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Academy

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### **RE at Hall Park Academy**

The creation of this role is an excellent career opportunity for the right candidate to step up to leading an RE department. The successful candidate will join a thriving and welcoming humanities faculty of 11 specialist teachers across the humanities subjects and social sciences. They will be managed and mentored by a Head of Humanities who is also an experienced RE specialist. There is scope for the successful candidate to build and shape the department by developing the curriculum and promoting the subject with parents and students.

Currently all students in years 7 – 10 do 1 hour a week of Religious Studies, leading to the Short Course GCSE in RS. This is an important milestone for our students as it is the first external exam they take and the exam skills they learn in RS lessons will set them up for future success. The successful candidate will take a lead on reviewing how the subject is taught. We are eager to develop this offer with students opting to compete the full curriculum in Year 11.

The department is well resourced with a healthy budget to buy resources and the school benefits from a Trust Fund that enables all students to take part in trips and visits.

The Humanities faculty run trips and visits and gets speakers into school to create variation and interest for our students. All Year 7 students visit Southwell Minster, Year 8 take part in a Faith Tour around Mosque/Mandir/Gurdwara in Derby and Year 9 visit the Holocaust Centre in Laxton. Year 10 and 11 are encouraged to take part in the department's 3-night residential to Poland, where we visit Auschwitz, meet survivors and visit Oskar Schindler's factory, amongst other events. The Head of Faculty arranges this each year and there is scope for the successful candidate to take a role in this if she or he wishes.

There are opportunities to develop Religious Studies provision at Key Stage 5 and to take on some A' level teaching if desired, but this is optional and not essential for your application for this role.

This is a rare opportunity to move up to leadership of an RE department in a school where RE is taken seriously by students and staff, to work in a talented and supporting humanities faculty and to be mentored by a specialist who can offer advice from years of experience in the role.

