



OSSETT ACADEMY

RECRUITMENT PACK



A MEMBER OF
Accord
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

DEAR APPLICANT

Thank you for your interest in Ossett Academy and Accord Sixth Form College. We hope that the information contained within this pack will help you decide if you have the right qualities, skills and experience to apply for our vacancy.

The academy has gained a reputation for excellence that is best evidenced in the outcomes that pupils achieve across all aspects of academy life. Our strong tradition of success is built on a firm foundation of personalised pastoral care, ensuring a climate for learning that is calm, well ordered and secure. We recognise the hard work and efforts of pupils in their lessons and their learning, and positive recognition of both staff and pupils is at the heart of our approach.

Academic success is only one part of our story. Whilst we are incredibly proud of our excellent track record of high levels of pupil achievement in the context of a broad and balanced curriculum, we also offer and actively encourage our pupils to engage in a wide range of enrichment activities. There really is an extensive variety of extra-curricular opportunities at the academy.

Whilst supporting our pupils and students to be the very best learners is our primary focus, the development of our community is also an extremely important feature of our work. It is Ossett Academy's key priority to ensure that we have very positive relationships with parents and carers in order to fully support the learning of all young people.

We understand that partnership and collaboration is an important aspect to the ongoing development of schools and academies and with this in mind, we continue to play a key role alongside our primary pyramid as a member of the Education Ossett Community Trust (EOCT), striving to provide world-class opportunities for the community of Ossett, and supporting young people aged 3-18 to develop a lifelong passion for learning, across a range of experiences.

Further to this partnership approach, we work alongside Horbury Academy, Horbury Primary Academy, Middlestown Primary Academy and South Ossett Infants Academy as part of Accord Multi Academy Trust. We feel this is both exciting and enriching for the academy and its staff and pupils. The vision of our partnership is that Accord Multi Academy Trust will enhance both our practice and knowledge of learning across primary and secondary education, whilst also providing access for pupils and staff to an even better range of opportunities in order to achieve excellence.

I am extremely proud to lead Ossett Academy and to work alongside such a talented body of pupils and staff, who are fully committed to working as a team. If you feel that you have the vision, drive and energy to support and contribute to the academy's further continued improvement, then we would love to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,



Emma Anderson
Principal

ABOUT THE TRUST

Accord Multi Academy Trust is an educational charity, established in September 2016. The founding members of the Trust were Horbury Academy and Ossett Academy & Accord Sixth Form College, joined in December 2016 by Horbury Primary Academy and Middlestown Primary Academy. Our fifth member, South Ossett Infants Academy, joined us in 2024.



The overarching vision for the Trust is to work in one

'Accord – celebrating the differences of each academy through strong collaboration in order to inspire all members of our learning community to be the best that they can be.'

Our academies work on the following key principles:



Ambitious for our young people and staff;



Creating a positive climate and an ethos for learning and success;



Collaborative to secure the best possible learning experiences for young people and staff;



Opening doors for parents, carers and the community and being fully inclusive;



Resilient in order to develop in young people and staff a mindset for success;



Dynamic and reflective learning communities.

Our vision and key principles are underpinned by the highest expectations of what every child can achieve regardless of their context or starting point.

Having consolidated our position as a multi academy trust, we are now at a point where we are looking to build on our existing central structures to sustain our improvement to date, but also to ensure that we have the strong educational capacity necessary to welcome more academies to join the Trust. This particular post is therefore a very important feature of our planned growth and development and aspiration to provide a world class education for all young people within our community.



WHY WORK FOR THE TRUST?

Accord Multi Academy Trust is based in Wakefield; all five academies in the Trust are closely located to one another which lends itself to many opportunities to work closely and collaboratively. All academies are within a three-mile radius of one another and can be found a short drive off junction 40 of the M1.

At Accord we are committed to providing world class education for all young people within our community and as such we recognise the pivotal role that our staff play in this respect.

The Trust places at the heart of its development a commitment to high quality professional development for all staff who join the Trust. We understand that by investing in our staff we will create an organisation with a shared vision and values that will transform education for young people.

The Trust is strongly committed to fostering a positive and healthy working environment with wellbeing and workload management at the forefront of all decision making.

Across the Trust there are a number of opportunities for staff to come together outside of their normal working day in a social or other activity capacity. The Trust and individual academies organise regular staff social events, craft workshops, and sporting groups, which currently include a running club and weekly staff football matches.



Accord *
Sixth Form
College

As a Trust we are committed to providing a suite of benefits for employees, as part of our People Pledge and Accord Rewards scheme.

Exclusive for all colleagues across the Trust, our Accord Rewards initiative grants access to Reward Gateway and its SmartSpending App, allowing for instant savings on everyday high street brands, including supermarkets.

Other Reward Gateway benefits include:

- Cashback Schemes
- Employee Assistance Programmes
- Salary Sacrifice Schemes (eligibility restrictions may apply)
- Healthcare Cash Plans
- Wellbeing Centre

In addition to this, employees are also automatically entitled to a comprehensive range of nationally agreed terms and conditions in relation to pay and conditions for teaching and associate staff. All employees have the opportunity to access a pension scheme.

Furthermore, we actively promote a collaborative culture amongst colleagues, which affords the opportunity for sharing best practice and enhancing pre-existing strategies.

More information about working for Accord Multi Academy Trust can be found [here](#).



Employee Engagement Platform—Accord Rewards

We partner with Reward Gateway, who provide our employees with a central employee engagement app with access to a range of retailer discounts, a cashback scheme, 24/7 access to support, salary schemes and healthcare cash plans.



Accord Multi Academy Trust Benefits

Our own in-house rewards offer encompasses a whole host of essential, everyday options, to support with day-to-day life.

From an eye care scheme to free flu vaccinations and gym discounts to professional learning and development sessions, we aim to underpin multiple facets of our staff's lives.



Accord Multi Academy Trust Contractual Benefits

Incorporated within our employees' terms and conditions are benefits such as pay progression, alignment with the local living wage and generous annual leave and pay in times of absence due to illness or maternity.



Other Discounts & Benefits

Besides all the above perks, staff can also make use of several further benefits, whether that be in relation to mobile phones with 02 or further discounts courtesy of, for example, Blue Light Card and Discounts for Teachers.



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“Joining Accord Multi Academy Trust has allowed me to follow my passion for education in a truly meaningful way. I started as a Computer Science teacher at Ossett Academy and took full advantage of the opportunities available to transition into the role of SENCo. The academy’s commitment to professional development and access to various qualifications has been pivotal in my personal and professional growth, enabling me to make a wider impact on both our pupils and the school community.”

Thom
SENCo

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“Working for Accord provides opportunities to work closely with the wider Trust to develop your skills and knowledge and build positive working relationships. I was a School Business Manager at Middlestown Primary Academy when the school joined the Trust in 2016; the support and development opportunities available to me since then have enabled me to progress to a managerial role in the central team alongside completing professional qualifications.”

Jules
Finance Manager



WHY WORK AT OSSETT ACADEMY?

- Ossett Academy is a mixed 11-18 academy, located on the outskirts of Wakefield. Accord Sixth Form College, our standalone Post 16 provision, is situated onsite.
- Ossett Academy was founded in 1735 as Ossett Grammar School, originally located in the centre of Ossett where the Town Hall now stands.
- Our school site is diverse and firmly rooted around 'Park House', the Grade II listed building built in 1867. The building was purchased and became Ossett Grammar School in 1906.
- We are immensely proud of our academy, staff and pupils. We strongly believe that all pupils are entitled to experience the full breadth of education, reflected through our curriculum model which encourages learners to study a broad range of subjects.
- Alongside our extensive academic and extra-curricular offer, we provide excellent pastoral care for our pupils, tailored to their individual needs.
- New colleagues have access to an extensive onboarding programme, which walks staff through our collective Trust and academy values. All new staff can utilise their first working day to meet colleagues and complete their induction/transition, before entering the classroom and/or workstation for the first time.
- Our Trust promotes a one-Trust culture, in which our colleagues work as part of a wider team which spans all our academies.
- As a Trust we provide extensive opportunities and resources for career development, and encourage colleagues to take responsibility in leading their own progression.



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"After starting as an NQT at Ossett Academy I have taken part in a range of CPD which has given me the opportunity to develop not only my classroom practice but also my leadership experience. This started by acting as an ITT and ECT mentor, joining the Trust's Aspiring Middle Leaders programme and then last year completing an NPQ in Leading Teaching. All this experience has helped prepare me for my current role as Head of Biology."

Anna
Head of Biology



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"I've been involved with staff wellbeing for a number of years. I lead the academy's Workload Group; its aim being to give staff a voice on matters relating to workload and a forum within which the academy can consider and respond to matters raised. I also lead a fantastic weekly running club, and have worked with departments to run after school fun staff workshops, Christmas crafts, staff and students choir, and second hand swap shops to name a few!"

Lyndele
Curriculum Team Leader of Art, Design
& Technology



ADVERT

HEAD OF DRAMA

MPR/UPR + TLR 2B

Permanent

To Start Easter 2025

Ossett Academy & Accord Sixth Form are seeking to appoint a dedicated and highly skilled Head of Drama with vision, expertise, creativity, and imagination to lead a forward-thinking team.

We are looking for an outstanding practitioner who can enthuse, engage, empower and inspire both pupils and staff to achieve to the best of their ability. You will be responsible for promoting high standards of teaching and learning within your department and will act as a specialist in your field.

The successful candidate will be passionate about their subject and will develop an enriching curriculum to deliver exceptional outcomes for staff and pupils. Ideally you will have demonstrable experience of leading others or be an aspiring middle leader with proven experience in your field.

If you have the vision and skills to lead and deliver inspirational teaching whilst having the focus and drive to ensure our provision in respect of Drama is empowering and engaging for our pupils, we'd love to hear from you.

We are confident that new staff joining our Trust will feel welcomed and happy to have chosen us. Prospective applicants are welcome to visit prior to applying.

As a Trust, we have developed an extensive range of employee benefits and we also encourage prospective candidates to look at our website for further information regarding our 'People Pledge' and our recently launched Employee Benefit package [Working For Our Trust - Accord \(accordmat.org\)](https://www.accordmat.org).

Here are a few examples of employee benefits that focus on our employees Financial, Physical and Mental Wellbeing:

- Membership to either the Teachers' Pension Scheme or the Local Government Pension Scheme
- Technology scheme via SmartTech*
- Access to an extensive discounts platform via Accord Rewards
- Access to an industry leading Employee Assistance Programme
- 24/7 access to an online GP or Advanced Nurse Practitioner through Healthcare Cash Plans
- Cycle to Work Scheme*
- Free annual flu jab
- Trained Mental Health First Aiders in all our settings

**restrictions apply*



The Accord Multi Academy Trust was established in September 2016 and is currently made up of five academies, four of which were the founding members of the Trust. The Trust is committed to providing world class education for all our young people within our community and as such we recognise the pivotal role that our staff team have in this respect. The Trust places at the heart of its development a commitment to high quality professional development for all staff who join the Trust. We understand that by investing in our staff we will create an organisation with a shared vision and values that will transform education for young people.

We offer a supportive work environment with a dedicated and approachable central operational team and an educational strategy group who will work with you in order for you to reach your career goals and aspirations.

For an informal discussion about this position please contact hr@accordmat.org or call on **01924 921213**.

Closing Date: Monday 03 February 2025 at 9.00am

Interviews likely to be held: week commencing Monday 03 February 2025

Application forms are available from <https://accordmat.org/vacancies/>

Completed application forms to be returned to hr@accordmat.org.

Based on the quality and quantity of applications received, Accord Multi Academy Trust reserves the right to interview sooner than the specified dates above. Applicants will be notified of this where possible. Therefore, early applications are encouraged.

We are committed to providing a culture of inclusion, respect and equity of opportunity that attracts, supports, and retains high quality colleagues from all backgrounds and across all job roles at the Trust. We welcome and encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian, other ethnic minority groups, individuals who identify as LGBT+; and/or are registered with a disability. Candidates will always be shortlisted based on the content of application against the job description and essential criteria without access to the personal details information.

The Accord Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an Enhanced DBS check.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Post Reporting to: Salary:	Head of Drama Designated Senior Leader Main Pay Range / Upper Pay Range + TLR2B
Job Purpose: Carry out the professional duties of a teacher in accordance with this job description, the Academy's Career Stage Expectations and the range of professional duties as set out in the School Teachers Pay & Conditions Document. Responsibility for the leadership and management of the Drama department; ensuring high standards of leadership and management by post holders, high standards of teaching and learning, the effective use of resources and that the curriculum is managed and developed in accordance with Academy policy. To deliver the national curriculum and raise attainment predominantly in your specialist subject(s) across the age and ability range of students and contribute to the curriculum and the development of the Academy. Promote achievement of high standards through effective teaching and learning within your specialist subject(s) area, preparation, evaluation and action planning. To undertake the role of form tutor as required, provide timely communications to students in form group and offer advice and guidance.	
Policy / Strategic Direction and Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribute to the departments policy-making and strategic planning as required• Prepare, monitor and update self-evaluation, termly curriculum area plans and the departmental handbook• Ensure that Academy policies and strategies are embedded in schemes of work and plans	
Leadership and Management of Others: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead and manage Drama teaching across Ossett Academy & Sixth-Form College, including effective line management of all curriculum staff to ensure that high standards of performance are achieved and maintained• Ensure that rigorous and robust quality assurance procedures are used to appraise impact• Ensure rigorous appraisal and performance management of all curriculum area staff• Develop colleagues to ensure professional progress• Actively monitor teaching and learning through regular lesson observations, work scrutiny and learning walks• Effectively deploy staff to ensure the highest quality learning, teaching and assessment takes place	

Teaching and Learning:

- Promote excellence in teaching and learning to ensure all students progress in their learning and their needs are met
- Demonstrate outstanding teaching and learning and ensure that good practice is shared throughout the curriculum area
- Ensure that all Drama staff monitor students' learning and progress
- Keep up to date with developments in the curriculum areas and education in general
- Continue to develop the curriculum to ensure it enshrines best practice and encompasses the needs of all students

Monitoring, Evaluation and Assessment:

- Ensure that individual student progress is regularly assessed, recorded, reported and used to inform future teaching.
- Monitor student progress through the use of performance and benchmarked data to ensure that high standards of learning are achieved and maintained.
- Mark and monitor students' class and homework providing constructive oral and written feedback, setting targets for students' progress to ensure that students know their current level of achievement and is expected in order to raise their level of achievement.

Relationships with colleagues, parents/carers and wider community links:

- Maintain positive relationships with parents and carers, calling parents/carers as deemed necessary regarding student progress or if there are health and welfare concerns.
- Attend Parents Evenings to keep parents informed of progress and contribute to accurate student reports.
- Establish effective working relationships with colleagues and other professionals.
- Establish and maintain a departmental team that works together and collaboratively to share best practice and learning.

Training & Development & Extra-Curricular Activities:

- Ensure that training needs within departments are identified, appropriately met, and that all members of the curriculum area are active in their own personal and continuous professional development.
- Take responsibility for personal continuous professional development, set personal targets and keep up to date with development in subject(s) area.
- Actively seek appropriate professional learning and development opportunities
- To continually evaluate own teaching and use to improve effectiveness.
- Contribute to the broader life of the Academy by supporting curricular and extra-curricular events and activities.
- Contribute to the promotion of the curriculum area within the Academy and wider community to encourage students' interest in the subject.

Safeguarding:

- To be committed to the safeguarding and promotion of the welfare of young people and to demonstrate this commitment in every aspect of this post;
- To be responsible for the care and guidance for students within your form group and also to ensure your classroom is a safe environment for students to learn;
- To work in partnership with student groups to enhance their learning and widen their experience of education.

Attendance and Behaviour:

- To set high expectations for students' behaviour and attendance, establishing and maintaining a good standard of discipline through well-focused teaching, through positive and productive relationships and through consistent use of the Academy's Positive Behaviour System to ensure all students are treated fairly and consistently.
- To play a pivotal role in rewarding student achievement and good behaviour.

Other specific requirements:

- Support and contribute to the Academy's responsibility for safeguarding students
- To play a full part in the life of the Academy and community and encourage colleagues and student to follow this example
- Work towards and support the Academy vision and the current Academy objectives outlined in the Academy Strategic Plan
- Adhere to all policies as set out by the Governing Body
- Maintain high professional standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance and conduct
- Foster positive and courteous relations with students, parents and colleagues
- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to safeguarding, child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person;
- Other duties commensurate with the responsibilities of a Teacher as directed by the Principal or as specified by the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document.

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications/ Training	<p>Degree in Relevant Subject</p> <p>QTS qualification</p>	<p>Further qualification in specialist subject(s)</p>
Knowledge & Skills	<p>Knowledge and commitment to safeguarding and promoting the general health, safety and welfare of young people.</p> <p>Knowledge of current education issues theory and practice</p> <p>In depth and up to date knowledge of specialist subject(s) and curriculum</p> <p>Excellent literacy and numeracy skills.</p> <p>Ability to apply a range of interpersonal skills adapting to suit specific audience.</p> <p>Demonstrate an innovative approach to teaching and learning</p> <p>Ability to lead, motivate and develop others</p> <p>Ability to manage difficult situations and work collaboratively to seek resolutions</p> <p>Demonstrable ICT skills and ability to analyse data</p> <p>Ability to evaluate and improve the teaching practice of self and others.</p> <p>Ability to create innovative resources and new learning opportunities.</p> <p>Ability to manage behavior in the classroom and respond to challenging situations in a calm and professional manner</p> <p>Willingness to take part in extra-curricular activities</p> <p>Excellent time management skills and self-motivation</p>	
Experience	<p>Substantial success of effective teaching and learning in specialist subject(s) and curriculum area within a secondary school</p> <p>Proven track record of raising standards for students of all abilities</p> <p>Experience of leading and managing other teaching colleagues</p>	<p>Working in partnership with local schools and Academies and the wider community</p>

Characteristics of the post:

The employment checks required of this post are:

- **Evidence of entitlement to work in the UK.**
- **Evidence of essential qualifications as detailed in job description.**
- **Two satisfactory references.**
- **Evidence of a satisfactory safeguarding check e.g. An Enhanced DBS Disclosure.**
- **Confirmation of medical fitness for employment.**

Ossett Academy will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.

The Job Description should be read alongside Ossett Academy's Career Stage Expectations and the range of professional duties of Teachers as set out in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document. The postholder will be expected to undertake duties in line with the professional standards for qualified teachers and uphold the professional code of the General Teaching Council for England.

The duties and responsibilities highlighted in this Job Description are indicative and may vary over time.

Ossett Academy & Accord Sixth Form is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.



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