

Ark John Keats Academy
Secondary Geography Teacher

Location: Enfield – easily accessible from central, north, and east London, as well as surrounding areas.

Salary: Ark MPS or UPS (Outer London) £33,209- £44,274 or £46,477- £49,981, depending on experience.

Working pattern: Full-time (Flexible/Part-time working will be considered)

Contract: Permanent

Start date: September 2023

Closing date: 17th April 2023 at 09.00am

We will be reviewing applications on an on-going basis and this advert may close earlier than advertised depending on the level of response.

Interviews: Interviews will take place w.c. 24th April 2023.

Interviews will be held on a rolling basis.

Ark John Keats is an exceptional school looking to hire exceptional people.

About the role:

We are looking for a passionate and knowledgeable Geography Teacher to join our team. Students at Ark John Keats study geography twice a week at KS3, and our GCSE and A-Level courses are both popular choices with excellent outcomes. All students are offered a free Chromebook when they join the school, which not only supports the computing curriculum but our wider digital strategy.

We are looking for someone who aligns with our approach to curriculum and teaching. The successful candidate will work closely with other teachers and leaders in the AJK Geography team, as well as across the Ark network to secure excellent outcomes for our children.

You will:

- Be vision aligned with our approach to curriculum and teaching.
- Have genuine passion and a belief in the potential of every student.
- Have up-to-date knowledge in the curriculum area.
- Be motivated to continually improve standards and achieve excellence.

About our school:

Ark John Keats was founded in 2013 with one class of reception children. We are now a fully-fledged all-through school, running from nursery to year 13, with over 1700 children. Our secondary school is oversubscribed, with a waiting list for every year group. Our community is composed of supportive and committed families who buy into our vision and work with us to ensure their children achieve all they are capable of in the future.

We aspire for all our children to have the academic knowledge necessary to enable them to progress to university, for pupils to have a love of learning and curiosity about the world, and for them to be polite, well-mannered young people who take responsibility for their choices and drive their own destinies.

Ark John Keats is part of Ark Schools, a hugely successful network serving pupils from deprived communities. Our network shares a belief in our six pillars, find out about them [here](#).

If you would like to find out more about us, please visit www.arkjohnkeats.org.

We offer:

- Twice the number of training days as standard.
- Access to Ark Rewards scheme offering up to £1,000 a year in savings from over 3,000 major retailers.
- Interest-free loans of up to £5,000 available for season tickets or a bicycles.
- Gym discounts offering up to 40% off your local gym.

How to get to us?

Travelling by rail from central London: Our nearest overground station, Turkey Street, is a 10-minute walk from the school and stops at Seven Sisters, Stoke Newington, and Hackney Downs on the way to Liverpool Street. National Rail services are also a 10-minute walk and stop at Tottenham Hale and Hackney Downs before finishing at Liverpool Street.

Travelling by car: We are easily reached by car, with most of Northeast London accessible within 30 minutes. There is free on-site parking for staff.

How to apply:

Please find the role on www.arkjohnkeats.org/vacancies and submit an application. We will be reviewing applications on an on-going basis and this advert may close earlier than advertised depending on the level of response.

For further information or to arrange a discussion, contact us at recruitment@arkjohnkeatsacademy.org.

Ark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its academies. In order to meet this responsibility, its academies follow a rigorous selection process to discourage and screen out unsuitable applicants.

Ark requires all employees to undertake an enhanced DBS check. You are required, before appointment, to disclose any unspent conviction, cautions, reprimands or warnings under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975. Non-disclosure may lead to termination of employment. However, disclosure of a criminal background will not necessarily debar you from employment - this will depend upon the nature of the offence(s) and when they occurred. To read more about Ark's safer recruitment process, please click this [link](#).

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Reports to: Head of Geography

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The Role

As a skilled classroom practitioner and subject expert, you will deliver high-quality, rigorous lessons that drive achievement and inspire a love of learning that extends beyond the classroom.

Key responsibilities

- To plan, resource and deliver lessons and sequences of lessons to the highest standard, thereby ensuring meaningful learning takes place and pupils make rapid and sustained progress
- To develop one's own teaching practice to a level of advanced proficiency
- To fully implement all academy routines and techniques for creating a culture of high expectations
- To contribute to the enrichment, extra-curricular and raising aspirations programmes
- To provide daily pastoral tutoring to a cohort of pupils
- To contribute to the effective daily working of the academy.

Outcomes and Activities

Teaching and Learning

- With direction from the Head of Department and within the context of the academy's curriculum and schemes of work, to plan and prepare effective teaching schemes and lessons
- To teach engaging and effective lessons that motivate, inspire and improve pupil attainment
- To use regular assessments to set targets for pupils, monitor pupil progress and respond accordingly to the results of such monitoring
- To produce/contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual and groups of pupils
- To develop plans and processes for the classroom with measurable results and evaluate those results to make improvements in pupil achievement
- To ensure that all pupils achieve at least expected progress and the majority of pupils make more than expected progress
- To maintain regular and productive communication with pupils, parents and carers, to report on progress, sanctions and rewards and all other communications
- To provide or contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual pupils and groups of pupils
- To direct and supervise support staff assigned to lessons and when required participate in related recruitment and selection activities
- To implement and adhere to the academy's behaviour management policy, ensuring the health and well-being of pupils is maintained at all times
- To participate in preparing pupils for external examinations.

Academy Culture

- To support the academy's values and ethos by contributing to the development and implementation of policies, practices and procedures
- To help create a strong academy community, characterised by consistent, orderly behaviour and caring, respectful relationships
- To help develop a school/department culture and ethos that is utterly committed to achievement and good discipline
- To be alert and active on issues relating to pupil welfare and child protection
- To support the enrichment programme
- To support and work in collaboration with colleagues and other professionals in and beyond the school, covering lessons and providing other support as required.

Other

- To undertake , and when required, deliver or be part of the appraisal system and relevant training and professional development
- To undertake, within reason, other various responsibilities as directed by the Headteacher or Principal.

Person Specification: Geography Teacher

Qualification Criteria

- Qualified to at least degree level in a related subject
- At least B grade in Geography A Level or equivalent
- Qualified to teach and work in the UK

Experience

- Evidence of being, or having the potential to be, an outstanding teacher of the subject.

Knowledge

- Up to date knowledge in the curriculum area
- An understanding of what an outstanding education looks like in the classroom
- An understanding of the strategies needed to establish consistently high expectations.

Behaviours

Leadership

- Effective team worker
- High expectations for accountability and consistency
- Vision aligned with Ark's high aspirations, high expectations of self and others
- Genuine passion and a belief in the potential of every pupil
- Motivation to continually improve standards and achieve excellence
- Effective listening skills that lead to a strong understanding of others
- Commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils.

Teaching and Learning

- Excellent classroom teacher, or potential to be one, with the ability to reflect on lessons and continually improve their own practice
- Effective and systematic behaviour management, with clear boundaries, sanctions, praise and rewards
- Thinks strategically about classroom practice and tailoring lessons to pupils needs
- Understands and interprets complex pupil data to drive lesson planning and pupil attainment
- Good communication, planning and organisational skills
- Demonstrates resilience, motivation and commitment to driving up standards of achievement
- Acts as a role model to staff and pupils
- Commitment to regular and on-going professional development and training to establish outstanding classroom practice.

Other

- Commitment to equality of opportunity and the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils
- Willingness to undertake training
- This post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service check.