



Head of Curriculum

Unity Academy Blackpool

Information for candidates



Head of Curriculum Teaching and Learning

Salary: MPR/UPR + TLR 2c (£7017)

Contract: Permanent, Full Time

Start Date: 1st September 2021

This post represents an ideal opportunity for a candidate eager to step into curriculum leadership or to continue their career from an existing leadership role. This post sits within the leadership team of the primary years within the academy and is supported and overseen by the Director of Primary Standards. (The full leadership structure for the primary years is contained within the attached information for candidates.) This post incorporates the operational and strategic leadership of a number of curriculum areas, working under the guidance of an experienced leader. We are seeking a Head of Curriculum Teaching and Learning with the energy and enthusiasm to inspire and develop students and staff in our popular and thriving academy. The post holder will be accountable for the quality of education within the subject areas they are responsible for. The full range of national curriculum subjects is shared across the 3 Heads of Curriculum and Teaching and Learning.

The successful candidate will have a proven track record in teaching and delivering good outcomes for children; this will ensure that we continue to provide a high quality education for all children in a caring, inclusive environment. We would welcome applications from those with prior leadership experience but also those new to leadership and keen to take a step into curriculum leadership. A full and comprehensive package of training, mentoring and coaching will be provided. Unity Academy has a supportive staff team who work together to ensure that the school motto is clearly articulated and we demonstrate that 'In Unity, we succeed'.

Unity Academy is an all through school for children aged 5-16 and as such an awareness of curriculum coverage across all phases of education is required, although the specific remit of this role will be leading the team of teachers who contribute to teaching in years N to 6. The academy is hopeful that a recently submitted application for Unity Nursery to become part of the academy will be successful and that by September 2021 we will operate as a 2-16 academy. This post represents an excellent opportunity at Unity as we continue our journey to being the best we can be.

How to apply

Please complete the online application form at www.fcat.org.uk including a supporting statement. This supporting statement should be no more than two sides of A4. For any information regarding the position or the school or to arrange a visit to Unity Academy please contact Mrs. K. Linney, Headteacher's PA who will be happy to assist you.

Closing time and date for applications is: 9AM on Tuesday 4th May 2021.
Interviews will be held 6th May 2021. These will take place physically in the academy with appropriate COVID safety measures in place.

The Fylde Coast Academy Trust is committed to equality of opportunity for all. Fylde Coast Academy Trust is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all learners, staff and visitors. All staff will be carefully selected using recruitment and selection procedures designed to emphasise our commitment to safeguarding. All posts, including volunteers, are subject to enhanced DBS clearance.

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Dear candidate,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Head of Curriculum Teaching and Learning vacancy at Unity Academy, Blackpool. This post is an important appointment for us as we look to further develop the primary teaching and learning within the academy and thus improve our curriculum offer and outcomes for young people.

This post involves working as part of a curriculum/ teaching and learning team to ensure Unity children receive a curriculum that is broad and balanced. Our curriculum has been designed to excite and engage our children in learning and to provide opportunities both in and outside of the classroom environment. We are keen to appoint someone who has a passion for the primary years and a vision to develop our curriculum further. These posts were created following a reorganisation two years ago and the post holders have overseen significant improvements to the quality of education in our primary years.

I wanted to take the opportunity to personally thank you for your interest in the post and give you a flavour of the academy. I took up post as Headteacher on the 1st April 2017. Prior to this I had worked at the academy as Vice Principal. Unity Academy is a very special place to work and I have certainly felt that the school strap line of 'In Unity, we succeed' is something that very accurately portrays the approach all staff have to working within the academy.

Unity Academy serves an area of high socio-economic disadvantage; we are in the highest percentile for pupil premium, free school meals and SEND needs. These challenges make Unity a very special place to work; our children have character in abundance and are highly reliant on the supportive atmosphere that the academy offers them. Students are keen to learn and want to succeed; through the support of staff, we make this possible.

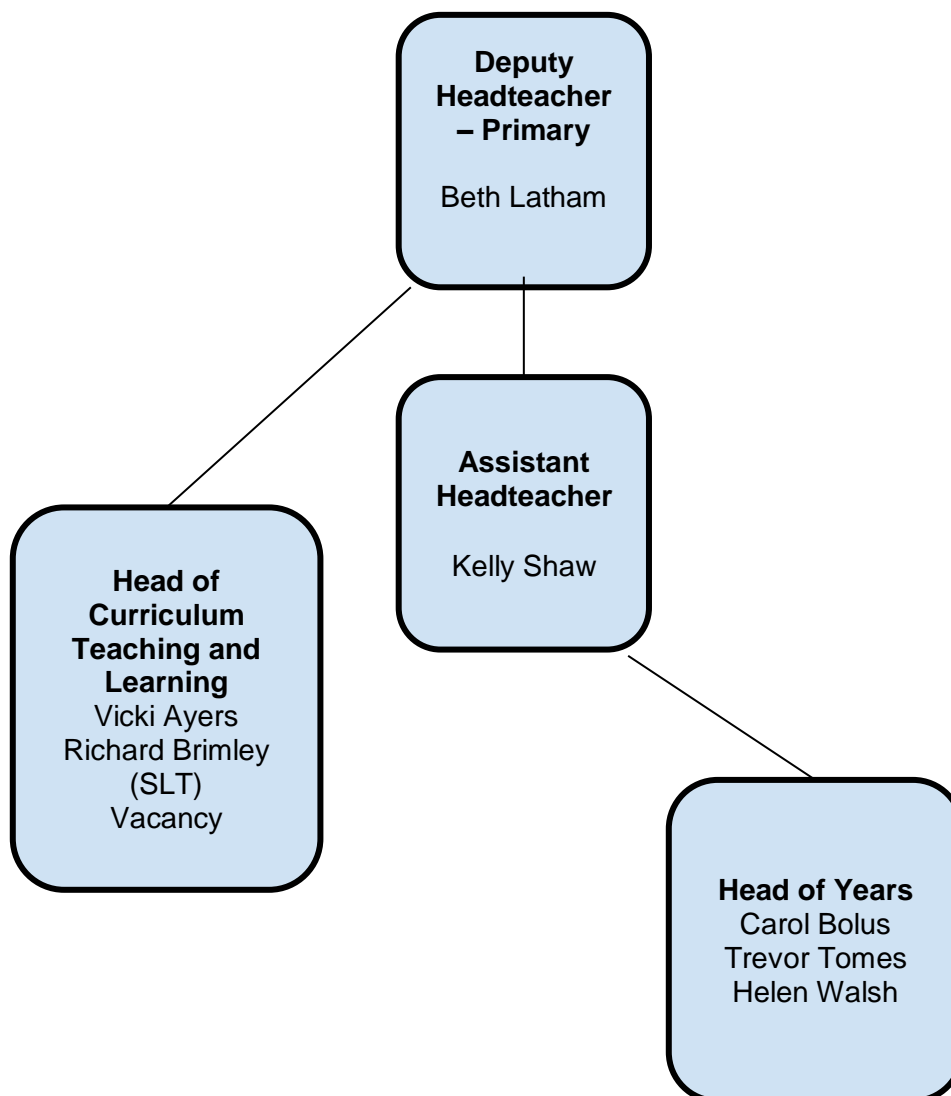
Unity Academy opened its doors on the 1st September 2013. At the time the academy had some serious challenges to overcome; by working together we achieved a 'good' Ofsted rating in October 2017 but the journey is by no means complete. Improving outcomes for learners remains a key priority as does offer a curriculum that develops a breadth of knowledge and skills but also a love of learning. If you feel you are up to the challenge of delivering this, we look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Cooke
Headteacher

The Primary Years

The full leadership structure of the primary years is shown below.



The Head of Primary is line managed by the Headteacher and leads the primary SLT meetings. In addition to the leadership of a group of curriculum subjects (shared between the three Heads of Curriculum) and supported by Subject leads, the successful candidate will be responsible for leading the academic standards and strategic planning across their subject areas.

Alongside time given for this curriculum responsibility, this post will also include a class teacher role. Please outline your strengths within your letter.

Fylde Coast Academy Trust (FCAT)

Fylde Coast Academy Trust (FCAT) was established in 2012 by Fylde Coast Teaching School, a partnership of Blackpool Sixth Form College and Hodgson Academy, both “Outstanding” learning organisations recognised for their contribution to education on a national level. Our aim is to ensure first class learning opportunities for all young people on the Fylde Coast and across Lancashire. Learners are at the heart of what we do and their outcomes and successes are what drive us. We are a Multi-Academy Trust working in partnership with educational institutions at the heart of our local community, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing which is critical to our culture of continuous improvement. Unity Academy was the first academy within the trust opening in September 2013. Since then the trust has grown to include 10 academies and 2 partner organisations. Full information about the trust and its work can be found on the website www.fcat.org.uk