

Head of Economics and Business Studies



Our academy

The Mossbourne story began in 2004 with a clear but challenging mission - to improve academic outcomes in a borough with some of the lowest rates of attainment in the country. Over the past sixteen years, Mossbourne Academies have been at the vanguard of truly dramatic change in terms of the quality of education and outcomes in Hackney, now one of the best places to be educated in the UK.

Mossbourne Victoria Park Academy opened in 2014 in order to serve the community in the south-east of the borough. We deliver an outstanding education to 840 local children.

We are not a normal school. Our incredibly high expectations for behaviour and courtesy create a calm working atmosphere for students and staff, which means that teachers can focus one hundred percent on teaching and students have one hundred percent focus on learning.

The Mossbourne Federation comprises four academies: Mossbourne Community Academy (secondary and 6th Form), Mossbourne Victoria Park Academy (secondary), Mossbourne Parkside Academy (primary) and Mossbourne Riverside Academy (primary).

An excellent opportunity

This is an exciting time to be moving into a leadership role in Economics and Business at Mossbourne Victoria Park, both the subjects are popular and thriving. Some internal reorganisation has resulted in the subjects moving into the Humanities Learning Area, which is the most successful learning area at the academy. Working in such a learning area, at one of the most successful schools in the country provides a real opportunity to make a difference, to work with colleagues at the top of their game and to rapidly accelerate your own career.

Why work for us?

The chance to really make a difference to the young people who need it the most

Our students need the best possible teachers as they have to overcome significant disadvantage in order to succeed. 44% of our students are eligible for the pupil premium grant, 20% have a special educational need and 34% have English as an additional language.

Our results put us in the top 75 schools in the country for pupil progress, because we believe all students can succeed and go to great lengths in order to achieve this.

A fantastic working environment

We place ultimate value on respect for staff; behaviour is beyond outstanding, the teacher is sacred. This is a school in which you can really teach.

The school is housed in a beautiful Grade ii listed Huguenot building and a purpose built modern one. As you would expect, classrooms are all fully equipped.

Enhanced Pay

We pay a Mossbourne allowance of an additional £1600 to teachers on the main pay scale.

A truly supportive culture

We offer excellent and frequent opportunities to reflect on and improve your practice, with first rate professional development for all, and a specialist programme for NQTs.

A range of benefits and perks— including but not limited to: Season Ticket Loans; Tax free bicycle purchase, Recruitment Applicant Awards; Free staff fitness classes; Corporate gym membership; Tax free child care vouchers; Discounts at local restaurants; Employee Assistant Programme.

Who are we looking for?

You are an expert, experienced teacher of Economics who can demonstrate excellent student outcomes.

You can communicate this expertise to students through thoughtfully planned lessons and considered feedback.

You may already be in a leadership role for Economics, or are ready to move into one.

We would particularly welcome applications from candidates able to offer a second subject outside of Economics and Business.

You believe resolutely in the power of education to change the lives of families and young people, regardless of background or prior educational attainment, and are prepared to go the extra mile to make this belief a reality.

Main areas of responsibility

The post holder's key responsibilities are, but not limited to:

- To be responsible for curriculum development and delivery in Economics and Business Studies
- To be the line manager for teachers of Economics and Business
- To promote and be committed to the Academy's aims and objectives and to implement Academy policies
- To work with the Head of Learning Area, and other staff members to ensure effective provision of teaching and learning of Economics and Business Studies.
- To plan and deliver high-quality, differentiated lessons on a day-to-day basis
- To contribute to the development of schemes of work for relevant key stages
- To set homework in accordance with Learning Area policy and to mark work regularly to aid progression, keeping clear records of attainment and following up on nonsubmission
- To keep abreast of developments in Economics and Business Studies and ensure that these changes are implemented in lesson delivery and schemes of work
- To organise and run enrichment opportunities and support interventions for pupils within
- Humanities including extension classes, G&T sessions, trips etc.
- To supervise prep and guided reading
- To undertake duties as directed and in accordance with Academy expectations
- To be a member of the pastoral team and, if required, a form tutor carrying out the associated responsibilities
- To comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description

<u>Person Specification</u>						
Essential [E]		Assessment Criteria				
or Desirable [D]	Requirements	Interview	Application form	Task (lesson)		
Experience			101111	(icssoii)		
E	Ability to teach Economics & Business Studies at GCSE	✓	✓	✓		
E	Knowledge and understanding of how students learn	✓	✓	✓		
E	Ability to reflect on your own and stu- dent performance in lessons and adapt practice accordingly	✓		V		
E	Ability to select and devise appropriate teaching methods and resources to meet the differing needs of students	1		V		
E	Effective planning, assessment and record keeping	✓	✓			
E	Ability to work independently and as part of a team, contributing to INSETs		✓			
E	Ability to develop and maintain positive relationships with teachers, support staff and parents	/				
E	Effective classroom management and efficient organisation of resources	√	√	√		
Qualifications		I.	· ·			
E	A good degree in an appropriate subject (Business/Economics or related subject)	✓		✓		
E	Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)		✓			
IT knowledge				<u> </u>		
D	Expert knowledge of the Microsoft package (Word, Excel, Outlook, Publisher, Power Point)		/			
D	Ability to swiftly adapt to and utilise new/various systems/software		✓			
D	Capable of making effective and appropriate use of ICT in lesson delivery and within the learning area		1	√		
Behavioural Compete	ncies					
E	Excellent analytical and multi- dimensional communication skills	/		√		
D	Strategic approach, ability to see the 'big picture' and also think 'outside of the box'	1				

E	Ability to meet ALL deadlines internally and externally ensuring output consistently is of an exemplary standard	✓		
D	The initiative to work independently with minimal supervision	✓		
E	Must have the upmost integrity as well as high levels of motivation and commitment	✓		
E	Proactive approach and efficient time management and prioritisation skills	✓		
E	Genuine interest and passion for the education of young people and the ability to contribute more widely to the life and community of the Federation	✓	✓	
Applicable to all s	taff	ı	1	
E	Undertake training as required to so in order to fulfil the requirements of the role	1	✓	√
E	Support Mossbourne's efforts both verbally and non-verbally (i.e. via actions and attitude), including adjusting performance and practice in accordance with Mossbourne's initiatives and findings	<i>√</i>	✓	✓
E	Play an active role in terms of Safeguarding all students and adults	√	1	√

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The Mossbourne Federation is actively seeking to increase the proportion of our workforce who come from diverse backgrounds. We particularly welcome applications from people of Black, Asian and other minority ethnic descent.

Injustice, discrimination and intolerance go against the core tenets of the Mossbourne ethos. We actively reject discrimination in our academies through continuous review of our working policies & practices across the federation, including at board level.

Application process

Please submit your application through our website: www.mossbourne.org/vacancies/

The closing date for this vacancy is 12th June 2021

We encourage early applications as we will interview and may appoint before the closing deadline.

To discuss this post or to arrange a school visit please contact us on 020 8510 4550 or enquiries@mvpa.mossbourne.org

