



Job Application Pack Teaching Assistant – Level 1

Hours of Work: Permanent, Full time, Term Time Only
Salary: Grade 5, Points 5 - 7, £23,500 – £24,293 (FTE)
Actual salary: £20,213 to £20,895 per annum

Welcome from the CEO



Archway Learning Trust is a vibrant learning community where students are cared for, receive a high quality education and experience every opportunity to be successful.

School years are amongst the most important in our lives, helping us to develop the knowledge, skills and characteristics we need to succeed. At Archway Learning Trust, we are committed to giving every child the very best start that we can. We offer outstanding teaching and learning and exceptional personal support in an inclusive, faith based environment. I became a teacher because I believe in equal opportunities for everyone.

I also believe that every child has the right to an excellent education. Learning is at the heart of any good society and the opportunity to learn from teachers who are committed, enthusiastic and innovative is a right that all children should have.

Our mission is to help children to understand and believe in themselves, respect and care for others and to develop a wide understanding of faith, the world around them and their place within it. The determination of our youngsters to succeed, and the passion of our teachers to make a difference, makes me proud to be Chief Executive Officer of this diverse and dynamic family of academies.

S. Hampton

About the Trust

Archway Learning Trust, previously Bluecoat Academies Trust was formed in April 2014 as a result of the very long and successful history of Bluecoat Academy. We recently welcomed three further secondary schools in Derby to the Trust and opened Bluecoat Trent Academy, a secondary Free School in Nottingham in September 2021.

The Trust comprises of Bluecoat Aspley Academy, Bluecoat Sixth Form, Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, Bluecoat Beechdale Academy, Bluecoat Primary Academy, The Nottingham Emmanuel School and Sixth Form, The Long Eaton School, Lees Brook Academy, Alvaston Moor Academy, Bluecoat Trent Academy and the Bluecoat SCITT Alliance (School Centred Initial Teacher Training).

Our aim as a Trust is to shine a spotlight nationally and internationally on our inclusive ethos so that more schools and academies can be encouraged to take up our approach to inclusive, enriching, knowledge based teaching, preparing young people for lifelong learning based firmly on our Christian principles.

The growth of the Trust is a truly exciting time for prospective candidates who are looking to further their careers in a dynamic learning community that has opportunity at every point to share and learn from each other in order to become the best that we can be.

We are proud of our diverse student population and passionate to create a staff team reflective of this diversity. We actively welcome applications from all backgrounds and you can be assured of a warm welcome at Archway.

Welcome from the Principal



Philip Rowson, Principal, provides leadership to the Trust's successful and passionate Bluecoat Wollaton Academy.

Bluecoat Wollaton Academy offers a caring, nurturing and secure environment that enables every member of our staffing body to be the best they can be. We have high aspirations for ourselves, our students and the community we serve. Whilst we are extremely proud of our reputation for academic excellence, we place equal value on ensuring students grow and develop both personally and socially and leave us thoroughly prepared to become well rounded and successful citizens in a modern society.

We make no apologies for the high standards that we have here at Bluecoat Wollaton Academy. We expect our staff to role model excellent behaviour, attendance and attitudes to learning for our students.

We also expect our staff to be excellent by delivering inspirational teaching that ignites a love of learning and instils a belief in learners that anything is possible. Belief is central to all we do: we believe in ourselves, in each other and in God and it is this belief that ensures Bluecoat Wollaton Academy continues to offer the best educational experiences possible for our students, our staff and our community.

Visits to the school are welcomed.

P. Rowson

Bluecoat Wollaton Academy

Bluecoat Wollaton Academy is an exciting and rewarding place to work. The Academy has a history of very successful exam results and prides itself on providing high quality education to the student population that we serve, no matter their background. All staff are highly valued as part of this.



Considerable time and energy is devoted to supporting our staff in becoming the best that they can be. The Academy recognises that each employee is as important as the other in contributing to the outstanding education we provide; employees are given the opportunity to attend and be part of extensive training programmes within their specialist area to develop the key skills to facilitate their career path. We believe in innovation, risk taking and welcome new ideas that people can bring to the Trust drawing from experiences in other workplaces.

Bluecoat Wollaton is a Church of England Academy and is proud of its Christian ethos, and respectful of all faiths. We work closely with the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham but welcome staff and students irrespective of their background. At the heart of Wollaton is the belief that all students are unique and valued by God. Our mission statement sums up what we stand for: *'Believe; in yourself, in others, in God'*

In addition to the 'Outstanding' grading at the last SIAMS (Church of England) inspection, in May 2018 the school was also judged as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in all areas, testament to the hard work of staff and students who are passionate about the school and its 'family' approach. It is also (January 2020) a 'World Class School' given in recognition of both its outcomes and student leadership opportunities with less than 60 secondary schools in the country having obtained this quality mark.

We are truly inclusive and pride ourselves on the diversity of our students and employees that attend and work at our Academy. The Academy - and our wider Multi Academy Trust - are committed to ensuring staff are given full training to develop in their chosen career paths, dedicating significant time to this for staff each Thursday so that they can work in subject teams or within their own wider development that is personal to them, for national qualifications for instance.

Visitors frequently comment on how the children are polite and keen to learn at Wollaton and they are explicitly taught about kindness and the need to "Work hard; show respect" which is part of the culture. This wider ethos is yielding excellent outcomes and the academy has accelerated its progress rapidly to be among the top performing schools in the country and the highest in the city.

New staff will also find a staff body who are drawn together for a common purpose and who are exceptionally welcoming and supportive to ensure that workload and well-being are considered when implementing ideas. The strong teams in place in the school are well supported by the leadership of the school.

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Our Schools

Bluecoat Aspley Academy

Bluecoat Academy Aspley is the largest school in the Trust and was the founder of Archway Learning Trust (previously known as Bluecoat Academies Trust). The Academy is both distinctively Christian and inclusive with all students being part of a large, diverse and multi-ethnic family that we are very proud to be a part of. Bluecoat Aspley Academy is a School of Sanctuary, welcoming students and families from all backgrounds.



Bluecoat Aspley
believe in yourself, in others, in God

Bluecoat Wollaton Academy

Bluecoat Wollaton Academy has 800 learners and is both distinctively Christian and inclusive, with a relentless ambition to enable every member of our Academy 'family' to be the best they can be. Bluecoat Wollaton was graded as 'Outstanding' in all categories in its Ofsted inspection in 2018. The school's outcomes place it consistently in the top 10% in the country and it was also awarded the highly coveted World Class Schools Quality Mark, which is awarded to the top schools in the country.



Bluecoat Wollaton
believe in yourself, in others, in God

Bluecoat Beechdale Academy

Bluecoat Beechdale Academy is a growing school, with over 800 students on roll. The numbers have increased each year since our sponsorship began and we are delighted with the growing confidence that local families are expressing by making Beechdale their first-choice school in increasing numbers. Bluecoat Beechdale Academy is not formally designated as a Church of England Academy, but shares the ethos and many of the Archway values.



Bluecoat Beechdale
Academy
Believe, Belong, Achieve

Bluecoat Primary Academy

Bluecoat Primary Academy opened in January 2015. The primary school is located near our Bluecoat Beechdale Academy in a brand-new state of the art building on Harvey Road and is home to 420 primary aged children, 26 Nursery pupils and a small focus provision for children with ASD. Like Bluecoat Aspley and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy is both distinctively Christian and inclusive.



Bluecoat Primary
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The Nottingham Emmanuel School

The Nottingham Emmanuel School is a Church of England secondary and Sixth Form, with 1,000 students, including over 140 in the Sixth Form. The £25 million site is located near the banks of the River Trent in West Bridgford. The School is a diverse community, serving families and students from every academic, social, faith and ethnic background. Emmanuel has been praised nationally for its outstanding work as an effective, inclusive Church school.



Bluecoat SCITT

Based at Bluecoat Aspley Academy, the Bluecoat SCITT offers school-based Teacher training in a range of schools and subjects. As an accredited provider of school-based teacher training, we are committed to training outstanding teachers to work within the East Midlands region. Our comprehensive one-year School Direct Training Programme is offered for both Primary and Secondary trainees, as well as a salaried option in certain subjects.



Bluecoat SCITT Alliance
Nottingham

Bluecoat Trent Academy

The Bluecoat Trent Academy opened its doors in September 2021 with the founding cohort of Year 7 pupils. BTA is an 11-16, non-faith school. The new build for the academy will be built on the former site of Clarendon College, on the edge of Forest Fields, close to Mapperley Park. Whilst the new academy is being constructed BTA will, for the first two years, be based in its own building on the site of Bluecoat Aspley Academy on Aspley Lane. The school will be underpinned by the ethos of all the Archway academies whilst establishing its own unique vision and values.



Bluecoat Bentinck Primary Academy

Bluecoat Bentick Primary Academy officially joined of Archway Learning Trust in September 2023, becoming our second primary academy. The school has a proud and rich history of serving the children and community of Nottingham since 1880; we are delighted to be part of its next chapter! Bluecoat Bentinck is a popular, diverse, and multi-cultural Academy in the heart of Nottingham City. The Academy's vision of 'Together We Make a Difference' underpins our commitment to work together to achieve our common purpose of transforming lives of the children we serve. Staff at Bentinck are committed to supporting and teaching the diverse cohort of learners, creating the conditions to enable all children to thrive in their education. Bentinck is a happy, calm, and welcoming place to be where children are kind, respectful and are proud to represent Bluecoat Bentinck.



Bluecoat Bentinck Primary Academy

Lees Brook Academy

Lees Brook Academy based in Derby has 1,120 students and is a school that puts its students at the heart of everything it does. The school's motto 'Lead, Believe, Create, Succeed' was chosen by its students and is at the core of everything that the school does. Lees Brook is passionate about its extra-curricular provision in particular the thriving Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Lees Brook is a school that cares for the people within it.



Lees Brook Academy

Alvaston Moor Academy

Our Academy vision is at the heart of everything we do, 'Ambition, Manners and Achievement'. We also recognise the importance of positive relationships, equality, and respect. Situated in the heart of the City of Derby, it serves a diverse local community and serves families from many different backgrounds. The curriculum offered is broad and specifically designed to engage and challenge its students.



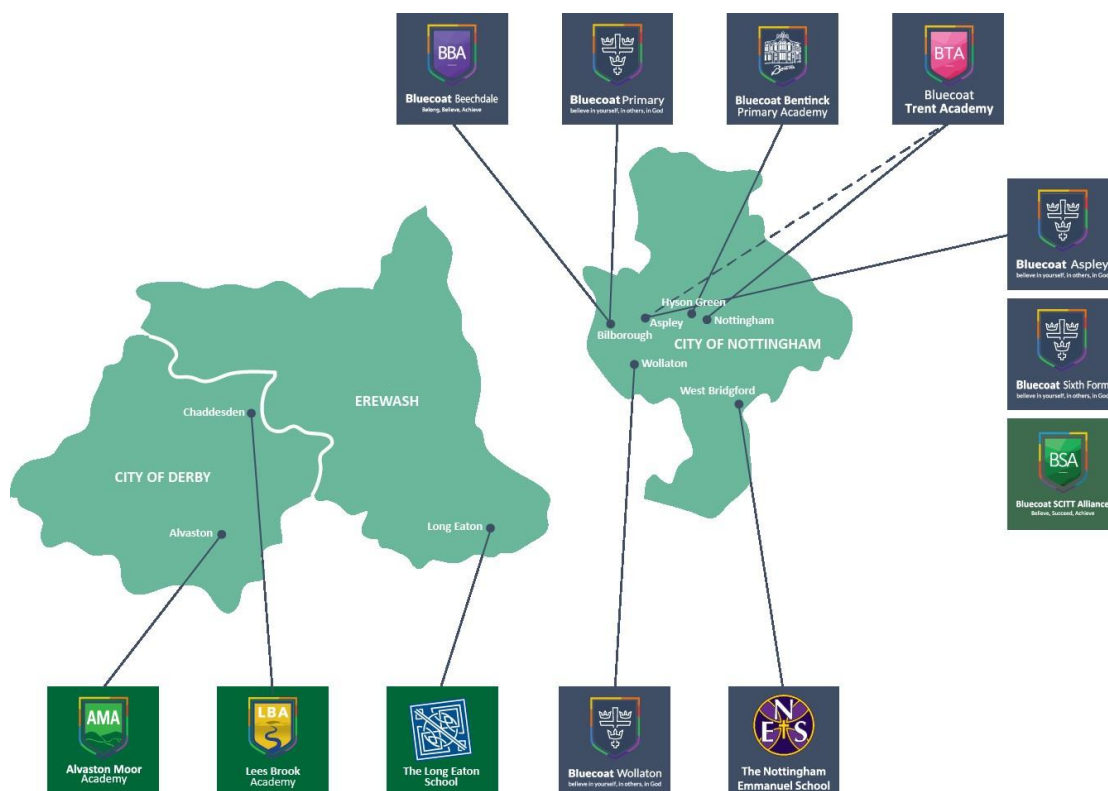
Alvaston Moor Academy

The Long Eaton School

The Long Eaton School with 1,078 students is built on a long tradition of academic success, dating back to 1910. The school has gained an excellent reputation for the quality of its educational provision and its developments in Literacy and Numeracy have earned the school the prestigious Quality Mark and our approaches have been shared nationally as a model of good practice.



School Locations



The Vacancy

The Trust is seeking to appoint an outstanding and experienced Teaching Assistant to join a high achieving, successful and forward-looking team of staff.

As a Teaching Assistant you will work with students in order to improve the quality of learning and foster the participation of students in the social and academic aspects of academy life.

The Learning Support teams consist of committed and professional teachers and teaching assistants with a variety of experience within and beyond the academy. The team is the largest in any city school or academy in Nottingham and supports students of all abilities across the 11-16 age range.

Candidates should pay attention to the job description/person specification and explain within their application how they meet the criteria, whilst also describing what they will bring to the post from their own knowledge and experience.

The role will be based at the Trust's Bluecoat Wollaton Academy but the post holders may at any time be required to support or work at any of the sites within Archway Learning Trust.

Applications

For more information about Bluecoat Wollaton Academy and the vacancy, please visit www.bluecoatwollaton.co.uk/vacancies. To apply for the role click apply which will take you to the application form for the post. We would encourage you to refer to the job description and person specification, demonstrating your suitability for the role.

Closing Date: 9 am, Monday 1st July 2024

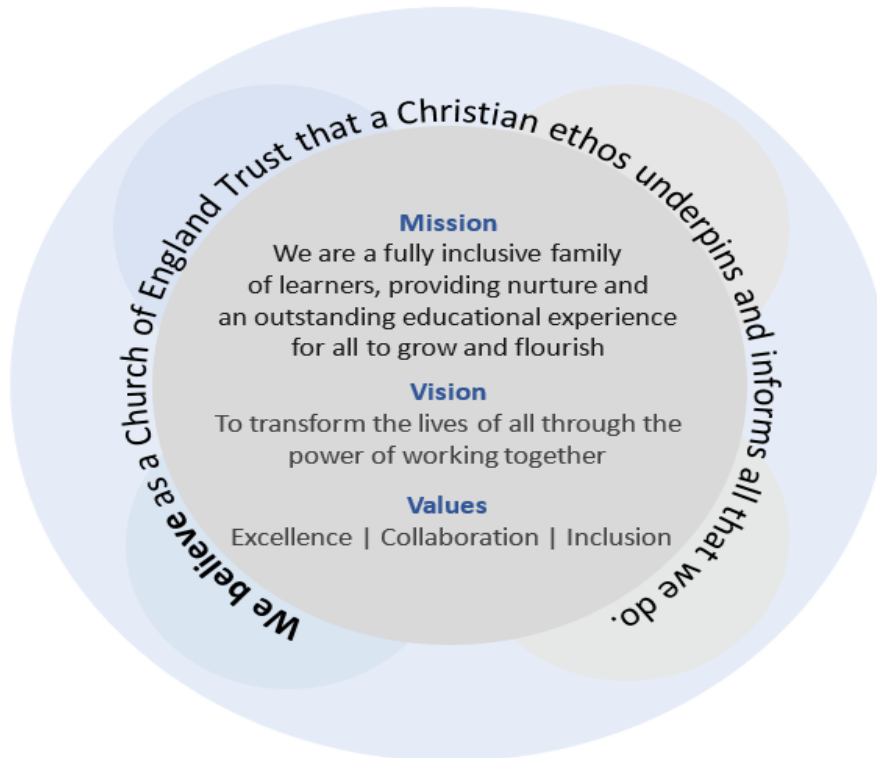
Interview Date: W/C 8th July 2024

Start Date: TBC

Due to the number of applications we receive, it is with regret that we cannot respond to every application, if you do not hear from us within two weeks of the closing date, please assume that on this occasion your application has unfortunately not been successful.

Trust Ethos, Mission, Vision and Values

The Trust believes in the transformational power of education for each individual and that this is enhanced through collaborative working between the academies.



Working Together, Transforming Lives

Safeguarding Children and Young People

Archway Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are therefore expected to behave in such a way that supports this commitment. Appointment to this post will be subject to the following satisfactory pre-employment checks:

- Health
- Identity
- Relevant work qualifications
- Right to work in the UK
- Barred List Check (previously List 99)
- Disclosure & Barring Service Check (for all staff and volunteers)
- References
- Childcare Disqualification Declaration Check (relevant Primary School posts only)
- Online Searches

Job Description

POST TITLE: TEACHING ASSISTANT – LEVEL 1

GRADE: GRADE 5, POINTS 5-7

RESPONSIBLE TO: SENDCO

JOB PURPOSE

To work with students within the school as part of a team under the direction of the line manager in order to:

- Improve the quality of learning and foster the participation of students in the social and academic processes of the school;
- Seek to enable students to become more independent learners;
- Help raise the standards of achievement for all students.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Support the overall Christian ethos of the Trust.
2. Be aware of and comply with Trust policies and procedures including but not exhaustive of:
 - Acceptable Use of IT Policy;
 - Code of Conduct;
 - Extremism & Radicalisation Policy;
 - Health, Safety and Security Policy & Guidance;
 - Keeping Children Safe in Education (Part 1) Guidance;
 - Safeguarding Policy and Training Slides;
 - Whistleblowing Policy;
 - IT Pack including Acceptable Use Statement;
 - Health, Wellbeing and Benefits Policy;
 - Finance Policy.
3. Be aware of and support difference and ensure equal opportunities for all.
4. Contribute to the overall aims of the Trust and Academy Improvement Plans.
5. To develop and implement own professional development and skills.
6. To behave in a manner that is professional, friendly, fair with students and colleagues demonstrating and role modelling politeness and respectfulness.
7. To demonstrate an excellent record of attendance and punctuality.
8. Work cooperatively as part of the Trust wide staff team.
9. Undertaking any other duties which may reasonably be regarded as within the nature of the duties and responsibilities/grade of the post as defined.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

SUPPORT FOR THE STUDENT

- Support and direct activities with either individuals or groups of students to ensure their safety and facilitate their physical, emotional and cognitive development;
- Help with care, personal hygiene and support of students;
- Contribute to the health and well-being of students;
- Establish and maintain good working relationships with individual students and groups;
- Promote and reinforce the students' self-esteem and independence e.g. support in form time, AoW, unstructured time etc.;
- Encourage acceptance and inclusion of all students;
- To support groups of students as directed during formal public or internal school examinations;
- To assist students on work placements, educational visits, residential, and recreational activities as appropriate;

- To assist students with self-organisation and in the completion of homework tasks, in allocated periods during the school day;
- Drawing on knowledge of various forms of individual needs, to develop an understanding of the specific needs of the students within the school community;
- To liaise effectively with parents/carers as appropriate;
- To assume responsibility for designated keyworker role at School Action Plus and/or a named Statemented child.

SUPPORT FOR THE TEACHER

- Help with the collation of Review/Annual Review meetings;
- Help with classroom resources and records;
- To implement learning programmes as directed by the class teacher – with individual or small groups;
- To monitor individual student's needs and provide regular feedback to the teacher;
- Contribute to the management of student behaviour;
- To participate in the evaluation of the support programme;
- To contribute to the maintenance and development of the Learning Support Faculty.

SUPPORT FOR THE CURRICULUM

- Support and reinforce the school curriculum including catch up KS3/GCSE work, literacy, numeracy activities in a 1:1 setting and in the classroom;
- Provide support for learning activities including enrichment activities during the normal school day;
- Support the use and development of ICT within the classroom;
- Support the smooth running of the Faculty by covering designated priority lessons of absent staff as and when required by the SENCo;
- To take responsibility for display and up keep of designated areas in the Faculty.

SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL

- Maintain effective working relationships with colleagues and parents;
- Maintain and safeguard the confidential nature of student/teacher/home issues;
- Contribute to the maintenance of student safety and security, including break and lunchtime duties in the Faculty and taxi duties;
- Attend Faculty/Pastoral meetings as appropriate.
- Act as a First Aider after appropriate training

STAFF CONDUCT

- All employees are expected to familiarise themselves and follow the Trust vision and ethos during their working lives with Archway Learning Trust.
- We are professional people and expect professional conduct (behaviour and language) based on mutual respect, good manners, politeness and common courtesies for all members of our community. We expect that at all times employees behave in a manner that role models positive behaviours for our students to follow.
- Physical violence, verbal abuse and swearing are unacceptable and not tolerated.
- Employees are expected to maintain a professional relationship with students.
- Staff will be fully supported by the Trust at all times in carrying out the behaviour policy.

DRESS CODE

- The Trust expect staff to wear professional business dress mirroring our high expectations of our student dress code.

PERSON SPECIFICATION – LEVEL 1 TEACHING ASSISTANT		
	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
EDUCATION & TRAINING		
Further or Higher Education	*	
NVQ3 in Early Years Care and Education; BTEC National in Learning Support; The Council for Awards in Children’s Care and Education [CACHE] Diploma or relevant experience		*
Take responsibility for own professional development and be willing to partake in further in-service or external staff development and training	*	
EXPERIENCE		
Previous experience of working within an educational setting		*
Previous experience of working with young people	*	
Experience of working with children with special educational needs		*
Willingness to identify and develop own IT skills	*	
Working knowledge of DCSF, Local Authority and other regulatory body’s legislation and policy relating to education		*
PROFESSIONAL SKILLS		
Excellent written and oral communication skills	*	
Excellent organisational and administrative skills	*	
Good interpersonal skills	*	
PERSONAL QUALITIES		
Confidence and independence	*	
Ability to work unsupervised and independently understanding school roles and responsibilities and your own position within these	*	
Builds and maintains effective relationships with colleagues and stakeholders in a fair and equitable manner	*	
Good time management skills	*	
Commitment to Equal Opportunities	*	
Willingness to work within the Christian framework of the school	*	
SUITABILITY TO WORK WITH CHILDREN		
Enhanced DBS	Undertaken on appointment	