

Learning Support Assistant – Oxford, Kidlington & Banbury bases

G6 £20,493 - £22,627 pro rata (Actual £17,518 to £19,342)

Contract Term: Permanent, 37 hours p/wk, Term-time only + 5 days

September start or earlier

Are you a learning/behaviour support specialist with a real passion for your working with young people and looking for a new challenge?

Can you build positive relationships with young people and make a difference?

Are you enthusiastic, resilient and have a flexible approach.

Do you have the experience and passion to give the most vulnerable children and young people the best chance to succeed and thrive?

We are an Alternative Provision Academy based in Oxfordshire working with children from aged 5 to 16. We call our Learning Support Assistants 'Mentors' at Meadowbrook. They support our students to re-engage with their learning by helping them to overcome the difficulties that present as barriers to their learning and success in school. Learning Mentors may also be involved in supporting students with safeguarding issues by attending associated meetings; experience of or willingness to support at multi-agency meetings and linking with the family would be desirable.

You will be part of a passionate and dedicated team making a real difference to young people's lives. We are looking for someone who has possesses a variety of special skills which can be used when working with young people and their families: eg. therapeutic mentoring; mental health first aid; safeguarding; managing challenging behaviour; academic support in the classroom.

This exciting and varied role will provide you with a wide range of experiences, including:

- keyworking individual students
- developing your skills in working with children with SEMH/ASD/Mental Health difficulties
- supporting learning both in and out of the classroom
- co-planning and supporting a variety of creative activities

We believe in a shared team ethos, working together using flexible and supportive approaches to develop students' learning and behaviour. Meadowbrook staff have a 'can do' attitude that makes a real difference to the lives of our students; many of which have become disengaged with education and lost the confidence to achieve their full potential. We are always looking for creative and innovative ways forward and offer a variety of opportunities for ongoing professional development/training. Meadowbrook College is a welcoming, nurturing and stimulating environment to work in. If this role appeals to you please contact us to find out more.

To apply **please complete an application form together with a letter, outlining your skills and experience for this post**, and send to Maria Rees at mrees@meadowbrookcollege.org

Closing Date: At this point we are looking to appoint as soon as possible so may interview straight away on receipt of a suitable applicant who is available at short notice. However, if there is a strong field requiring a notice period we will close the applications on 23rd April and interview the week commencing 26th April.

You are very welcome to speak to Nicola Partridge, Headteacher, about this position: please contact Maria Rees, Headteacher's PA if you would like to arrange this. Unfortunately we cannot facilitate a visit to site at this time.

Meadowbrook 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 staff and volunteers are also expected to promote fundamental British values. This post involves the type of work with children and young people that require applicants to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check. The possession of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from obtaining this post. All cases are considered confidentially and according to the nature of the role and information disclosed.