

HLTA (Therapy Assistant)

Start Date: 1st September 2021 or earlier if available.
Hours: 36 Hours per Week Term Time Only
Contract: Permanent
Salary: NJC18

“Enthusiastic, committed, experienced, flexible and enjoy a new challenge?”

An exciting opportunity has arisen to work as a Therapy Assistant alongside the Senior Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) and Occupational Therapist (OT). Capella House is a new co-educational specialist school opened to secondary pupils in September 2019 at its Twickenham site. A Primary Department will open in September 2021 with a Key Stage 2 Class and an Infant assessment class. A special school for pupils aged 4 to 16 with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) as their primary need Capella House pupils may have other additional needs including ASD, ADHD, Sensory issues or Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs. Classes will have up to 7 pupils and will be supported by HLTAs, TAs and Therapists.

We are looking for enthusiastic, committed and highly flexible candidates who have the motivation and ability to work collaboratively and actively contribute to shaping this new school. Capella House is an inclusive school so candidates must have strong communication skills, be fast learners and the ability to work as part of a highly skilled multidisciplinary team. The Therapy Assistants will work as part of a multi-disciplinary team to support the inclusion of speech and language therapy and occupational therapy within the classroom environment.

The Therapy Assistant will undertake a variety of tasks, including:

- supporting pupils to develop communication skills
- developing, preparing and maintaining therapeutic materials
- working with pupils, with regular monitoring and therapy programme adjustment by a Speech or Occupational Therapist
- supporting and facilitating group therapy activities both in class and in smaller groups
- preparing resources to support the environment in school and at home.
- supporting the clerical and administrative tasks

You will be working in a friendly and supportive working environment and will be able to access training and development opportunities. You will access clinical supervision and peer support. If you wish to visit the secondary school site or have an informal discussion with the Headteacher or SaLT prior to application, please ring on 020 3146 1441 to arrange a time.

Capella House is part of The Auriga Academy Trust, a small local specialist academy chain. The Trust and its constituent special schools work in a close and supportive partnership with each school maintaining its unique identity and ethos.

All Trust schools are in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, South West London which has excellent public transport links.

Closing date for applications: 9:00 a.m. on Friday 21st May 2021

Shortlisting will take place on afternoon of Friday 21st May

Interviews: Tuesday 25th May 2021 (timing to be advised)

Capella House School and The Auriga Academy Trust are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.