



HORBURY ACADEMY

RECRUITMENT PACK



DEAR APPLICANT

Thank you for your interest in Horbury Academy. We hope that the information contained within this pack will help you decide if you have the right qualities, skills and experience to apply for our vacancy.

I have enormous pleasure in inviting you to consider joining Horbury Academy and join a team of staff committed to the pursuit of excellence.

We are keen to appoint individuals who have vision and creativity but above all else an unrelenting commitment to high expectations and inclusivity.

We believe that outstanding staff, not only teaching staff but support staff as well, are the key to our success. We see all staff, as key members of our team. We are looking to appoint someone who recognises the importance of their contribution to our learning community.

We understand that partnership and collaboration is an important aspect to the on-going development of schools and academies and with this in mind, we work alongside Ossett Academy & Accord Sixth Form, Horbury Primary Academy and Middlestown Primary Academy as part of the Accord Multi Academy Trust. We feel this is both exciting and enriching for the Academy and all staff and pupils.

The vision of our partnership is that the Accord Multi Academy Trust will enhance both our practice and knowledge of learning across primary and secondary education, whilst also providing access for pupils and staff to an even better range of opportunities in order to achieve excellence.

Horbury is a happy Academy and we are keen to appoint like minded individuals who have a positive outlook, a “can do” attitude to all aspects of their role; and colleagues who enrich the lives of learners and ensure they are always at the centre of their thinking.

I am extremely proud to lead Horbury Academy and to work alongside such a talented body of students and staff, who are fully committed to working as a team. If you feel that you have the vision, drive and energy to support and contribute to the Academy's further continued improvement, then we would be delighted to hear from you.

Your sincerely,



Nicola Walker
Principal

ABOUT THE TRUST

The Accord Multi Academy Trust is an educational charity established in September 2016 that is currently made up of four academies who were the founding members of the Trust. In September 2016 Horbury Academy and Ossett Academy & Sixth Form College came together, moving away from their stand-alone Trust status and were joined in December 2016 by Horbury Primary Academy and Middlestown Primary Academy.



The overarching vision for the Trust is to work in one

‘Accord – celebrating the differences of each academy through strong collaboration in order to inspire all members of our learning community to be the best that they can be.’

Our academies work on the following key principles:



Ambitious for our young people and staff;



Creating a positive climate and an ethos for learning and success;



Collaborative to secure the best possible learning experiences for young people and staff;



Opening doors for parents, carers and the community and being fully inclusive;



Resilient in order to develop in young people and staff a mind-set for success;



Dynamic and reflective learning communities

Our vision and key principles are underpinned by the highest expectations on what every child can achieve regardless of their context or starting point.

Having consolidated our position as a Multi Academy Trust, we are now at a point where we are looking to build on our existing central structures to sustain our improvement to date, but also to ensure that we have the strong educational capacity necessary to welcome more academies to join the Trust. This particular post is therefore a very important feature of our planned growth and development and aspiration to provide a world class education for all young people within our community.



WHY WORK FOR THE TRUST?

The Accord Multi Academy Trust is a Wakefield based Trust; all four academies in the Trust are closely located to one another which lends itself to many opportunities to work closely and collaboratively. All academies are within a three mile radius of one another and can be found a short drive off junction 40 of the M1.

At Accord we are committed to providing world class education for all young people within our community and as such we recognise the pivotal role that our staff play in this respect.

The Trust places at the heart of its development a commitment to high quality professional development for all staff who join the Trust. We understand that by investing in our staff we will create an organisation with a shared vision and values that will transform education for young people.

The Trust is strongly committed to fostering a positive and healthy working environment with wellbeing and workload management at the forefront of all decision making.

Across the Trust there are a number of opportunities for staff to come together outside of their normal working day in a social or other activity capacity. The Trust and individual academies organise regular staff social events, craft workshops, sporting groups currently include a running club and weekly staff football matches.



“Joining Accord this academic year has given me a great opportunity to advance my career in a direction I am truly passionate about. Leaders are given the freedom to innovate and trusted to make decisions that will have a positive impact on pupils. I am certain joining Accord was the right choice for me and my career.”

Dan

Director of Mathematics



Working for Accord provides opportunities to work closely with the wider Trust to develop your skills and knowledge and build positive working relationships. I was a School Business Manager at Middlestown Primary when the school joined the Trust in 2016; the support and development opportunities available to me since then have enabled me to progress to a managerial role in the central team alongside completing professional qualifications.”

Jules

Finance Manager



As a Trust we are committed to providing a suite of benefits for employees, as part of our People Pledge and Accord Rewards scheme.

Exclusive for all colleagues across the Trust, our Accord Rewards initiative grants access to Reward Gateway and its SmartSpending App; allowing for instant savings on everyday high street brands.

Other Reward Gateway benefits include:

- Cashback Schemes
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Salary Sacrifice Schemes (eligibility restrictions may apply)
- Healthcare Cash Plans

In addition to the above, employees are also automatically entitled to a comprehensive range of nationally agreed terms and conditions in relation to pay and conditions for teaching and associate staff. All employees have the opportunity to access a pension scheme.

Furthermore, we actively promote a collaborative culture amongst colleagues, which affords the opportunity for sharing best practice and enhancing pre-existing strategies.

More information about working for the Accord Multi Academy Trust can be found here:

<https://accordmat.org/working-for-our-trust/>



Employee Engagement Platform - Accord Rewards

We partner with Reward Gateway, who provide our employees with a central employee engagement App with access to a range of retailer discounts, a cashback scheme, 24/7 access to support, salary sacrifice schemes and healthcare cash plans.



Accord Multi Academy Trust Benefits

Our own in-house rewards offer encompasses a whole host of essential, everyday options, to support with day-to-day life.

From an eye care scheme to free flu vaccinations and gym discounts to professional learning and development sessions, we aim to underpin multiple facets of our staff's lives.



Accord Multi Academy Trust Contractual Benefits

Incorporated within our employees' terms and conditions are benefits such as pay progression, alignment with the local living wage and generous annual leave and pay in times of absence due to illness or maternity.



Other Discounts & Benefits

Besides all the above perks, staff can also make use of several further benefits, whether that be in relation to mobile phones with O2 or further discounts, courtesy of Discount for Teachers, for example.

As a Trust we are committed to provide the following benefits for employees:

- An opportunity to collaborate with colleagues across our academies, within the central Trust teams, and where appropriate with other schools or Multi Academy Trust's on a local or regional basis.
- Formal opportunities arising from collaboration provide:
 - Structured and informal opportunities to share best practice that affords colleagues the opportunity to develop their own skills;
 - Efficiencies of scale and a joint up approach to working and developing initiatives, agendas and changes to practise.
 - Opportunities to lead on developments as a stepping stone to further career opportunities.
 - The opportunity to work in a forward thinking and fast paced environment alongside a range of professionals with a proven track record of success in transforming education for young people.
 - A specific career stage pathway of professional development with a commitment to support engagement in nationally recognised professional qualifications (NPQ's).
- The Trust maintains nationally agreed terms and conditions in relation to pay and conditions for teaching and associate staff, and continues to subscribe to local holiday patterns within the Wakefield local authority district.
- All employees have the opportunity to access a pension scheme.
- All employees have access to discounted rates for self and family members for a range of local and national companies and services, reviewed annually.
- Access to a biannual C2W scheme.
- All employees have access to the Fitness Suite at one of the academies in the Trust free of charge.



WHY WORK AT HORBURY ACADEMY?

- Horbury Academy is a mixed, 11-16 academy, situated on the outskirts of Wakefield.
- We are immensely proud of our academy, staff and students and strongly believe that all students are entitled to experience the full breadth of education; reflected through our curriculum model that encourages learners to study a broad range of subjects.
- From securing academic success to securing success in extra-curricular activity, our staff are fully committed to ensuring that all pupils make the most of their time at Horbury Academy.
- Alongside our extensive curricular and extra-curricular offer, we provide excellent pastoral care for our students; tailored to their individual needs.
- We work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure that our pupils feel fully supported during their time at the academy, allowing them to achieve their very best.
- Visitors frequently comment on our calm, supportive and friendly atmosphere.
- Our environment and academy building is purpose built, under one roof, allowing for a unique community and supportive feel.
- The Academy has very strong links with the local community in Horbury.
- Our facilities are used during the Academy day and outside of Academy hours by a wide range of community partners including Horbury Churches Together, Horbury Brownies and Guides, Horbury Spice Dancers, Ossett Town Juniors, Pageant Players, Phoenix Netball and Horbury & Ossett Music Centre to name but a few.





“Twenty years ago I joined Horbury School as a Special Needs Assistant. Five years later I was celebrating becoming a qualified Maths Teacher having completed a degree and my teacher training. Thank you will never be enough for the opportunities, support and encouragement I have experienced over the years. The rewards from my career at Horbury have been a huge sense of pride and achievement knowing I have made a difference to so many young people’s lives. ”

Diane
Teacher of Mathematics



“I started working at Horbury Academy in the school's busy kitchen. An opportunity arose for the Science Technician role which I applied for and was successful! Working in the science department has given me many new skills as well as receiving first class training from experienced staff. I continue every day to develop and grow thanks to the Academy.”

Jayne
Science Technician



ADVERT

LEAD SEN LEARNING MENTOR (PUPIL LEARNING PLANS)

Scale 5, £17,869 to £19,583 per annum (actual salary) – PAY AWARD PENDING
31 Hours per week, Term Time Only + 5 INSET Days
To Start As Soon As Possible

Horbury Academy are seeking to appoint a Lead SEN Learning Mentor for Pupil Learning Plans to lead and assist the SEN Learning Manager, Associate SENCo and SENCo.

This role will act as the lead Learning Mentor regarding the provision of our young people with SEN and will work with colleagues to ensure that Personalised Learning Plans are implemented appropriately. You will lead and direct staff across the Academy on how best to support the pupils to access the curriculum, with targeted intervention and support for those at risk of significant underachievement. The role will require you to provide specific, targeted coaching and mentoring for staff on an individual or small group basis as necessary.

In this varied role applicants are required to demonstrate flexibility, have some experience working with vulnerable/challenged/challenging children and young people and the ability to communicate effectively with colleagues and pupils.

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We are confident that new staff joining our Trust will feel welcomed and happy to have chosen us. Prospective applicants are welcome to visit prior to applying. We also encourage prospective candidates to look at our website for further information regarding our 'People Pledge' and our recently launched Employee Benefit package [Working For Our Trust - Accord \(accordmat.org\)](https://www.accordmat.org/working-for-our-trust)

For an informal discussion about this position please contact hr@accordmat.org or call on 01924 282748.



Closing Date: Friday 24 November 2023 at 9.00am

Interviews likely to be held: week commencing 27 November 2023

Application forms are available from accordmat.org/vacancies/

Completed application forms to be returned to hr@accordmat.org.

Based on the quality and quantity of applications received, Accord Multi Academy Trust reserves the right to interview sooner than the specified dates above. Applicants will be notified of this where possible. Therefore, early applications are encouraged.

We are committed to providing a culture of inclusion, respect and equity of opportunity that attracts, supports, and retains high quality colleagues from all backgrounds and across all job roles at the Trust. We welcome and encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian, other ethnic minority groups, individuals who identify as LGBT+; and/or are registered with a disability. Candidates will always be shortlisted based on the content of application against the job description and essential criteria without access to the personal details information.

The Accord Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an Enhanced DBS check.

JOB SPECIFICATION



Job Title: Lead SEN Learning Mentor – Pupil Learning Plans	Grade: Scale 5
Department: Pupil Support	Accountable to: SENCo/SEN Learning Manager/ Associate SENCo
Contractual Terms: Permanent, Term time + 5 INSET days	Responsible for: N/A

Overall, Purpose of the Job:

- To lead and direct other learning mentors and colleagues on how best to support the pupils to access the curriculum, with targeted intervention and support for those pupils at risk of significant underachievement.
- Act as the lead Learning Mentor regarding the provision of our young people with SEN working with colleagues to ensure that Personalised Learning Plans are implemented appropriately.
- To provide specific, targeted coaching and mentoring for staff on an individual or small group around the needs of an individual pupil or a specific area of need.
- To uphold and promote the school's child protection and safeguarding policies and procedures and ensure they are adhered to by all staff. To promote the safety and wellbeing of pupils.

Key Outcomes/Activities:

Responsibilities and Accountabilities

- To work closely with the Associate SENCo on coordinating and implementing Personalised Learning Plans.
- To lead on coordinating support for staff via coaching and mentoring.
- To develop and oversee the delivery of Personalised Learning Plans for pupils, ensuring that they are relevant and updated regularly.
- Provide support for EHCP pupils.
- Keep up to date with the national picture and any changes relating to SEN and specialisms; ensuring CPD and support for others (colleagues and pupils) reflects the most recent developments in pedagogy.
- To coordinate benchmarking and developmental testing.
- Identify pupils (in collaboration with the SENCO) who require additional targeted support.
- Under direction of SENCO ensure all Academy staff are aware of procedures for identifying and supporting pupils with SEN.
- Provide specialist support for individual pupils and/or small groups of pupils.
- Regularly assess and monitor pupils who are receiving support, providing feedback and reports on progress.
- Produce Personalised Learning Profile (PLP) for individual pupils in conjunction with parents and Academy staff.
- Work with pupils, parents and colleagues to improve the life of pupils in the SEN HUB.
- Produce reports for parents.
- Work with outside agencies such as WISSEND and the Educational Psychologist to ensure that the correct level of support and intervention is in place to meet the needs of our pupils.
- Analyse data and report accordingly.
- As part of a team of Lead SEN Learning Mentors support the SENCO in their duties as appropriate.
- Under the direction of the SENCO support in delivering a range of school improvement and intervention services which lead to measurable outcomes for vulnerable pupils.
- To create and source resources suitable to the individual pupils' needs.

Partnerships

- Work closely with all Academy staff as appropriate to ensure support for pupils on their return to normal lessons.
- Provision of specialist support for individual pupils on roll at other schools as required.

Data and Records

- Maintain accurate, up to date and appropriate records for individual pupil.
- Attend meetings regarding pupils as necessary.

Other Responsibilities

- The duties and responsibilities in this job description are indicative and may change over time.
- Post holders are expected to undertake other duties and responsibilities relevant to the nature, level and scope of the post; as directed by the line manager, SLT member or Principal.
- Commitment to continuous professional development and willingness to undertake required training and development opportunities to enhance role.
- To maintain confidentiality in all dealings with staff and pupils, safeguarding personal data where appropriate and preventing disclosure of confidential or sensitive information.

Requirements for the Job/Evidence

The following section is the requirements for the job and lists the essential and desirable requirements needed in order to do the job. Applicants will be shortlisted solely on the extent to which they meet these requirements.

Please note A = Application Form I = Interview/assessment process

Competency	Essential	How Assessed	Desirable	How Assessed
Qualifications	NVQ Level 4 qualification or ability to demonstrate equivalent level of experience. Evidence of training in relevant field English and Maths to GCSE Grade C or above or equivalent level of qualifications.	N/A A/I A	First Aid qualification Specialist Qualification in area of SEN TEFL Qualification	A/I A A
Experience:	Some experience of working with young people with SEND Experience of working with vulnerable/challenged/Challenging children and young people. Proven experience of working with young people in an educational environment Some experience of delivering coaching/training to other colleagues	A A/I A/I A	Personal or intimate care of others Experience of working with pupils with English as an additional language Experience of supporting on the administering of access arrangement testing	A A A
Knowledge and Statutory Requirements:	Understanding the development of numeracy and or literacy skills and programmes/techniques to support pupils to acquire them Knowledge of the principles of Child Development and learning processes and barriers to learning An understanding and knowledge of the needs of young people with SEN and how they might support the young person/s to access the classroom and curriculum. Ability to use a range of ICT applications (e.g. Word, Outlook, Excel) Ability to demonstrate behavior management skills Apply a firm, consistent and understanding approach when considering needs of pupils Knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practise with regard to SEN	A/I A/I A/I A/I I I A/I	Understanding of relevant policies/codes of practice with regard to SEN	
Planning, Organisation and Mental Challenge:	Ability to manage a range of tasks efficiently and apply effective organisation skills.	A/I		

Interpersonal & Communication:	Excellent Interpersonal and communication skills.	I		
	Ability to relate to a range of pupils and parents in a sensitive manner	I		
	Ability to establish effective working relationships with colleagues and agencies	I		
	Ability to demonstrate a flexible attitude towards team working	I		
	Ability to work with minimum supervision and on own initiative	I		
	Ability to operate effectively when liaising with different groups and colleagues at all levels	I		
Physical Skills and Demands:	Will be expected to use IT to update pupil records.			
Initiative & Independence:	Required to work in a professional manner.	A/I		
	Tasks will be defined by the Line Manager but the jobholder may be required to use their own initiative on occasions. Willingness to be flexible, adaptable and patient.			
Emotional Challenge and Resilience:	The job holder will be required to apply resilience when dealing with emotions/challenges from pupils and/or staff on a regular basis.	I		
	Ability to remain calm under pressure.			
Philosophy and Commitment:	A belief that everyone can benefit from, and has entitlement to, high quality educational opportunities.	I		
	An interest in educational issues.	I		
	A personal commitment to lifelong learning and continuous professional development.			
	Commitment to high standards, best value and continuous improvement.			
	A commitment to inclusion so all pupils have access to a full Academy life			
Personal Qualities:	Ability to be reflective and self-critical.	I		
	Enjoys working with young people.	I		

Responsibilities for Resources:

Line Management Responsibilities: Support Learning Mentor colleagues and deliver coaching and/training as required.

Financial Responsibilities: None. However all post holders should ensure all work is carried out within budget and cost effectively

Physical Resources: To prepare maintain and use equipment/resources for relevant learning activities within the learning support area. To process, create and share securely all pupil data in line with Data Protection principles.

Responsibility for People:

Contact with pupils on a daily basis as defined by the job role, involving some direct impact on the well-being of pupils.

Responsibility for Policy Developments:

The job involves no direct responsibility for policy development. However all staff are expected to be involved in policy consultation.

Responsibility for Pupil Outcomes:

The job has some direct impact on the educational outcomes of pupils.

Working Conditions:

The nature of the role requires the jobholder to be exposed to some environmental working conditions and/or people related issues.

The post holder will be required to work on their feet most of the day.

Main Contacts:

The jobholder liaises with pupils, parents/carers, Curriculum Leaders, Teachers and staff within the Academy.

Characteristics of the post:

- The Nature of the post may involve some ongoing physical effort for long periods e.g. standing or walking.
- The post holder may be subject to some exposure to disagreeable or unpleasant people related behavior.
- The post involves contact with young people which through their circumstances or behaviour may regularly place emotional demand on the post holder.
- The post is designated as working Term Time Only plus 5 INSET Days. At the start of the academic year all staff receive notification of INSET dates. Post holders are required to attend all these sessions and the replacement Twilight Sessions that are set in lieu of INSET days.

The employment checks required of this post are:

- Evidence of entitlement to work in the UK
- Evidence of essential qualifications
- Two satisfactory references
- Evidence of a satisfactory safeguarding check e.g. an Enhanced DBS Disclosure
- Confirmation of medical fitness for employment as required
- Registration with appropriate bodies (where applicable)

Date Revised: September 2023

Signature of Postholder:

Date:

This is a description of the job as it exists at present; All Academy Job Specifications are reviewed and are liable to variation in consultation with the post-holder in order to reflect future developments, roles and organisational change.



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