



Thornhill
Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

RECRUITMENT PACK

Literacy Support Assistant



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Welcome from the CEO

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Literacy Support Assistant at Consilium Academies.

At Consilium, we believe in enriching lives and inspiring ambitions through our values of:

Partnerships
Opportunity
Integrity
Excellence
Equity
Being people-centred

We recognise the unique value of each individual, whether they are staff or students and are dedicated to ensuring that every member of our Trust reaches their full potential. To achieve this, we collaborate with stakeholders and external organisations to build relationships that enhance opportunities for all members across the Trust.

Our focus on being people-centred extends to providing exceptional professional development for all members of our Trust, including teaching and support staff. This commitment is reflected in our Centre for Professional Learning, where colleagues have access to tailored training opportunities and resources to meet their specific needs.

We firmly believe that every student, regardless of their background deserves an excellent education and an equal opportunity to fulfil their potential. This vision guides us in creating an environment where every pupil can thrive.

As part of our Trust, our academies align with collective aims, including prioritising holistic development of pupils academically, socially and emotionally. We aim to instil a passion for life long learning and continual improvement among our academies, staff and students, empowering them to pursue their aspirations and ambitions. Our goal is create a family of academies that is inclusive and embraces diversity, fostering a supportive community where all members feel inspired and empowered to succeed. We also value our stakeholders as partners in our collaborative efforts with the communities we serve.

Consilium Academies is currently undergoing significant development with numerous opportunities for all staff. Joining us now presents an exciting prospect for professional and personal growth.



Mr Michael McCarthy

Chief Executive of Consilium Academies

Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for the interest in working at Thornhill Academy. I am immensely proud to be the Headteacher of this academy and work within our trust. All our staff at Thornhill are committed to giving our students high-quality education, that will help them become the best they can be. As well as aiming to prepare our students for success in studying at the Academy, we aim to prepare them for success in their life beyond Thornhill too.

At Thornhill Academy, we aim to work collectively with our local community to provide the highest-quality education in an environment which is welcoming and inclusive. We believe only in this setting can learning and personal development flourish successfully. Our aim is clear, to develop the whole person in a dynamic and progressive learning environment that expects exemplary standards of behaviour and respect and demands a thirst for continuous learning. Every member of our Academy is clear on what we want to deliver to current and future students, through equal opportunities, for every pupil to succeed.

We are committed to:

- Providing students with an exciting, engaging, and rich education;
- Recognising and celebrating the unique nature of every child in our community;
- Celebrating the successes of our Academy and our community to the full

Thornhill Academy is proud to be part of Consilium Academies Trust. As part of Consilium, we are dedicated to working towards the Consilium mission of 'Enriching Lives' and 'Inspiring Ambitions.'

Thank you again for your interest, this is an exciting time to work in our forward-looking academy where we are ambitious for the life chances of our students. Our Ofsted recent inspection in May 2024 which graded the school as 'good' highlights the rapid improvement journey our school is on and we look forward to new staff joining us who share our belief in our young people and want to support our school on this journey of providing our young people with the skills, knowledge and opportunities to be the best they can be

I look forward to receiving your application.

Kind regards,



Mrs Sue Hamilton

Headteacher



About the Academy

Thornhill Academy is an 11 to 16 secondary academy, with over six hundred students which occupies a large site in close proximity to Sunderland City Centre. Thornhill Academy is a unique school in its area, this uniqueness comes from the diversity of our student population. Across the school, students come from 14 different ethnicities, with 35 different languages. We are proud to be this vibrant and diverse community and have developed a culture that has moved far beyond tolerance and one in which we celebrate, learn from, and embrace our differences. The diversity of our community offers students and staff rewarding and deeply engaging experiences and supports staff on their journey to become inspirational and reflective practitioners, improving life chances for all in our community.

At Thornhill we take pride in developing each individual pupil to achieve their potential and make a positive contribution to society. We provide a safe, happy and nurturing environment in which we challenge all to strive for personal accomplishment and excellence.

Students, parents, staff and governors are proud of recent achievements here and, as well as helping students achieve the results they need to follow chosen career paths, has a huge and varied programme of activities and extra-curricular opportunities on offer.

Our Aims are to create an environment in which all take responsibility for their actions, behaviour and learning; relishing and learning from challenges. We want to create a safe, supportive and happy working environment in which diversity is celebrated and pupils and staff thrive. We have high expectations of all students in terms of behaviour and commitment to learning and of our parents in working with us as partners to support individual progress.

Thornhill Academy is a fantastic school and I believe it is our job to develop a lifelong passion for learning through high quality teaching which fosters curiosity and promotes independence. We are committed to recognising and developing the whole child: physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually, creating active and responsible citizens who lead a successful and fulfilling life.

Our young people tell us they are very happy here and we work closely with parents and carers to ensure a successful experience for all.

In December 2022, we were delighted to be named on the Department of Education's list of schools as part of the School Rebuilding Programme (SRP), being named in July 2023 as one of the fifty initial schools for development. We are now beginning the exciting journey to bring a state-of-the-art school to our community.

About the Trust

The Consilium Mission

“Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions”

We are proud to be Consilium Academies, a Trust that believes in the unique value of each individual. Our vision, actions, and purpose are guided by this principle and a dedication to do all we can for the communities we serve.

We never put a ceiling on potential. Instead, we work with our Academies to provide high-quality education that is truly inclusive, giving every student the same opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in life beyond the classroom.

We are committed to enriching the lives of all those involved in our Trust through an ambitious, student-centred approach to education.

Consilium Academies is a Multi-Academy Trust consisting of nine schools based across three hubs in Salford, South Yorkshire, and the North East of England.

We believe in inclusivity, both in the schools and communities we serve and are committed to working with our Academies to ensure our ethos is realised on a daily basis.

- The lives of our young people should be enriched by care, experience, and opportunity. This is achieved by;
- helping children and young people to succeed to their potential academically, socially, and emotionally;
- instilling a passion for lifelong love of learning and continued improvement so that our academies, staff, and students achieve their aspirations and ambitions;
- creating a family of academies that are inclusive and embrace diversity, where all members of the community feel supported, inspired, and empowered to succeed;
- ensuring all stakeholders are seen as partners in our work within the communities we serve.

The Trust operates a Central Team led by our Interim Chief Executive, Tracey Greenough. The team provide direct services to our schools as well as Trust-level accountability, leadership, and management. We operate a strong partnership model and our partner schools are instrumental in the continual growth and development of our Trust. We work with our schools in a supportive way that does not detract from the individual identity of a school, instead allows them to grow and focus on student achievement and success.

WE ARE PROUD TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING STAFF BENEFITS:

- Pension with the Local Government Pension Scheme and Teachers Pension Scheme
- 34 days annual leave plus bank holidays for all support staff (pro-rated for part-time employees)
- 36 hour working week for all full-time support staff
- Automatic pay progression for all staff in line with their current grading structure
- Enhanced contractual sick pay in line with the Burgundy Book and Green Book
- Employee Assistance Program with access to counselling and CBT 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Access to an Occupational Health Provider
- Free membership to Vivup. with hundreds of exclusive offers and discounts available online and in store at many shops, gyms, and restaurants
- An excellent CPD offer for every member of staff; to help you perform as well as you can in your role, provide you with a sense of wellbeing at work and to help you reach your career aspirations

About the Role

Job Title: Literacy Support Assistant

Start date: To Be Agreed.

Hours: 13 hours per week, spread across 2 days

Contract: Permanent

Salary: Grade 4 (NJC Scale Points 6 – 8) (Actual Salary: £7566.12 - £7822.30 per annum)

Do you have the drive, passion and commitment to deliver outstanding support? This is an opportunity to join a dedicated team of staff at Thornhill Academy, part of Consilium Academies who are committed to providing the best possible education for our pupils.

We are looking for an experienced, friendly and hard-working Literacy Support Assistant to join our team.

We are looking for:

- An inclusive individual, with high expectations of their students, who is committed to maximising rates of progress and has innovative ideas to support all pupils
- Someone with a sense of humour, who understands the importance of developing a positive culture in our organisation.

If you feel you share our values, have the vision and drive for excellence and want to be part of an enthusiastic and dedicated team, committed to ensuring that students fulfil their potential, then we would like to hear from you.

The successful candidate will present the best possible example of professional standards to colleagues.

To apply please download and complete the attached application form. Please note we do not accept CV's. We ask that all completed application forms are sent to Kim Weller at kim.weller1@consilium-at.com

Please ensure that within your application you provide the names, addresses, and contact details for two referees, one of whom should be your current or most recent employer.

The closing date for applications is 17th September 2024 at 09:00 AM.

Interviews will take place on a date to be agreed.

Consilium Academies is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointments are made subject to an Enhanced DBS Check, and where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check will be completed for all applicants.

In accordance with our statutory obligations under Keeping Children Safe in Education Consilium Academies is required to conduct an online search as part of our due diligence on shortlisted candidates. This may help identify any incidents or issues that have happened, and are publicly available online, which Consilium Academies might want to explore with you. Further information on online searches can be found in paragraph 221 of Keeping Children Safe in Education.

The Trust is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

Under Part 7 of the Immigration Act 2016, the Public Sector fluency duty requires state funded schools to ensure candidates for their customer facing roles have the necessary standard of spoken English.

Please note: If you have not been contacted within one week of the closing date please assume that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion. We are unable to provide feedback on individual applications. Applications received after the closing time stated will not be considered.

Job Description

Job Title:	Literacy Support Assistant
Reports to:	Business Support Officer
Based at:	Thornhill Academy
Grade:	Grade 4 (SCP 6 – 8)

Main purpose of the Role

To work with the teacher in charge of the library/literacy lead in the running, development and promotion of the library resource centre ensuring an effective service is provided that promotes a love and appreciate of reading.

Core Responsibilities & Tasks

Librarian Duties

- Organising and managing the Library, ensuring its effective use by classes, groups and individuals.
- To arrange materials for effective retrieval, including systematic indexing, classification and cataloguing of all resources to staff and students as appropriate
- Selecting, acquiring, organising and promoting Library resources and ICT to support teaching and learning throughout the school.
- To prepare resources for the promotion of reading and to encourage active reading participation, and to deliver these alongside staff in lessons, particularly during reading lessons
- Administer routine library tasks including maintaining existing stock, repairs, re-spinning etc.
- Supervision of pupil out of hours study.
- Recruiting pupil library assistants, supervising and training them and rewarding their achievements.
- Supervise book fairs and any other promotional events.
- Supporting pupil use of ICT facilities within the library.
- Promoting reading and the enjoyment of reading in all its forms.
- Promoting and publicising the services provided by the library to the whole school community.
- Ensuring equality of access for all pupils and staff to high quality learning resources.
- To maintain a high standard of display to enhance the standard of appearance of the resource centre in order to provide an attractive environment conducive to achieving optimum use
- Scribing and / or reading in internal / supporting set up for external exams for those students who have been granted special arrangements

Support for Students

- Undertake structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, advising activities according to pupil responses.
- Undertake programmes and small intervention groups linked to learning strategies e.g. literacy, oracy, reading and feedback to teacher.
- Monitor the response of pupils to learning activities and record achievements/progress as directed.
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupil's competence and independence in use.
- Prepare, maintain and use equipment/resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity.
- Determining the need for and preparing and maintaining general and specialist equipment and resources and assisting pupils in their use.

General Tasks

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to Child Protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.

- Promote good pupil behaviour, dealing with incidents in line with School Policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.
- To assist in meeting the physical care needs of students as required.

Corporate Responsibilities

- The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment
- To pursue and promote the achievement and integration of diversity and equality of opportunity throughout the Trust's activities
- To plan, monitor and review health and safety within areas of personal control
- To participate in the Trust's Professional Development Review process and engage in continuous professional development and networking to ensure that professional skills and knowledge are up to date
- To maintain high professional standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance, conduct and positive, courteous relations with students, parents and colleagues

Additional Notes

- The job purpose and key statements remain indicative and by no means exclusive. Given the evolving needs of the Trust, flexibility among staff is very important. All staff may be required to undertake other such reasonable duties as may be required from time to time in line with the grade of their post.
- An Enhanced DBS Check will be requested on successful application to a position at the Trust or Academy.

Person Specification

Qualifications and CPD	Essential	Desirable
Experience in a support role or NVQ level 3 in teaching assistance.	X	
A willingness to access further CPD in designated area.		X
Experience of working within a library or learning support environment.		X
Experience, Knowledge and Skills	Essential	Desirable
Experience of working with a comprehensive mix young people.	X	
Competent in the use of IT equipment and office software	X	
Very good Numeracy/literacy skills.	X	
Ability to relate well to children and adults.	X	
Work constructively as part of a team, understanding classroom roles and responsibilities and your own position within these.	-	X
Working knowledge of national curriculum and other relevant learning programmes.	X	
Ability to work communicate effectively with young people.	X	
English Fluency		
Possessing a relevant qualification for the role attained as part of education in the UK or full taught in English by a recognized institution abroad	X	
Passing an English or Welsh spoken language competency test or possessing a relevant spoken English or Welsh qualification at CEFR Level B1 or above, taught in English by a recognized institution abroad.		X