



GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Post Title: HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
- Purpose:
- To implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for pupils aged 11-19 and to support a designated curriculum area as appropriate.
 - To monitor and support the overall progress and development of pupils as a Teacher/Form Tutor.
 - To facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides pupils with the opportunity to achieve the highest of standards.
 - To share and support the Trust's responsibility to provide and monitor opportunities for pupils' personal and academic growth.
- Reporting to: Principal//Head of School/Deputy Principal/Assistant Principal
- Responsible for: The provision of a full learning experience and support for pupils in accordance with the professional duties of a teacher.
- Liaising with: The Executive Principal/Principal/Head of School/Deputy and Assistant Principals, teaching/support staff, external agencies and parents/carers.
- The following information is furnished to assist staff joining the Trust to understand and appreciate the work content of their post and the role they play in the establishment.
- MAIN (CORE) DUTIES: To carry out the professional duties of a school Teacher as provided for under the relevant sections of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.
- Operational/Strategic Planning
- To assist in the development of appropriate syllabuses, resources, schemes of work, marking policies and teaching strategies in your curriculum area.
 - To contribute to the department's development plan and its implementation.
 - To plan and prepare courses and lessons.
 - To contribute to whole Academy planning activities.
- Curriculum provision:
- To ensure that the curriculum area provides a range of teaching that complements the Trust's strategic objectives.

- Curriculum development:
- To assist in the process of curriculum development and change so as to ensure the continued relevance to the needs of pupils, examining and awarding bodies and the Trust's mission and strategic objectives.
- Staff development:
- To take part in the Trust's staff development programme by participating in arrangements for further training and professional development.
 - To continue personal development in the relevant areas including subject knowledge and teaching methods.
 - To engage actively in the Performance Management Review process.
- Recruitment/deployment of staff:
- To ensure the effective/efficient deployment of classroom support.
 - To work as a member of a designated team and to contribute positively to effective working relations within the Trust.
- Quality Assurance:
- To help implement the Trust's quality procedures and adhere to them.
 - To contribute to the process of monitoring and evaluation of the curriculum area in line with agreed Trust procedures, including evaluation against quality standards and performance criteria.
 - To seek/implement modification and improvement where required.
 - To review from time to time methods of teaching and programmes of work.
 - To take part, as may be required, in the review, development and management of activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the Academy.
- Management information:
- To maintain appropriate records and to provide relevant, accurate and up-to-date information for the Academy's information system, eg CMIS etc.
 - To complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking of pupils.
 - To track pupil progress and use information to inform teaching and learning.
- Communications:
- To communicate effectively with the parents of pupils as appropriate.
 - Where appropriate, to communicate and co-operate with persons or bodies outside the Trust.
 - To follow agreed policies for communications in the Trust.
 - An ability to converse at ease with all customers and provide accurate advice in order to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role through the medium of spoken English.

- Marketing and liaison:
- To take part in marketing and liaison activities such as Open Evenings, Parents' Evenings, Review Days and liaison events with partner Academies.
 - To contribute to the development of effective subject links with external agencies and other schools.
- Management of resources:
- To contribute to the process of the ordering and allocation of equipment and materials.
 - To identify resource needs and to contribute to the efficient/effective use of physical resources.
 - To cooperate with other staff to ensure a sharing and effective usage of resources to the benefit of the Academy, department and the pupils.
- Pastoral system:
- To be a form tutor to an assigned group of pupils.
 - To promote the general progress and well-being of individual pupils and of the group as a whole.
 - To liaise with the Director of Achievement/SENCo/Head of Year/Assistant Principal to ensure the implementation of the Trust's support systems.
 - To evaluate and monitor the progress of pupils and keep up-to-date pupil records as required.
 - To contribute to the preparation of action plans and progress files and other reports.
 - To alert the appropriate staff to problems experienced by pupils and to make recommendations as to how these may be resolved.
 - To communicate, as appropriate, with the parents of pupils and with persons or bodies outside the Trust concerned with the welfare of individual pupils, after consultation with the appropriate senior staff.
 - To contribute to PSHE, citizenship and enterprise education, according to the Trust policies.
 - To support the Trust's behaviour management protocols so that effective learning can take place.
- Teaching:
- To teach pupils according to their educational needs including the setting and marking of work to be carried out by the pupil in the Academy and elsewhere.
 - To assess, record and report on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of pupils and to keep such records as are required.
 - To provide, or contribute to, oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual students and groups of pupils.
 - To ensure that ICT, literacy, numeracy and Academy subject specialism(s) are reflected in the teaching/learning experience of pupils.
 - To undertake a designated programme of teaching to fully prepare pupils for all examinations and tests.
 - To ensure a high quality learning experience for pupils that meets internal and external quality standards.
 - To prepare and update teaching materials.

- To use a variety of delivery methods that will stimulate learning appropriate to pupil needs and the demands of the syllabus and/or scheme of work.
- To maintain discipline in accordance with the Trust's procedures and to encourage good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and homework.
- To undertake assessment of pupils as requested by external examination bodies, departmental, year and Trust procedures.
- To mark, grade and give written/verbal and diagnostic feedback as required.
- To jointly plan with any Learning Assistants or Learning Mentors allocated to pupils in your classes.

Other specific duties:

- To play a full part in the life of the Academy, to support its distinctive mission and ethos and to encourage staff and pupils to follow this example.
- To carry out pre-school, break, lunchtime and after school duties as assigned to you.
- To actively promote the Trust's corporate policies.
- To continue personal development as agreed.
- To comply with the Trust's Health and Safety policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate.
- To undertake any other duty as specified by the STPCD not mentioned in the above.
- To promote and safeguard the welfare of pupils for whom you are responsible or come into contact with.
- All adults employed by the Trust have a responsibility data protection and have a duty to observe and follow the principles of the GDPR Regulation.

Additional Specific Responsibilities:

1. As Head of Department you will ensure access to and the delivery of a balanced curriculum for all pupils taught in your department.

This general responsibility implies:

- Maximising the ability of individual pupils;
- Taking responsibility for the management of assessment and reporting;
- Managing curriculum development;
- Managing the professional activities and development of a team of Teachers, including their performance management;
- Participating fully in the corporate life of the Academy, involving:
 - willingness to accept a high degree of responsibility;
 - the ability to establish and maintain good relationships with other staff, pupils and their parents/carers;
 - being prepared to contribute to a whole Academy vision which will inform and develop Academy policy;
 - managing and meeting deadlines;
 - motivating yourself and others;

- maintaining high professional standards;
- supporting and disseminating Academy policy.

2. Specifically:

- encouraging high standards of work, behaviour and dress in pupils;
- ensuring departmental staff keep accurate and easily accessible records for each pupil;
- monitoring the progress of all pupils of all abilities and initiating action as appropriate to meet individual needs;
- collating information and analysing pupil performance;
- liaising with the SENCo on behalf of pupils experiencing learning difficulties;
- renewing, updating and implementing a development plan in a three year cycle and an annual action plan;
- managing departmental capitation efficiently within Academy financial regulations, with spending prioritised through the management plan;
- assessing and advising upon the resource needs of your curriculum area, including staffing, books, materials, equipment and accommodation;
- responsibility for maintaining, updating and reviewing departmental schemes of work/staff handbooks;
- identifying staff development/training needs and managing the development of Newly Qualified Teachers and Trainee Teachers;
- responsibility for preparing pupils for external and internal examinations, providing appropriate resources, making external examination entries, meeting coursework requirements and making appeals, where appropriate;
- responsibility for the development of a technological breadth to the curriculum, including appropriate industry/business links and ensuring that the department meets all relevant Academy targets;
- producing reports for the Trust Board, Executive Principal, Principal/Head of School or Governors on curricular/assessment/financial issues relating to the curriculum area, as required.

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Whilst every endeavour has been made to outline all the duties and responsibilities of the post, this document does not specify every item in detail. Where broad headings have been used, all associated duties are naturally included in the job description.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Head of Department

	Essential	Desirable	How Assessed
Qualifications:			
Degree	✓		Application form
Qualified Teacher status	✓		Application form
Teaching Experience:			
Relevant classroom experience	✓		Application form; at interview and reference
Ability to teach up to and including A Level standard	✓		Application form; at interview and reference
High level of subject knowledge	✓		Application form; at interview and reference
Evidence of good or outstanding classroom teaching	✓		Application form; at interview and reference
Personal and Professional Skills and Attributes:			
The ability to motivate students	✓		Application form and at interview
High professional standards	✓		Application form and at interview
High expectations of students in terms of behaviour and achievement	✓		Application form and at interview
Enthusiasm for teaching	✓		Application form and at interview
High level communication skills	✓		Application form and at interview
Ability to lead and motivate a team	✓		Application form and at interview
Willingness to offer a positive commitment to the life of the Academy	✓		Application form and at interview
Ability to play the leading role in the further development of the Department	✓		Application form and at interview
High quality Leadership and Management skills	✓		Application form; at interview and reference
A commitment to high academic standards	✓		Application form and at interview
Other:			
Must satisfy relevant employment checks	✓		Documentary evidence

Requirements from confidential references:

	Essential
Written reference(s) only	✓
Confirmation of professional and personal knowledge, skills and abilities	✓
Positive recommendation from current employer	✓

The Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust will require the appointed candidate to gain satisfactory relevant background checks in accordance with safer recruitment guidelines; this will include an Enhanced (with Barred) Disclosure check.

