

Applicant Pack

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Outstanding Achievement for All

Job Advert



Silverdale School is an extremely popular and high achieving 11-18 comprehensive in the south west of Sheffield and is the founding school of Chorus Education Trust. The school has an excellent record of student achievement at both KS4 and KS5. At its heart is one of the country's largest Teaching Schools, the Sheffield

Teacher Training Alliance. The school sits within a new building with a full complement of facilities.

In 2020 it was named the Sunday Times Top State Secondary School in the North of the Decade, in recognition of its sustained success.

Silverdale School is part of Chorus Education Trust, and as such all appointees may be required to work at any Trust site in the future.

You can view the school website at: www.silverdale-chorustrust.org

Head of Science – TLR1B £10,713

Payscale: M1 to UPS3

Permanent

To start: September 2023

About this vacancy

Silverdale School is seeking a multi-skilled, enthusiastic and committed Head of Science.

The Science department is highly successful at all Key Stages and has a history of excellent examination results. We are looking to appoint a Head of Science to make an inspiring contribution to driving further departmental and whole school improvement. This post will suit an existing Subject Leader or experienced TLR holder.

The successful applicant will be an excellent teacher. They will be innovative, dynamic and be committed to outstanding achievement for all students. They will have been successful in demonstrating leadership skills, with experience in embedding ideas, leading and working as part of a team. The position is ideal for candidates wishing to further develop their skills in management and leadership and is ideal preparation for further career progression.

Silverdale has a large sixth form; biology, physics and chemistry A level all currently run multiple classes in each year group as well as BTEC Level 3 Applied Science. Therefore, there are exciting opportunities to experience high level KS5 teaching.

Benefits include:

- CPD support from one of the largest Teaching Schools, the **Sheffield Teacher Training Alliance**, throughout your career.
- Opportunities to develop skills and experience as part of a growing, local Trust.

There will be no need to go elsewhere – your career will flourish with us.

Chorus Education Trust is proud to support flexible working arrangements.

To apply

The full application pack is available from www.chorustrust.org/vacancies and completed Chorus Trust application forms are to be sent to India Cottiss (HR Administrator) at: recruitment@silverdale.chorustrust.org

Please note that CVs and Sheffield City Council/Derbyshire County Council application forms will not be accepted. Applicants are welcome to discuss any aspect of the role with Sarah Sims, Head of School.

Deadline for applications: 11.59pm on 19th March 2023

Interviews to be held: week beginning 27th March 2023

The successful candidate will be required to complete a Disclosure & Barring check in line with the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 and the Police Act Regulations.

At Chorus Trust we are committed to the Safeguarding of all our pupils, please visit our website to access our Safeguarding & Child Protection policy <https://www.chorustrust.org/policies>

Job Description: summary

Post title:	Head of Science
Grade:	TLR1B (£10,713)
Responsible to:	Nominated member of Senior Leadership Team with allocated line management responsibility. Overall to the Headteacher.
Responsible for:	All teaching and support staff based within the subject area as agreed with the Headteacher and to assume overall responsibility for the Subject.
Purpose of job:	<p>In addition to the requirements of a class teacher, the postholder will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Lead the Faculty effectively to ensure ‘Outstanding Achievement for All’ and that the highest standards of student personal development and well being are achieved. b) To analyse and be accountable for student progress/results of the Faculty area and to support, hold accountable, develop and lead the curriculum team. c) Be a role model of professionalism and good practice. d) Develop and enhance the teaching practice of others. e) Ensure the provision of an appropriately broad, balanced relevant and differentiated curriculum for students studying in the Faculty area. f) Lead, manage and deploy teaching/support staff, financial and physical resources within the Faculty area. g) Ensure the consistent application of Silverdale Policies and Procedures by all staff in the curriculum team.
	This post may work across the Trust schools.
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Job Description: duties

The post holder must at all times carry out his/her responsibilities within the spirit of the School and Trust policies and within the framework of legislation relating to Academies and Education, with particular regard to the statutory responsibilities of the Trust and the Governing Body of the School.

The job description should be read alongside the range of professional duties of teachers as set out the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document. The post-holder will be expected to undertake duties in line with the professional standards for qualified teachers and uphold the professional code of the Department for Education.

The specific duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to:

Lead, manage and develop a subject or curriculum area; or to lead and manage pupil development across the curriculum

- To provide strategic leadership for the development and management of the faculty.
- Lead develop and co-ordinate the Science Leadership Team (Head of Biology, Head of Chemistry and Head of Physics).
- To identify areas for development and improvement linked to the school improvement plan and national and local initiatives.
- To develop and monitor schemes of work and ensure successful implementation which meets curriculum requirements.
- To have an overview of, and contribute to the planning and delivery of continuous professional development and training related to the teaching of the science curriculum.
- To develop strategies for the use of other staff to promote new teaching methods and improve learning throughout the school and monitor effectiveness in raising standards of teaching and learning.
- To monitor and evaluate pupil progress.

Impact on the educational progress of pupils other than the teacher's assigned classes or groups of pupils

- To ensure the provision of an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for pupils.
- To identify clear, appropriate targets for attainment and/or achievement.
- To monitor and evaluate pupil progress and achievement against targets.
- To lead evaluation strategies to contribute to overall school self-evaluation.
- To undertake lesson observations and provide constructive feedback and support as appropriate.

- To implement school quality procedures and to ensure adherence across the school.

Leading, developing and enhancing the teaching practice of other staff

- To ensure the establishment of common standards of practice and develop the effectiveness of teaching and learning styles.
- To plan and implement strategies to improve teaching where needs are identified.
- To provide induction, support and monitoring for new staff.
- To act as a role model of good practice for other teachers, modelling effective strategies with them.
- To act as a performance management team leader for identified teachers.
- To ensure all staff in school are familiar with the aims and objectives of the science curriculum across all Key Stages.

Specific duties relating to this post

- To lead, support and co-ordinate the Subject Leaders of Biology, Physics and Chemistry.
- Overall responsibility for the progress and attainment of all students in all aspects of the science curriculum.
- To lead the successful delivery of the BTEC Level 3 Applied Science Course.
- To co-ordinate the delivery of the KS3 Science Curriculum.
- Other duties that will be needed in time to enhance the Silverdale provision within Chorus Education Trust.

Support for the Trust / School (applies to all roles)

- The above duties are not exhaustive and the post-holder may be required to undertake tasks, roles and responsibilities as may be reasonably assigned to them by the Senior Leadership Group.
- To take responsibility for the implementation of and compliance with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.

Changes to these duties

The above duties are not exhaustive and the post holder may be required to undertake tasks, roles and responsibilities as may be reasonably assigned to them by the Principal.

The job description and allocation of particular responsibilities will be kept under review and may be amended via consultation with individuals, the Governing Body or Board of Trustees and/or Senior leadership team as required. Trade Union representation will be welcomed in any such discussions.

Person Specification

Job title: Head of Science

REQUIREMENTS	Essential	Desirable	Assessment method A = application I = interview R = reference
Qualifications			
A relevant degree together with Science PGCE or equivalent teaching qualification.	✓		A
Evidence of commitment to CPD to support areas of the job role.	✓		A/I /R
Detailed knowledge and understanding of the current issues in Science education.	✓		A/I
Experience			
Proven record of excellent teaching of Science at Key Stage 3, 4 and 5		✓	A/I /R
Demonstrable evidence of raising and sustaining attainment through successful leadership.	✓		A/I
Use of student performance data to inform classroom teaching.	✓		A/I /R
Experience of one or more middle leadership positions within Science in a secondary setting.		✓	A/I /R
Record of success in effective and efficient team management.	✓		A/I /R
Professional knowledge and understanding			
An enthusiasm for innovation and developing teaching and learning.	✓		A/I /R
An excellent understanding of engagement and how to motivate students.	✓		A/I /R

A sound understanding of modern pedagogy methods within the field of teaching Science.	✓		A/I /R
Professional skills			
A high commitment to learning and achievement.	✓		A/I /R
Ability and confidence to coach and mentor staff and tackle underperformance.	✓		A/I /R
Excellent interpersonal, planning and organisational skills.	✓		A/I /R
The ability to collaborate with other staff.	✓		A/I /R
Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of young people.	✓		A/I /R
Ability to inspire confidence in and establish excellent relationships with pupils, teachers and parents.	✓		A/I /R