**Post Reference: 2220**

**Academy:** Leeds West Academy

**Job Title: Curriculum Leader of English**

**Grade:** MPS/UPS (£28,000 - £43,685) plus TLR1c (£14,732)

**Hours:** Full time

**Accountable to:** A member of the Senior Leadership Team

Leeds West Academy is a school with a remarkable sense of community and a strong and safe culture, a place where staff and students can thrive. We were judged as ‘Good’ by Ofsted in May 2019 because teaching is strong, the support we provide for our students and staff is unrivalled and because our results have improved year-on-year since 2016. In 2022, our students secured the best results in the school’s history.  In short, there is no better time to join Leeds West Academy, as a colleague, a leader or as a student.

Leeds West Academy is a fabulous place to work. We are a caring and supportive community, part of White Rose Academies Trust and benefit from exceptional CPD. A broad, varied and highly bespoke package is well-established, driven by the latest in educational research focused on the development of all professionals in the organisation at each career stage. Colleagues train with us, they grow with us and they progress with us.

Our academy predominantly serves the community of Bramley in Leeds.  We are oversubscribed and popular within our community. More families are choosing Leeds West Academy as first-choice for their children than ever before.

Our students are amazing; they are generally respectful young people who embrace diversity and have a strong sense of fairness.

**Role:**

We are looking for an enthusiastic and ambitious Curriculum Leader of English to join our existing team. To lead an inclusive, coherently sequenced, and diverse English curriculum that promotes the accumulation of knowledge, skills and cultural capital through inspirational literature and language lessons. We are committed to ensuring all students continue to achieve beyond their potential. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity to join a department dedicated to improving outcomes, aspirations and life chances of young people.

The English Team at Leeds West Academy has a wide range of experience and skills. The department works collaboratively to develop both learning experiences and professional growth. Staff at all levels feel well developed by both our departmental and whole school CPD programmes, including the working partnership we have with Leeds Learning Partnership and The Prince’s Teaching Institute.

In the English department, we believe in making sure our students are given a wide breadth and depth of knowledge across both language and literature that not only sets them up for excellent GCSE results but also life beyond the classroom. We teach a thematic curriculum, which means that students are given an opportunity to read widely across time periods and the globe and from a range of authors from different backgrounds.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

As part of a team of subject leads, the Curriculum Leader of English will:

• Be committed to supporting the achievement of all our young people in English, both in lessons and through extra-curricular provision, through their learning from 11-16 and beyond

• To design and develop an outstanding, innovative and creative English curriculum

• To develop, in all students and teachers of English, versatile skills and attitudes required for lifelong learning in a rapidly changing world

• To ensure that teachers within the English team are provided with high quality training opportunities, which enable them to be highly effective practitioners

• To hold teachers of English to account for their performance

• To develop positive external relationships at a local and strategic level, in partnership with White Rose Academies Trust and others, to promote the continued development of the academy, as a central resource for the community

Part of **White Rose Academies Trust**, Leeds West Academy is accelerating on a thrilling journey, which will ultimately see the school, its staff and its students, secure **an Ofsted rating of ‘World Class’.**

We're securing our 2025 vision for ‘World Class’ by growing our family of exceptional education professionals; dedicated specialists and passionate leaders with the shared goal of transforming future prospects for the next generation of West Yorkshire.

We provide exceptional life training; harnessing the skills and fortifying the aspirations of young people, who we know will transform the region and provide a positive, progressive contribution to society.

White Rose Academies Trust is a local trust dedicated to raising and fulfilling the ambitions of young people. Our academies throughout Leeds are at the heart of the communities they serve, which is why we are committed to delivering an outstanding education to every one of our students.

The trust currently employs over 550 outstanding professionals who are committed to unlocking the potential of the next generation. Our CPD Programme is focused on innovation, leadership development and delivery of excellence for vulnerable groups. Our Beginner Teacher Programme is amongst the best in the region.

**Closing Date:** Monday 6th February 2023, at 9am

**Shortlisting Date:** Monday 6th February 2023

I**nterview Date:** Week Commencing 6th February 2023

**Start Date:** 1st September 2023

For more information, please visit our website at [www.whiteroseacademies.org](https://www.whiteroseacademies.org/).

To apply, please complete the application form and return to recruitment@whiteroseacademies.org by the closing date. Please note we are unable to accept CV’s.

White Rose Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its students and expects all staff and volunteers to share the commitment. Appointments will be subject to Safer Recruitment Procedures and an enhanced DBS check.

Please note this role will involve contact with children and you will be engaging in regulated activity. It is an offence to apply for the role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children.

We promote diversity and want a workforce which reflects the population of Leeds. Applications are welcome from all, irrespective of sex, sexuality, race, religion, marital status, age or disability.

**PLEASE NOTE THE REQUIREMENT TO ATTACH YOUR APPLICATION FORM AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT TO YOUR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FORM WHEN EMAILING YOUR APPLICATION TO US.**