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Subject Lead for Maths

Merit is a small, local authority maintained school in Stoke on Trent for secondary school children with medical and mental health needs. We are also responsible for providing education at The University Hospitals of North Midlands.

The school offers a safe, secure and nurturing environment with skilled and experienced teachers and supportive, wrap-around care for all our pupils.

We are seeking an outstanding Subject Lead for Maths following an internal promotion. In this unique role, you will lead the teaching of mathematics across the school including our hospital classroom.

Why Merit?

The moment you walk through our doors, you will know that Merit is different. Merit is not a school for children with challenging and explosive behaviours; the school is calm and purposeful with brilliantly individual pupils who want to learn.

Unlike most alternative provision, we mirror a mainstream curriculum with an academic focus and pupils studying for 7 GCSE in recognised EBacc subjects. Merit pupils go on to study at all levels, with many going on to University.

We are proud of our GCSE results which align with some of the best in the city. In the last year exams were taken, 50% of pupils gained a grade 4 or above in Maths.

Rated 'good' by Ofsted in 2019 under the new framework, the inspection team recognised:

"The pupils at Merit Pupil Referral Unit are very positive about the school, and they are right to be"

"Pupils and staff enjoy positive relationships with each other. Pupils encourage one another. They recognise that everyone is different and that all face challenges in life"

We strongly encourage prospective candidates to visit the school, to meet us and talk to anyone who works here to understand why Merit will be a transformative move for your career.

What we can offer the right candidate

- The chance to really know and build positive working relationships with your pupils
- An investment in you - quality CPD and meaningful performance management will ensure you continue to progress and develop your pedagogical practice
- The chance to join a truly collaborative team of skilled and caring professionals. Merit is not a place for egos – our success comes from working together, every member of the team is crucial. If you are passionate about equality and social justice then you will be joining a team of like-minded individuals.
- Small class sizes without disruptive behaviour, allowing you to teach innovatively
- A work/life balance that allows all your energy and enthusiasm to be channelled towards brilliant teaching and learning
- A small maintained school setting that has its own character and distinctive ethos
- Fair pay including UPS and SEND allowance

Essential requirements for the role

- To be an outstanding qualified teacher (holding QTS, QTLS or equivalent) with a subject specialism in mathematics
- A minimum of 2 years' post qualification experience teaching Mathematics and numeracy at secondary level across the age and ability levels up to (and including) GCSE
- Experience of planning a Maths curriculum that meets the diverse needs of individual learners
- Evidence of ongoing professional development.
- The knowledge and skills to drive whole school improvement in Maths and to support non-specialist teachers of the subject
- A team player with a positive attitude and a passion for making a difference