Girls' High School and Sixth Form College is a Muslim faith designated 11-18yrs academy.

OUR MISSION

To promote a culture of educational excellence, from within a caring and secure Islamic environment enriched with the values of discipline, mutual care and respect, which extends beyond the school into the wider community.

OUR VISION

Nurturing today's young people, inspiring tomorrow's leaders.

OUR STAR VALUES



citizen in our community



Working together for excellence



Aspiring to be our best



Treating others as we wish to be treated

CURRICULUM

Our curriculum emphasises the importance of intellectual study and focuses on traditional learning. We believe that this will best equip our pupils for the pathways that lead to university, the professions and success in whatever career they eventually choose. We are determined that our pupils will compete on equal terms with pupils coming from the most privileged circumstances. We provide them with an academic, but rounded, education that gives them the best possible chance to succeed.

There are five key strands to the overall curriculum:

- 1. Academic excellence
- 2. Character development
- 3. Service to communities
- 4. Underpinning STAR values
- 5. Overarching leadership specialism

There is an unashamedly academically focused subject driven knowledge rich curriculum for the vast majority of pupils. This model is based on the driving principle of the highest ambition and expectations of pupils regardless of background that will lead to transforming their life chances.

LEADERSHIP SPECIALISM

Our leadership specialism provides our pupils with a variety of enjoyable and engaging learning experiences. Programmes in sports, creative arts and social enterprise build character and provide opportunities for making a difference in the local community. These programmes are supplemented by enrichment opportunities – Leadership Academies – aimed at developing key leadership skills and specific interests and talents. All of our Leadership initiatives promote our STAR values of service, teamwork, ambition and respect and equip our pupils with the skills and confidence to take on more responsibilities as they get older.

THE ROLE

Job Title: Assistant Principal

School Base: Tauheedul Islam Girls' High School and Sixth Form College

Reports to: Principal

Staff Responsibility for: As assigned

JOB PURPOSE

To contribute to the development of a strong, effective school with an emphasis on promoting a culture of educational excellence, within a caring and secure Islamic environment enriched with the values of discipline, mutual care and respect which extends beyond the school into the wider community.

JOB SUMMARY

- Assist in the creation and implementation of a strategic plan which identifies priorities and targets for designated areas
 of leadership responsibility.
- 2. Ensure that all those involved in the school are committed to its aims, motivated to achieve them and involved in meeting long, medium- and short-term objectives and targets which secure the educational success of the school.
- 3. Make decisions based upon analysis, interpretation and understanding of relevant data and information.
- 4. Perform other duties determined in discussion with the Principal.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

1. Overall Strategic Responsibilities

- 1.1. Work in partnership with the Principal, Senior Leadership Team, Local Accountability Board, staff, pupils, parents and the Local Authority in generating the ethos and values which underpin the school enriched by mutual care and respect extending into the local community.
- 1.2. Support the maintenance and enhancement of the school's ethos and mission through own outstanding professional conduct and high expectations of others.
- 1.3. Provide outstanding strategic and operational leadership of assigned areas of responsibility.
- 1.4. Develop and implement an effective strategy for assigned areas of responsibility in collaboration with other members of the Senior Leadership Team.
- 1.5. Devise and implement a development plan for all areas of responsibility with clear annual targets agreed with all members of the Senior Leadership Team.
- 1.6. Performance manage assigned staff with respect to all areas of responsibility for pupils; through regular meetings, setting of appropriate targets for performance, providing support and challenge and undertaking regular reviews for feedback.
- 1.7. Develop systems and structures for the effective management and administration of all areas of responsibility.
- 1.8. Quality assure provision, in all areas of responsibility, in line with the expectations set out in the Star Quality Standards.

2. Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitude

- 2.1. Support with the implementation of a pastoral development strategy.
- 2.2. Maintain an ethos of high-quality pastoral care to support and challenge pupils to achieve all targets.
- 2.3. Support and promote strategies to sustain the highest levels of attendance, punctuality and standards of behaviour, including an effective rewards and sanctions system.
- 2.4. Help to maintain a culture of high-quality Child Protection.
- 2.5. Effective liaison with external agencies where required.
- 2.6. Involvement in the pupil, staff and parent councils.
- 2.7. Support with the delivery of the assemblies and 'registration' programme.

3. Quality of Education

- 3.1. Support and implement the curriculum and its assessment.
- 3.2. Support the delivery of the results strategy.
- 3.3. Support with the organisation and delivery of professional development sessions to enhance learning and teaching practice and pastoral provision.
- 3.4. Help to create and maintain an ethos of excellence and endeavour that promotes and secures Star Excellence in teaching and the highest standards of achievement.
- 3.5. Ensure that standards in literacy, numeracy are priority targets for all students, including those with special educational needs.
- 3.6. Support the development and management of the overall CPD model of the school including induction.
- 3.7. Identify particular development needs in individual staff and provide coaching to address these.

4. Faculty Management

- 4.1. Provide line management of middle leaders of assigned faculties, supporting and challenging them to achieve faculty and individual staff targets.
- 4.2. Audit all curriculum areas in the faculty regularly to ensure statutory compliance, proficient standards of provision, the highest levels of attainment and effective systems and structures.
- 4.3. Support faculties to enhance assessment for learning, intervention and develop more effective curricula in each of the faculties.

5. Relationships with Others

- 5.1. Participate in the Performance Management Cycle and INSETs.
- 5.2. Participate in the induction of new staff into the school community.
- 5.3. Maintain good working relationships with colleagues, pupils, parents/carers, governors, the community and Local Authority and ensure all communication is consistent with the school's ethos.

6. Accountability

- 6.1. Make best use of all resources to support the attainment, progress and well-being of all pupils.
- 6.2. Ensure that parents/carers and pupils are well informed about all aspects of provision (within areas of responsibility) and about the contribution they can make in supporting their child's learning.

7. Other Responsibilities

- 7.1. Contribute to the wider life of the Trust, its schools and its community through out of hours and partnership work.
- 7.2. Support the work of colleagues within the Senior Leadership Team through the strategic leadership of key processes within school.
- 7.3. Fulfil line management duties for one or more faculties.
- 7.4. Deliver a reduced teaching timetable as required to enable the delivery of the curriculum
- 7.5. Promote the Trust's vision of nurturing today's young people, inspiring tomorrow's leaders'.
- 7.6. Champion the Trust's values of 'Service', 'Teamwork', 'Ambition' and 'Respect'.
- 7.7. Contribute to the wider life of the Trust and the Star community.
- 7.8. Carry out any such duties as may be reasonably required by the Trust.

8. Records Management

8.1. All staff who create, receive, and use records in the course of their job are responsible for ensuring that records are managed appropriately. It is therefore likely that this post-holder will have responsibility for record-keeping as part of the role. Employees are required to be conversant with the Trust's policies and procedures on records management.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

			Assessed by:			
No	Categories	Essential/ Desirable	App Form	Interview/ Task		
QUALIFICATIONS						
1.	A degree qualification (2ii or above).	E	✓			
2.	Qualified Teacher Status.	Е	✓			
3.	Evidence of Continuous Professional Development.	Е	✓			
4.	Middle or Senior Management qualification.	D	✓			
EXP	ERIENCE					
5.	Sustained delivery of outstanding achievement.	E	✓	✓		
6.	Track record of delivering 'outstanding' outcomes for pupils.	E	✓	✓		
7.	Innovation and creativity to engage, enthuse and progress learners.	E	✓	✓		
8.	Partnership and team working.	Е	✓	✓		
9.	Developing and leading the implementation of strategies to achieve whole school/college improvement.	E	✓	✓		
10.	Leading improvements in Pastoral Care.	D	✓	✓		
11.	Leading improvements in Learning and Teaching.	E	✓	✓		
ABIL	ITIES, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE					
12.	Ability to teach to GCSE standard.	E	✓	✓		
13.	Ability to teach to A-level standard.	D	✓	✓		
14.	Ability to coach and motivate professionals, individually and within groups, to achieve individual and collective targets.	E	✓	✓		
15.	Ability to develop and implement strategies to enhance and sustain whole school initiatives.	E	✓	✓		
16.	Ability to work with a range of external agencies and stakeholders to deliver whole-school initiatives.	E	✓	✓		
17.	Ability to communicate verbally with, and write reports for, a range of stakeholders, including Governors and external agencies.	E	✓	✓		
18.	Ability to set clear targets, track and manage progress and develop strategies to achieve desired outcomes.	E	✓	✓		
19.	Ability to work autonomously, prioritise conflicting demands and thrive under pressure.	E	✓	✓		
20.	ICT skills to manage and report on performance data to a range of audiences (Ofsted, Governors, parents, staff and pupils).	E	✓	✓		
21.	Understanding of contemporary issues relating to safeguarding, pastoral matters and learning support.	D	✓	✓		

			Assessed by:			
No	Categories	Essential/ Desirable	App Form	Interview/ Task		
PERSONAL QUALITIES						
22.	A passionate belief in the Trust's vision of nurturing today's young people, inspiring tomorrow's leaders'.	E	✓	✓		
23.	Commitment to working flexibly outside of school hours to achieve outstanding outcomes for young people.	E	✓	✓		
24.	Personal resilience, persistence and perseverance.	E	✓	✓		
25.	Highly organised, literate and articulate.	E	✓	✓		
26.	A strong commitment to the Trust value of 'Service'.	E	✓	✓		
27.	A strong commitment to the Trust value of 'Teamwork'.	E	✓	✓		
28.	A strong commitment to the Trust value of 'Ambition'.	E	✓	✓		
29.	A strong commitment to the Trust value of 'Respect'.	E	✓	✓		
30.	Commitment to support Star Academies' agenda for safeguarding and equality and diversity.	E	✓	✓		
31.	Sympathetic to and supportive of the Mixed Multi-Academy Trust Model and ethos of the Establishment.	Е	✓	✓		

ABOUT STAR ACADEMIES

Star Academies is a mixed Multi-Academy Trust that runs a diverse network of primary and secondary schools. We are a values-based organisation, committed to enhancing social mobility. All our efforts are geared towards raising the aspirations of children and young people in areas of social and economic deprivation to improve their life chances and help them succeed at the highest levels of education, employment and the professions.

Star Academies is one of the country's leading education providers, and our schools promote excellence in everything they do. In every school, the entire staff team – working in partnership with parents and the local community – is committed to nurturing today's young people and inspiring tomorrow's leaders.

Our schools work together as Star Partnerships in five cluster areas – Lancashire, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, the Midlands and London. Schools within the Partnerships collaborate to share expertise and maximise opportunities and experiences for our pupils.

Star Academies employs the very best staff and invests heavily in their continuing professional development. Staff benefit from an extensive range of nationally accredited training provided by Star Institute. Star also offers a range of rewards and benefits, including competitive salaries and pension schemes, generous holiday entitlements and healthcare cash plans.



WE ARE TRANSFORMATIONAL







WE ARE INSPIRATIONAL

DRIVING SOCIAL MOBILITY

Our schools are situated in some of the country's most deprived areas. Whether they are in deprived parts of thriving cities, coastal towns and rural villages, we don't let the places our pupils live get in the way and stop them achieving stellar outcomes.

We want our pupils to reach for the stars and believe that anything is possible if they are willing to work hard. We're not in the business of giving them false hope though. Our outcomes speak for themselves. We have pupils who arrive at primary school, living in poverty and with no prior knowledge of English, who go on to achieve a full house of GCSE Grade 9s and then to study at world-class universities or take up top-flight apprenticeships.

If you are passionate about closing the gap and believe young people shouldn't be limited by their circumstances or starting points - if you share our vision of a country of opportunity and you believe in the power of a knowledge-based education to transform opportunities and elevate the social and economic profile of a whole community - there could be a place for you at Star.

BRINGING OUT THE STARS

All our schools have a leadership specialism. We bring out the leader in every pupil, from their first day at primary school to the day they leave sixth form. Our pupils are award-winning entrepreneurs, junior athletes competing for their country, prolific charity campaigners and some of the country's best scholars. They are innovative scientists, skilled technicians, thought-provoking poets, performers, artists and everything in between.

Joining Star means joining an organisation that makes young people believe not only in themselves, but in a better and brighter future for the world around them.

VALUING HARD WORK

We make no apologies for the fact that we expect our pupils and staff to work hard; we wouldn't be able to achieve such consistently high results if they didn't. However, we make sure that every individual's hard work is valued, that their efforts are appreciated, and that they can see how their personal contributions are helping change young people's lives.

ENGAGING IN SOCIAL GOOD

Our Star-wide commitment to service empowers everyone in our organisation to give something back and make a positive impact in the community. Our Shine Charity helps pupils, staff and their families get involved with civic and charitable projects that tackle issues ranging from poverty to loneliness.

Our staff and pupils work together to run food banks, help local conservation projects and participate in clean-up operations. We volunteer at local homeless shelters and soup kitchens. We visit care homes and hospitals to bring some cheer into the lives of elderly people and those who are unwell. Our Star Winter Gift Programme is a unique national programme that aims to bring joy to thousands of people over the festive season.

Collectively, our schools have raised over £1,000,000 for charity.

DEMONSTRATING SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Our leaders put their teams first. They take time to build trust and they keep the wellbeing of their staff in mind in everything they do. They clear the obstacles that get in the way and do everything they can to enable their staff to shine.

BEING STRONGER IN OUR DIVERSITY

Star is a global community and we pride ourselves on our diversity. Our pupils and staff come from all over the world, our schools are located in every corner of the country, and the people we employ come from every part of society. We have faith and non-faith schools across all phases and our staff and pupils benefit from partnerships that encourage them to befriend people from other backgrounds, beliefs and cultures. We are a community founded on the principle of meritocracy and the desire to bring together the very best people to transform our country's educational landscape.





WE ARE TRANSFORMATIONAL

BEING A LEARNING ORGANISATION

We are a high-performing organisation, but we never rest on our laurels or take our success for granted. We are restless, always learning from our experiences – good and bad – and always on the lookout for new ideas to try in our constant quest for improvement. We don't believe that any one individual – however senior in the organisation – has a monopoly of wisdom. Some of the best ideas come from the most junior staff.



GROWING OUR OWN

We are committed to developing the next generation of teachers, managers and leaders in our own schools and throughout the school system. We offer clearly-defined pathways to success for teaching and non-teaching staff alike. We aim to create an environment where all our staff can grow and succeed. Star Institute, our training and development arm, was set up specifically to champion the professional and personal development of our workforce. The Institute offers a range of accredited CPD opportunities, nationally-recognised qualifications and coaching programmes for staff at all levels and from all disciplines, ranging from apprenticeships to national leadership qualifications.

EMPLOYING INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERS

At Star, we lead by example. Our leaders position themselves on the front line. They are visible and accessible to their staff. They roll their sleeves up and get involved in the hard graft that's needed to deliver outstanding outcomes. They work hard to earn the respect of their staff and do all they can to make their jobs easier - not harder. They willingly share their skills and expertise with their staff. Every manager is a coach, dedicated to enabling others to thrive.

COLLABORATING, SHARING AND SUPPORTING

Collaboration is at the heart of the Star model. It is by people working together, with each individual bringing their unique skills and perspectives, that organisations thrive. Leadership is shared as we work for and with each other.

Star creates an environment where sharing and mutual support come naturally. Our staff are instrumental in the development of Star-wide policies and procedures. Trust-wide learning and management groups provide opportunities for schools to come together to discuss, develop and refine the approaches and delivery plans for every aspect of our provision. From subject strategies to safeguarding, finance to estate management, we tap into our staff's collective expertise to ensure our plans - and our solutions - are practical, logical and optimal.

BEING JUST THE RIGHT SIZE

When you work for a large national organisation with multiple campuses, it is easy to feel like you are just a cog in the machine and that your contributions are negligible in the big scheme of things. Star is big enough to give you room to grow and progress, but small enough to remember what makes you special.





ENCOURAGING FAST TRACK CAREER PROGRESSION

At Star, we create a climate where talented, high-potential individuals are able to scale great heights. Our high quality, bespoke learning and mentoring programme provides a ladder to success. Our most promising staff are fast-tracked into leadership and management positions as part of our Star Talent Initiative.



WEARE ONE

UNITING BEHIND OUR STAR VALUES

In order to achieve the aspirational standards we set ourselves, we act as one organisation – an organisation where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Our STAR values of service, teamwork, ambition and respect underpin everything that we do. They are shared by everyone in our schools and our central team. We expect our staff to model our STAR values and our pupils to act as ambassadors for our Star behaviours by serving the local community, working well together, aspiring to excel in all that they do, and treating others as they wish to be treated.

SHARING A MORAL PURPOSE

Anyone with experience in the education sector knows that it isn't an easy profession, but we are bolstered by the knowledge that what we do is worthwhile. We aren't just finding our own purpose - we are helping young people to discover theirs too. There are times when it feels like an uphill struggle, but we don't give up, because every day - in some small way - we are changing lives for the better. We are working tirelessly to eradicate social inequalities and break down barriers to learning. By levelling the playing field and giving disadvantaged young people, their families and communities a fighting chance, we are playing our part in enhancing social mobility. This makes us proud.

FILLING OUR ORGANISATION WITH STAR TALENT

In order to achieve excellence in everything we do, we need people who are exceptional in their field and who are driven to go the extra mile. We have a rigorous recruitment process because we want to make sure that we find the right people - people who share our values and who want to be the very best they can, whatever their discipline or background. Our roles may be varied and wide-ranging, but everyone shares one common characteristic – they are talented at what they do.

BEING DRIVEN BY THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

Nobody achieves success overnight, and every experienced leader knows that while you can plan for every eventuality, plans alone are not enough. Every school has plans that cover every area of school life, but it's how we deliver those plans that sets Star apart. We are characterised by attention to detail, a constant quest to do things better and a belief that there's always more to learn. That's the only way we can ensure every pupil is achieving their potential. Success lies in the quality of the learning materials and the resources we produce, in our relentless drive to ensure that every lesson is good or outstanding and in our commitment to operational excellence. Our staff strive for excellence in everything they do and go above and beyond the call of duty to make our vision a reality.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

At Star, we celebrate the marginal gains as much as the monumental ones. Every small breakthrough is a step on the path to success. As in so many areas of life, most of our major successes are built on a series of small achievements along the way. We never lose sight of this. Whatever their role, we praise our staff for a job well done. We take stock of our day-to-day accomplishments and celebrate them.

Our STARs scheme and the annual Star Awards are designed to recognise individuals who go the extra mile. They bring everyone together to celebrate the role we collectively play in transforming futures. We take genuine pleasure in our progress, as individuals and as an organisation.

TAKING PRIDE IN BEING ONE FAMILY

Star is a vibrant, dynamic family where life-long friendships are forged, professional relationships flourish, and people treat each other with respect, kindness and good humour. We wholeheartedly believe that success is the result of teamwork, and teamwork depends on us supporting each other – not just when it's convenient, but when it really counts. We want all our people to love their job, to love the people they work with and to love being a part of Star.





STAFF BENEFITS



COMPETITIVE SALARIES

We value our staff and place a supreme importance on their well-being. We aim to offer job satisfaction, work-life balance and a competitive reward package.



PENSION SCHEME

All contracted members of staff will be automatically enrolled into either the Teachers' Pension Scheme or the Local Government Pension Scheme (whichever is appropriate).



NATIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

We offer national terms and conditions in line with the School Teacher's Pay and Conditions document ("STPCD") and Burgundy Book for teachers or the NJC Green Book for support staff. This commitment is protected via a Recognition and Collective Agreement between Star and the national Trade Unions and Professional Associations. Star also subscribes to the Valued Workers Scheme.



SIMPLYHEALTH

Our Healthcare Cash Plan from Simplyhealth enables staff to claim money back on the cost of everyday healthcare, such as dental treatment, eye tests, physiotherapy, acupuncture, osteopathy, chiropractic treatment, homeopathy and chiropody/podiatry, all up to an agreed annual limit.



MYLIFESTYLE EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS

mylifestyle is an exclusive portal that provides our employees with access to a wide range of employee perks, including shopping discounts at hundreds of online and high street retailers, and discounted gym membership.



CAR BENEFIT SCHEME

Our car benefit scheme allows Star employees to drive away a brand-new electric vehicle or plug-in hybrid car for a fixed monthly amount via salary sacrifice.



CYCLE TO WORK SCHEME

Our Cycle to Work scheme enables employees to purchase brand-new bicycles and equipment via salary sacrifice.



FLEXIBLE AND FAMILY FRIENDLY POLICIES

We offer flexible working opportunities; job share arrangements and part-time roles; generous family leave packages; and leave to support you with emergencies or for compassionate reasons.



RECOGNITION

We're proud to have a range of schemes, which recognise the achievements of our staff and show our appreciation of their contributions. Our Star Letters scheme and annual Star Awards provide a way for managers to reward and recognise colleagues who go that extra mile.



ADVICE AND COUNSELLING SERVICES

Our Employee Assistance Programme offers free and confidential advice 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Colleagues also have access to structured counselling sessions.



GP SERVICES

Through our partnership with Simplyhealth, we offer 24/7 telephone access to GP services. Colleagues can speak to a GP at any time and, if appropriate treatment requires medication, the GP can offer private prescriptions.

HOW TO APPLY

Star Academies is committed to equality of opportunity and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. You can apply for this post by visiting our vacancies page: www.jobtrain.co.uk/starcareers/vacancies.aspx and filling in the associated application form. CVs will not be accepted for this post.

All potential applicants are welcome to contact Star Central Business Support on **0330 313 9800** if they would like an informal and confidential discussion regarding the role.

Star Academies is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This post is subject to satisfactory clearances, including references, DBS checks, health clearances and proof of legal working in accordance with the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996.



