

Albany Academy

FACULTY LEADER TECHNOLOGY TEACHER - APPLICATION PACK

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ALBANY ACADEMY
Faculty Leader – Technologies Faculty
Required January 2026.
Full-time MPS / UPS (TLR 1a)

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and energetic teacher leader to join our 'world class school'.

Albany Academy is a highly successful and popular 11-16 school situated in Chorley, Lancashire. With 740 pupils currently on roll, the school provides an excellent education within a nurturing and caring environment where every student is well known by every member of staff.

The governors are looking to appoint an experienced and successful teacher to lead our Technologies Faculty. The successful candidate will be a successful teacher in one of the following subjects:

- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Graphics
- Food & Nutrition
- Textiles
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They will lead a team of experts and will help develop colleagues, the curriculum and the quality of teaching

The successful candidate will join the school at an exciting time:

- We are a Living Wage Employer.
- The school is part of Albany Learning Trust, a tight-knit academy trust and has links across the region, nationally and internationally with other schools, trusts and education organisations.
- We offer award winning professional development.
- We have 10 inset days per year.
- We offer enhanced PPA with average class sizes of 19 in practical subjects.

The successful candidate will:

- Be an excellent classroom teacher.
- Be committed to continual professional development.
- Have a strong commitment to helping pupils of all performance standards to succeed.
- Be innovative and inspirational to both pupils and colleagues.

Application documents are available to download in the vacancies section of the school website www.albanyacademy.co.uk/vacancies

Apply online by the closing date of midday, on Monday 15th September 2025, to:
[**vacancies@albanyacademy.co.uk**](mailto:vacancies@albanyacademy.co.uk)

Interviews will take place on week commencing Monday 22nd September 2025.

September 2025

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the post of Faculty Leader of Technologies. This position has arisen due to the promotion of the current postholder to a leadership position in another school.

Albany Academy is a highly-regarded small school located in the south of Chorley, an area that boasts excellent schools and colleges in all phases. The academy is a high-performing school, which has an excellent reputation in the local area and is heavily oversubscribed. It is consistently in the top 10 schools in Lancashire for pupil progress and in 2022 received the prestigious *World Class School Award*, from High Performance Learning. The school was reaccruited in 2025. We are highly ambitious for our students, our staff and the wider educational community and we provide support for other schools, work closely with other providers and are proud to be a member of [Albany Learning Trust](#), the first school trust of its type in Lancashire. Further details about our trust and our values which we want every member of staff to share can be found on the trust [website](#). We believe that all students are capable of high performance.

We have strong links with local teaching schools and local primary schools, and we are part of the SSAT Leading Edge network and [High Performance Learning](#), a world-wide network of schools. Several of our staff provide support to other schools. Behaviour of students is rated as good by Ofsted and students are well prepared for the next steps in their lives. Students receive support in developing positive behaviour, their aspirations, resilience and leadership within lessons and beyond.

As a small school, we have a faculty system, designed to promote collaboration within teams. If successful, you will work within a successful Technologies faculty, consisting of a team of five teaching staff and one curriculum technician. The faculty delivers computer science, design technology, textiles and food & nutrition through KS3 and to GCSE standard. There are two computer suites, two food rooms, one textiles room and one DT room with a dedicated computer room for technologies. The faculty has dedicated class sets of student laptops and other specialist equipment and machinery. As GCSE options, the technologies subjects are very popular and outcomes are good and improving, with computer science in the top performing 5% nationally in 2025. The faculty has developed good relationships with local employers and has benefitted from resources and student opportunities as a result.

As a leader, you will be open to new ideas, collaboration and will enthuse and motivate both students and staff, immersing yourself in our community. You will expect the highest standards and believe that high performance for the many is possible. You will be teaching your preferred subject, and there will be the opportunity to teach other subjects within the faculty.

We take the development of our staff very seriously and this pack contains a job description, our Professional Development framework for teachers and a copy of the Albany Way. Our [Teacher Training Map](#) also gives a summary and examples of how we train and develop teachers.

As an employer Albany Learning Trust offers the following benefits:

Pension: Access to either the teacher pension scheme or local government pension schemes. These offer defined pension benefits, including generous death in service contribution.

Salary: We are proud to be a living wage employer. We offer competitive rates for all roles.

Travel: Membership of cycle to work scheme, which offers up to 40% off the price of a bicycle, including e-bikes.

Support: Our Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) provides confidential support for staff and their families for both personal and work-related matters.

- We train staff in [Chimp Management](#), which helps with people to manage their mind more effectively, with an approach grounded in neuroscience.
- We have free access to Headspace app, which offers meditation and mindfulness for any mind, any mood and any goal.
- We offer membership of the tech scheme, which offers up to 40% off the cost of personal IT equipment and white goods.

Priority: Children of staff have priority admissions to their school.

Development: Our high-quality, award winning training ensures personal, professional development and allows staff to become expert in their role. A clear progression route within the Trust also provides opportunities to prepare staff for their next career step. Partnerships with the top professional bodies and training providers ensures high quality, evidence-based training is always available to all staff. All our classroom staff receive training in [High Performance Learning](#) teaching and have access to HPL training pathways. Our leaders are trained by [Leadership Matters](#) and have access to professional leadership qualifications including NPQs.

Our school and trust websites provide a great deal more information about the school which you may find useful as part of the application process. Prospective candidates are always welcome to visit the school and visits can be arranged by contacting Mrs Shaw on 01257 244020.

We may use internet searches using information held in the public domain to perform due diligence on candidates in the course of recruitment, in terms of suitability for the post applied for. Where we do this, we will act in accordance with our data protection and equal opportunities obligations.

If you are successful as a candidate for this post, you will be a welcome new addition to our staff. Albany Academy is a small friendly school with a strong sense of identity that engenders real loyalty amongst all who are associated with it.

Please return a completed application form, along with a supporting letter of no more than two sides of A4, showing how you meet the person specification, before the closing date of mid-day on Monday 15th September 2025. Applications should be submitted electronically to vacancies@albanyacademy.co.uk. Interviews are scheduled to take place on week commencing Monday 22nd September 2025. I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully

P Mayland
Headteacher

JOB DESCRIPTION

FACULTY LEADER JOB DESCRIPTION – TECHNOLOGIES FACULTY

Salary: TLR 1a

Reporting to: SLT

Responsible for: Faculty staff

Rationale:

- To lead and manage the faculty and secure the achievement of faculty and whole school targets.
- Provide leadership in the classroom, delivering good or better lessons to ensure pupils make outstanding progress.
- To lead the improvement of teaching in the faculty by coaching and mentoring of staff in the faculty.
- To help the Faculty Leader ensure that all students benefit from the same curriculum and the same high expectations of success.
- This post is subject to the current STPCD and associated school policies.

Duties as Faculty Leader:

1. To lead the Faculty Team by establishing and maintaining a positive ethos of achievement for all, ensuring high standards and high expectations are maintained.
2. To be pro-active in continuing to improve the performance of the faculty and the staff and pupils within it.
3. To contribute to quality assurance processes, including lesson observations, student and parental feedback and work scrutinies to ensure and maintain the quality of curriculum, teaching and student behaviour within the faculty.
4. To provide mentoring and coaching to members of the faculty.
5. To help develop staff within the faculty in their pedagogy and leadership.
6. To line manage second in faculty and other staff within the faculty.
7. To hold faculty members to account for their personal performance and effectiveness including via the appraisal process.
8. To promote effective, evidence based working practices within the faculty to improve quality and reduce workload.
9. Be a mental health first responder within your faculty.
10. Be a school fire warden and first aid responder
11. To produce the faculty evaluation and improvement documents.
12. To manage resources, including the faculty budget, so as to secure best value for the school and its pupils.
13. To lead the faculty by example to maintain high standards and high expectations.
14. To keep up to date with national developments, teaching practice and curriculum changes and ensure these are shared within the faculty.
15. To develop your own leadership skills and your understanding of the latest evidence related to leading change and improving quality of teaching and curriculum.

Duties as a classroom teacher:

1. Maintain excellent results in your subject continue to improve the progress made.
2. Consistently deliver lessons that are good and outstanding that give students a passion for your subject.
3. Oversee and contribute to the development of schemes of work.
4. Continue to develop own practice through action research and collaboration using new technologies when appropriate to improve learning.
5. Continue to develop and ensure you have excellent subject knowledge.
6. Inspire and enthuse pupils to become independent learners who are able to access a range of learning techniques.
7. Support the vision and ethos of the school.
8. Set a good example in terms of dress, punctuality and attendance.
9. Uphold the school's routines for learning and uniform.
10. Contribute to monitoring and evaluating the success of the school.
11. Be committed to your individual professional development.
12. Act as form tutor to a group of pupils.
13. Ensure that all school policies including pupil safeguarding policies are carried out promptly and effectively.
14. Any other reasonable duties as requested by the Headteacher.

Professional Development:

SSAT Middle Leadership, HPL, PGcert, Leadership Matters

Person specification

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications and Experience To hold a degree or equivalent qualification. To be a qualified teacher. Experience of teaching at GCSE. To have significant recent line management and leadership responsibility NPQLT or NPQLTD. BASIC Coaching.	Evidence of recent leadership PD. Evidence of coaching or mentoring. Contribution to wider school life outside the classroom. Experience of having led a successful whole school initiative. Experience of managing a budget. HPL PGCert., SSAT Middle Leadership
Knowledge and Skills Excellent subject knowledge and classroom practice. The ability to plan lessons in line with schemes of work and develop new schemes in line with the national curriculum To have knowledge and understanding of recent educational developments. To use ICT to support and enhance learning. To understand the process of learning. To have knowledge of special educational needs regulations. To relate to and work with others as a member of a team. Understand the requirements of safeguarding policy, practice and procedures.	Experience of cross subject intervention and mentoring. Experience of QA processes. Experience of coaching staff. Experience of marking at GCSE level.
Personal Qualities To be able to relate to and motivate staff, parents and pupils. Have a passion for all subjects within the faculty. To be able to inspire and lead others. The ability to listen to and understand others. Consistently high expectation and standards. Willingness to develop own skills and knowledge. The ability to meet deadlines. Optimistic outlook.	
Approach to Work High motivation and professional commitment. A commitment to pupil centred education. A commitment to involving parents as partners in the education process.	Evidence of work beyond the classroom.

The Albany Way

We succeed because we care.

Community

This is a *community* where everyone is valued, can make a contribution and is empowered to take control of their own destiny. Where everyone *works together* and learns from each other.

Aspiration

We hold *hope* for every individual member of our community. In recognising their personal circumstances and by offering opportunities, we lay the foundations for their *future success*.

Resilience

Within our nurturing community we recognise that success is built on *effort*, a 'can do' attitude, ensuring the little things are done well and having no fear of failure. Everyone sets themselves the highest expectations and maintains a *hunger for improvement*.

Enthusiasm

As a result, we develop *well rounded human beings*, who are prepared to make a positive contribution to our wider community; who demonstrate mutual respect, empathy, an acute appreciation of fairness and a *strong sense of self-worth*.



ALBANY ACADEMY PERSONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Career Stage	What can I do?	PPD opportunities in school	PPD opportunities through Links	PPD opportunities through national & international links
Induction Year Work towards achievement of National Induction Standards	<input type="checkbox"/> Join a professional association <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Career Entry and Development Profile <input type="checkbox"/> Start a Professional Development Portfolio <input type="checkbox"/> Reflect weekly on teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Work with a mentor	<input type="checkbox"/> Albany Academy induction programme <input type="checkbox"/> Observe teaching by department colleagues <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings with mentor and ITT Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Receive developmental feedback from a colleague <input type="checkbox"/> Attend staff PPD – INSET days <input type="checkbox"/> Lesson observation programme <input type="checkbox"/> Receive in-class support <input type="checkbox"/> Observation of exemplar practice during open door weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Plan and lead assemblies <input type="checkbox"/> Shadow an experienced member of staff on parents' evenings <input type="checkbox"/> Support in writing student reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Visit other schools <input type="checkbox"/> Observe other teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with strategic leaders within school such as Literacy & Numeracy, E-safety, safeguarding, HA, educational visits	<input type="checkbox"/> HPL induction
Development Years 2, 3 & 4 Opportunities for teachers to begin to work towards exceeding some of the National Teaching Standards	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a Professional Development Portfolio <input type="checkbox"/> Record, reflect and self-evaluate your PPD <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake personal research <input type="checkbox"/> Be aware of trends in education via internet/twitter/professional sites <input type="checkbox"/> Analyse and interpret pupil data <input type="checkbox"/> Look at opportunities to lead training for other staff <input type="checkbox"/> Reflect weekly on teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Observe teaching by colleagues – and have the opportunity to deliver feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Be observed and receive developmental feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Attend staff PPD – INSET days <input type="checkbox"/> Share good practice at faculty meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Share good practice at a Staff Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Receive in-class support <input type="checkbox"/> Be coached by a peer <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange an out-of-school educational visit for pupils <input type="checkbox"/> Plan and lead an assembly <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunities to present to staff/parents <input type="checkbox"/> Take part in NQT/ITT mentoring <input type="checkbox"/> Focused discussion about your PPD needs as part of appraisal <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver Open door exemplar lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Lead a department initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunities for team teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Standardization meetings for subject <input type="checkbox"/> Be responsible for a tutor group	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Professionals Development courses <input type="checkbox"/> Visit other schools <input type="checkbox"/> Observe other teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in local network meetings <input type="checkbox"/> NPQLT	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Professional Development courses <input type="checkbox"/> Take part in certificate, diploma or masters degree programmes. <input type="checkbox"/> SSAT Leadership Legacy
Enhancement Years 4, 5 & 6 and subsequent years The PPD entitlement provides opportunities for all teachers to work towards exceeding all of the National Teaching Standards . Apply for Threshold.	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a Professional Development Portfolio to show planning, progression, data analysis, work samples and PPD opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in on-line discussion groups <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake classroom and action research <input type="checkbox"/> Develop your observation and coaching skills <input type="checkbox"/> Read academic and professional journals <input type="checkbox"/> Become an exam marker/moderator <input type="checkbox"/> Reflect weekly on teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation for threshold application	<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Staff Training – INSET Days, PPD Sessions <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunities to attend a Middle Leaders meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Present to staff/parents and Governors <input type="checkbox"/> Shadow senior colleagues <input type="checkbox"/> Lead a whole school initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Develop observation and coaching skills <input type="checkbox"/> Chair a meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Study/evaluate lessons with colleagues <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunities for team teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Coaching by a peer <input type="checkbox"/> Become a coach <input type="checkbox"/> Mentor a junior colleague <input type="checkbox"/> Focused discussion about your PPD needs as part of Appraisal Cycle <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Leaders PPD <input type="checkbox"/> Join T and L group <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in QA process <input type="checkbox"/> Work shadow appraiser <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Budget training <input type="checkbox"/> Develop and facilitate links to primary schools/colleges	<input type="checkbox"/> Visit other schools <input type="checkbox"/> Observe other Teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Attend subject moderation meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute to or participate in courses, conference or seminars	<input type="checkbox"/> Take part in certificate, diploma or masters degree programmes <input type="checkbox"/> Take part in regional specialist networks <input type="checkbox"/> Take part in Higher Education networks or research groups

Post-Threshold Subject or Middle Leader Focus	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain and progress through UPS1 to UPS2 to UPS3 <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a Professional Development Portfolio <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Specialist Leader in Education (SLE) <input type="checkbox"/> Reflect weekly on teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Observe/Feedback to ITT / NQT / SCITT students <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Peer Subject review <input type="checkbox"/> Mentor colleague in Department in development/delivery of SOW <input type="checkbox"/> Coach colleague <input type="checkbox"/> Be a Reviewer for Appraisal <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitate an Action Research project <input type="checkbox"/> Take responsibility for a budget <input type="checkbox"/> Assist in the organisation of a whole school event	<input type="checkbox"/> NPQLTD <input type="checkbox"/> HPL Lead Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Take part in certificate, diploma or masters degree programmes <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching fellows programme <input type="checkbox"/> HPL middle leadership
Developing the Leadership Role / Lead Practitioner The PPD entitlement provides opportunities for all teachers to begin to work towards a whole school and system wide role. The National Standard for Head teachers (NPSL)	<input type="checkbox"/> Contribute to academic and professional journals, books or websites <input type="checkbox"/> Research NCTL website <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a Professional Development Portfolio to show planning, progression, data analysis, work samples and PPD opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Become a governor representative <input type="checkbox"/> Become a Specialist Leader in Education <input type="checkbox"/> Reflect weekly on teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Work with a range of agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Chair meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Take part in selection of new staff <input type="checkbox"/> Support/team teach with junior colleagues <input type="checkbox"/> Shadow a senior colleague <input type="checkbox"/> Take on a Lead new role/initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Attend and lead Staff Training <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunities to present to staff/parents and Governors <input type="checkbox"/> Organization of a whole school event	<input type="checkbox"/> Support colleagues in other partner schools <input type="checkbox"/> Lead training in partner schools <input type="checkbox"/> Make presentations at conference/ meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Lead training for ITT /SCITT students	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Leadership Conferences <input type="checkbox"/> Establish links to Senior leaders at other schools/colleges <input type="checkbox"/> Complete NPQSL
Assistant/Deputy Head teacher The CPD entitlement provide opportunities for senior staff teachers to continue to work towards and evidence their achievement of: The National Standard for Head teachers (NPQH)	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a Professional Development Portfolio <input type="checkbox"/> Record, reflect, self-evaluate and plan your PPD <input type="checkbox"/> Join a professional association for senior leaders <input type="checkbox"/> Reflect weekly on teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Staff Training – INSET Days, PPD Seminars. <input type="checkbox"/> Plan program of PPD events <input type="checkbox"/> Organization of a whole school event <input type="checkbox"/> Attend SLT meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Be an appraiser <input type="checkbox"/> Line-manage/Coach a Faculty <input type="checkbox"/> Attend/make presentations to Governors <input type="checkbox"/> Rotate roles <input type="checkbox"/> Take responsibility for a significant part of the school's self-evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Take a lead on a whole school strategy <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute to the SIP <input type="checkbox"/> Take part in preparation for OFSTED <input type="checkbox"/> Act as Headteacher in Headteacher's absence (Deputies)	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend local Senior Leaders' meetings and networks	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete NPQH <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Leadership Conferences

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