

"Making School Memorable by Striving for Excellence"

Person Specification

Post Title: HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) in Additionally Resourced Provision for Students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Grade: Scale 5, Spinal Point 12 - 17 plus Outer London Weighting pro rata

Qualifications

Essential

- Higher Level Teaching Assistant qualification (either achieved or working towards formal recognition of competence against HLTA standards) in SEN or subject specialism
- Good written and spoken English and numeracy skills GCSE Grade C or equivalent
- At least 3 years' experience in LSA role
- Ability to play a role in supporting and guiding mainstream colleagues in implementing an appropriate range of strategies to support students with Autism.

Desirable

- Good Degree
- Demonstrated accredited training / INSET either in subject specialism or in relevant area of SEN
- A willingness to undertake further training and / or qualifications as required
- Experience within mainstream secondary environment
- Current experience of using ICT to support learning

Knowledge and Experience

Essential

- Recent relevant experience in supporting students with a range of SEN in a mainstream setting
- Proven track record of working collaboratively with other professionals (e.g. teaching staff, outside agencies etc.) to deliver high quality teaching and support to SEN students

Desirable

- Experience in working with SEND students across KS 3-4
- Experience of supporting students with a diagnosis of Autism.
- Experience in working with SEN students across KS 3-5
- Experience in creating and delivering highly differentiated learning programs and resources to individuals, small groups or within whole class setting
- Experience in supporting / mentoring or line managing less experienced colleagues

Skills and Ability

Essential

- Excellent communication (both spoken and written) and interpersonal skills
- Excellent organisational skills and ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to confidently and competently apply knowledge and skills from training within 1:1 lessons, group or whole class environment
- Ability to work effectively and cooperatively in a team
- Ability to build and form positive working relationships with students, parents/carers, and colleagues
- Ability to work on own initiative and to prioritise between conflicting demands
- Ability to establish and maintain firm and consistent boundaries
- Sound understanding of emotional / social difficulties and other barriers to learning faced by some students
- Creativity and imagination ability to adapt to the needs of the student
- Ability to work strongly within the Additionally Resourced Provision team both within the department and wider school
- Confident in use of ICT

Desirable

- Good monitoring and assessment skills
- Ability to plan and deliver high-quality lessons to individual students or groups of students
- Ability to play a lead role in supporting and guiding colleagues in implementing an appropriate range of strategies to support SEN students

Equal Opportunities

Essential

- Awareness and commitment to equal opportunities issues and how these can be addressed in the classroom environment
- Commitment and contribution to School policies
- Committed to the promotion of equal opportunities, fundamental British values** and Cooperative values***

Child Protection

Essential

• Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people

Disposition

Essential

- To be interested in students as individuals and how they learn
- To display a warm and approachable demeanour
- A flexible approach and sense of humour
- To display a professional manner
- To be positive and constructive
- To be resilient and assertive
- Empathetic and sensitive to differing viewpoints
- Belief in the importance of teamwork

^{**} Fundamental British values – democracy, the role of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

^{***} Co-operative values – self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality and solidarity in addition to the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others