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# RECRUITMENT INFORMATION



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Our Values



All members of our college community will be given every opportunity to develop and achieve their full academic potential.



All members of our college community will contribute to ensuring that we provide a safe, secure and caring environment.



All members of our college community will celebrate the diversity of our community and celebrate our successes and achievements as one.



All members of our college community will demonstrate resilience at times of adversity.



All members of the college community will treat others with respect.



All members of the college community will be treated fairly.



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Team Wright Robinson is fully committed to inspiring its students to achieve academic excellence, good character and resilience. This will enable our students to be instrumental in contributing to and shaping British Society in an internationally competitive world.



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# A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in working at Wright Robinson College. I am immensely proud to be Headteacher at the College. In our recent 2021 Ofsted report, we have maintained our 'Outstanding in all Areas' status from 2016. Visitors, and Ofsted comment on the exemplary behaviour demonstrated by our extremely courteous and respectful students and upon the calm and welcoming atmosphere here at Wright Robinson.



We are an 11-16 provision and place ourselves at the heart of the community, a college that prides itself on equipping our students with the knowledge and skills to influence an ever-changing, internationally competitive world.

Staff support, wellbeing and CPD is really important to us here at Wright Robinson which was reflected in our 2021 Ofsted report:

"Staff are exceptionally proud to work at Wright Robinson. They benefit extremely well from leaders' genuine desire to manage workload and care for their well-being. Leaders provide extensive opportunities for teachers to access subject training and to work collaboratively."

We have over half a century's experience in educating young people which is illustrated through our results in public examinations, where our students consistently perform at rates significantly higher than the expected norms.

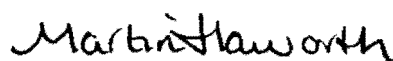
Students are taught by academic specialists with a passion for their subject, creating an environment where our students

believe that anything is achievable. We place great emphasis on creating leaders, whilst recognising the need to work co-operatively with others.

Our 'Team Ethos' permeates all aspects of college life, a life which here at Wright Robinson is so much more than what happens in the classroom. We seek applicants who can align with our culture of mutual respect, a positive outlook and a 'can-do' approach. The college has state of the art facilities creating, for staff and students alike, an attractive site and a pleasant working environment.

Our sporting successes are nationally renowned and our work in areas such as music, drama and art further enrich the student experience.

I am extremely pleased that you are interested in applying to work at Wright Robinson College and I look forward to receiving your application.



**Martin Haworth**  
Headteacher



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# Wright Robinson College

Headteacher: Martin Haworth

## Learning Support Assistant (LSA)

**Grade 4 £25,584 - £27,269 FTE (Actual salary TTO £21,441 – £22,853)**

**Start Date: ASAP**

**Contract: Full Time. Permanent. Term-time only**

**Apply by: 9am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

A rare and exciting opportunity has arisen to join our supportive and successful team as a Learning Support Assistant. Within the role, you will support the SENDCo in ensuring that quality provision is provided for our SEND students with a range of needs in class and during interventions. You will also support the SENDCo with administrative tasks including coordinating and developing resources for SEND students.

Our Learning Support Assistant positions present an excellent opportunity for candidates who are potentially looking to gain experience to progress into teaching and/or for those who aspire to work within education. We are ambitious for growth and the development of our staff members and pupils and as such, there are likely to be further opportunities and routes for progression in the future for successful candidates.

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Wright Robinson College has been an 'Outstanding School' in every area of the Ofsted Inspection Framework since 2016 and we were immensely proud that our continued 'Outstanding' status was confirmed again in our October 2021 inspection under the new framework. We are fully committed to continuing to further raise academic standards and attainment, across an academic curriculum.

We are committed to staff development and if you join our team you will be based in a friendly and supportive school with a state-of-the-art building, providing access to the latest resources to facilitate learning. As well as offering you a competitive salary, and access to our BUPA Employee Assistance Programme, you will be provided with free access to on-site gym and pool facilities, a range of activities designed to support staff well-being and free on-site parking. Located one mile from the city centre, on the east side of Manchester, we are easily accessible through local and regional transport links. To read more about our employee benefits, please follow the link below:

<https://www.wrightrobinson.co.uk/Employee-benefits/>

Have you got the desire, experience and ambition to join our Team? If so, we would be delighted to hear from you. Informal enquiries can be directed to Ms Ward on 0161 370 5121.

**For further information on the position, to see what our staff have to say about working for us and for details on how to apply, please follow the link below:**

<https://www.wrightrobinson.co.uk/Vacancies/>



**Statement on Equality**

*We are an Equal Opportunities Employer and we positively welcome applications from candidates regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.*

**Statement on Safeguarding**

*Wright Robinson College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All employment offers are made subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references. When appointing new staff, we will ask shortlisted candidates to complete a self-declaration of their criminal record and to provide any information that would deem them unsuitable to work with children.*

**Online checks for shortlisted candidates**

*In accordance with DfE Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022, an online search, including social media, will be completed on all shortlisted applicants prior to interview. Any relevant information will be discussed further with the applicant during the recruitment process.*

**GDPR**

*A copy of our Privacy Notice is available on our website.*



# Wright Robinson College

Headteacher: Martin Haworth

## Learning Support Assistant (LSA): Job Description

### **JOB TITLE**

**Learning Support Assistant**

### **SCALE/SALARY**

**Grade 4 £25,584 - £27,269 FTE (Actual salary TTO  
£21,441 – £22,853)  
Contract: Full Time. Permanent. Term time only**

### **RESPONSIBLE TO:**

**SENDCo, Assistant Headteacher, Deputy  
Headteacher, Headteacher**

### **JOB PURPOSE**

To provide teaching support to students who experience learning difficulties. This involves providing in class support to students under the direction of the subject teacher, working with groups of students and the provision of one to one support by withdrawal from lessons. Most support will be provided in lessons. To assist with the delivery of the college's literacy programme to students.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

1. To support students with learning difficulties as required by Education and Health Care Plans, protocols for interventions and the college's strategy to improve student attainment across Key Stages 3 and 4. This will require working to agreed goals and objectives for individual or groups of pupils.
2. To work collaboratively with teachers in the delivery of teaching and learning to ensure that students' progress and experiences are recorded. These records will be used to inform Individual Education Plans and Pastoral Support Programmes.
3. Working with other LSA's and under the direction of a teacher (who will provide resources), to deliver the college's literacy lessons.
4. To contribute to the planning for the delivery of teaching and learning for students being supported, to an agreed schedule. This will involve the preparation of teaching and learning materials and subject matter.
5. To provide effective communication about the needs and progress of students to the SENDCo and teaching staff. This will require the provision of reports and briefing notes as required.
6. To act as a mentor for students identified as requiring support in order for them to achieve their full potential at the college. This will involve the use of a multidisciplinary approach for groups and individuals, the encouragement of high expectations and the development of good attitudes to school particularly with

students with challenging behaviour. To be responsible for outcomes including discipline.

7. To be familiar with the Code of Practice on SEND.
8. To ensure that all records are updated and those with responsibility for monitoring are informed of students' progress.
9. To work closely with parents / carers to develop supportive relationships. To provide agreed feedback to parents/carers on progress being made.
10. Supervision of students in a range of settings, manage programmes of work with reports to senior staff and governors as required.
11. To develop and deliver activities to support small groups / classes of identified pupils.
12. To implement and adhere to the college's Equal Opportunities Policy.
13. Or any other duties commensurate with the post.

*The above list of job duties is not exclusive or exhaustive and the postholder will be required to undertake such tasks as may reasonably be expected within the scope and grading of the post.*



## Learning Support Assistant: Person Specification

AF – Application Form

SP – Selection Process

Specification	Essential/ Desirable	Method of Assessment
<b>QUALIFICATIONS / PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A minimum of 5 GCSEs including English and Maths or equivalent</li> </ul>	E	AF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching Assistant qualification</li> </ul>	D	AF
<b>PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experience as a Teaching Assistant / Learning Mentor in a secondary school setting.</li> </ul>	D	AF
<b>KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High level of oral communication skills including the ability to communicate effectively in a variety of situations, face to face, by telephone or in a large group</li> </ul>	E	SP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent organisational skills</li> </ul>	E	AF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ability to work under your own initiative, whilst appropriately escalating matters as required</li> </ul>	E	AF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be able to work constructively as part of a team, understanding school roles and responsibilities and your own position within these</li> </ul>	E	AF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge of relevant SEND legislation and Code of Practice, and an understanding of its implications in practice</li> </ul>	E	SP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge of school practices and processes, and how pupils with SEND are likely to make good progress</li> </ul>	D	AF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate effective skills in conflict resolution</li> </ul>	D	SP

<b>PERSONAL QUALITIES</b>		
▪ The ability to maintain confidentiality at all times	E	AF
▪ Able to demonstrate a high level of personal resilience in demanding situations	E	AF
▪ A commitment to your own continuous professional development.	E	AF
▪ Personal commitment to the College's professional standards, including dress code, as appropriate.	E	AF
▪ The post will require an enhanced DBS clearance.	E	SP
▪ To promote Health & Safety, Safeguarding policies and Equality & Diversity across the Trust.	E	AF



WHY WORK

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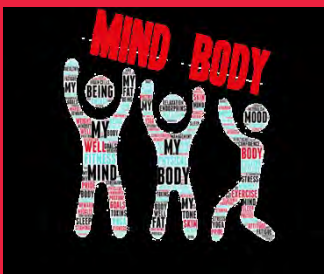
  
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### Quote from The Sunday Times

"Tea and toast mornings, cupcake days, yoga and art classes help the 210 staff enjoy a healthy work/life balance. The 11 to 16-year-old academy on the outskirts of Manchester, rated outstanding by Ofsted, has also significantly cut teachers' workload by reducing much of the administrative burden that is often criticised across the profession. In addition to a comprehensive professional learning programme, staff have the opportunity to take funded non-professional qualifications."



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# Staff Benefits



We have a wide range of employee benefits available to all of our staff in order to attract, retain and contribute towards improving wellbeing. We are always looking at ways in which we can improve our offering to ensure that our benefits are valuable to our staff.

## **Pension**

On joining Wright Robinson, we automatically enrol you into one of our workplace pension schemes, either the Teachers' Pension Fund (TP) or the Local Government Pension Fund (LGPF). Once you are enrolled you will commence paying into your pension via automatic payments from your monthly pay and the Trust will also contribute to your pension. Public sector pensions are renowned for being far better investments than private pensions.

## **Research day**

Each academic year, all staff are entitled to a research day to be taken on a day of their choice.

## **Positive work environment**

An established Pastoral System led by staff who do not have a teaching commitment is in place with a fully embedded Behaviour Policy and rewards system as well as a dedicated and specialist staff network. This has led to an exceptionally positive and rewarding working environment and culture with exemplary student attitudes to learning.

## **Occupational Health**

The Occupational Health Service provides advice and support to all Trust staff focusing on the promotion of health and wellbeing and prevention of ill health at work.

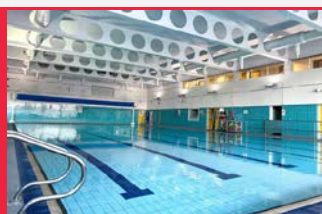
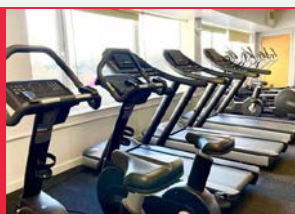
## **Family friendly support**

Enhanced family leave is available to support our staff with family commitments and to maintain a work-life balance. We also consider all applications for flexible working.

## **Employee Assistant Programme (BUPA)**

Face-to-face and/or telephone counselling - up to eight sessions for all employees via BUPA (external confidential provider) and access to a 24/7 health line. Some of the topics that an expert can support with are:

- stress
- bereavement
- coping with change
- financial worries
- anxiety and depression
- substance misuse
- family issues.





### **CPD/Staff development**

We have a strong programme of staff CPD which includes the 'Let's Develop' newsletter published half-termly to all staff. As further professional learning is at the heart of what we do, we provide a comprehensive range of externally accredited programmes and in-house learning and development opportunities to staff at any stage in their career. We also have regular staff promotion opportunities.

### **Early Careers Teachers (ECT) Programme**

The provision for Early Career Teachers is extensive and goes beyond statutory provision. All ECTs are allocated trained subject and professional mentors and in-house bespoke development programme supports development for the full two years. Sessions are tailored to individual staff needs and time is allocated for mentor meetings.

### **Mental Health First Aiders**

We have qualified Mental Health First Aiders in college offering support to anyone who may need it or in the event of a mental health crisis. Mental Health First Aiders are trained to spot the early signs of poor mental health and appropriately sign-post towards treatment and other sources of support.

### **Wellbeing HUB**

Our Wellbeing HUB is home to information regarding health & wellbeing support services available to all staff. We have a member of staff dedicated to wellbeing and the HUB includes information about signposting, Wellbeing Champions, Mental Health awareness, online learning, toolkits, workshops, guidance information and more. All staff are able to access the Headspace app for free.

We take a proactive approach to staff wellbeing by a number of workload reduction strategies including: reduction of meeting times, calendared work-life balance slots, teaching staff do not take detentions, reduction in data drops and we also employ internal cover supervisors to reduce the pressure of lesson cover for absence.

### **State of the art facilities with On-site gym & swimming pool**

All staff can use the on-site gym and swimming pool out of college hours. We also offer fitness classes and sports events/competitions for staff to enjoy.

### **Cycle to work scheme**

Through the Cycle to Work scheme, eligible staff can purchase a new bike paid for through a salary sacrifice arrangement, significant savings in income tax and NI can be made for the employee. We also provide secure cycle parking for staff.

### **Free on-site car parking**

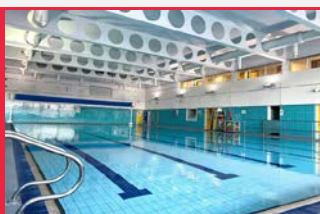
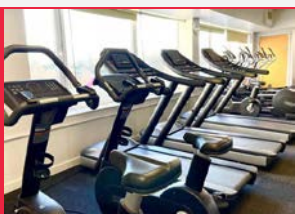
We have a large secure staff car park on the college grounds which is free for staff to use. We also have accessible parking available.

### **Long-service recognition**

Recognition for long service anniversaries.

### **On-site canteen**

All staff have access to an affordable onsite canteen.



# Awards and external recognition



At the 2022 North West Educate Awards, held at Liverpool Cathedral, Wright Robinson College were presented with the Award for 'Outstanding Commitment to Sport in a Secondary School'.

It is fantastic to have received the award as recognition for all of the hard work that takes place at the college on a daily basis. The college has an extensive Physical Education and extra-curricular sporting programme, promoting a lifelong passion for physical activity and sport in young people whilst providing a wealth of opportunities for our community here in Greater Manchester.

## Big Health 2022

Wright Robinson College was awarded 1st place in the Manchester Healthy Schools 'The Big Health Challenge 2022'. This year's theme was 'What are you as a school community doing to promote positive health & wellbeing with next year's year 7'.



## The Goldsmiths' Community Engagement Award 2022



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GOLDSMITHS'  
*Community Engagement Award 2022*

Wright Robinson College was named as the Silver Award winner of The Goldsmiths' Company Awards for Community Engagement 2022. Created in 2018, the prestigious awards celebrate the unsung work of students going above and beyond to support local communities through volunteer work and charitable initiatives that are overlooked in exam and test results.

## SENDIA

Wright Robinson College has received the SEND Inclusion Award (SENDIA). The SENDIA is awarded to schools who deliver high-quality education for pupils with SEND. Compliant with the SEND Code of Practice, the award framework focuses on removing barriers to learning through early identification, inclusive teaching and leadership. The college has fully evaluated impact in order to improve classroom practice and pupil outcomes.



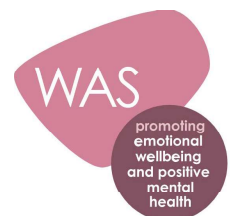
## EPDA

Wright Robinson College has received the Excellence in Pupil Development Award (EPDA). This award offers a structured framework to evaluate and enrich our pastoral curriculum. The award evidences that the college is successful in developing pupil's personal attributes and attitudes, such as self-confidence, resilience and self-discipline and preparing pupils for life in modern Britain.



## WAS

Wright Robinson College has received the Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS). This award focuses on changing the long-term culture of the whole school. Using an evidence-based framework to drive change, it helps schools to deliver staff and pupil wellbeing, review staff training and revise school policies. This award is evidence that that mental health and wellbeing sit at the heart of life at Wright Robinson.



## School Games Platinum 2021/22 - 2022/23

In July 2022, Wright Robinson College was one of only 3 Greater Manchester Schools who were awarded the Platinum School Games Mark.



## NWCPEA (North West Counties PE Association)

Wright Robinson College has been awarded the Gill Parry Best Practice in PE Award 2021.

The PE department developed the 'My mind my body' to increase awareness of the importance of physical activity on the mind and body, with a focus on the physical, mental and social benefits.



# OFSTED REPORT

## OUTCOME

Wright Robinson College was inspected in October 2021 and continues to be an outstanding school.



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## WHAT IS IT LIKE TO ATTEND THIS SCHOOL?

Pupils are proud to be part of this exceptional school. They are adamant that it is a safe, happy and harmonious place to learn. Pupils thoroughly enjoy coming to school to learn. They say, 'Every aspect of school life is about teamwork.'

All pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), achieve exceptionally well. The ambitious curriculum motivates and engages pupils to work extremely hard. Staff have very high expectations of each of them.

Pupils concentrate fully on their learning. They relish the opportunity to master new challenges. Pupils are highly appreciative of the learning opportunities that teachers provide. Pupils are fiercely proud of their successes.

Behaviour is exemplary. Pupils are extremely courteous and respectful. Pupils of all ages get along exceedingly well. They are accepting of each other's differences. Pupils have no concerns about bullying. They said that it would be 'out of the ordinary'. Should any bullying occur, pupils are confident that teachers will 'shut it down immediately'.

Pupils spoke with great pride about the extensive range of leadership, charitable and enrichment opportunities on offer. They delight in developing new skills and in finding new ways to contribute to the wider community. Pupils develop into highly confident, articulate and responsible young adults who are ready to 'shine' in the world.

## WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL DO WELL AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO DO BETTER?

Leaders, governors and trustees have created a distinctive school with a clear purpose. They are deeply committed to ensuring that every pupil can flourish, irrespective of their personal circumstances. A culture of high aspirations and a can-do approach to learning pervade the school.

