

## **Subject Leader - Food and Nutrition**

**Dates:** Apply by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
**Location:** Rickmansworth  
**Contract type:** Full Time  
**Contract term:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £30,948 to £50,288 (FTE) based on skills and experience  
**Start Date:** September 2022

The Reach Free School is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed Subject Leader - Food and Nutrition to join our team of talented, energetic and visionary teachers.

You will have a passion for food and cooking, and a track record of excellent teaching, collaboration and creativity. You will hold and embody the highest expectations of your pupils and will have the drive and ambition to create an outstanding environment for learning, in Food and Nutrition and beyond.

Food and Nutrition was introduced in 2018 and has proven to be a very popular subject across the school. In Key Stage 3 pupils study food as part of a rotation with Business Studies and Computing. These half termly rotations offer pupils twice weekly lessons to study both theory and practical aspects of the subject. At Key Stage 4 we offer GCSE Food and Nutrition and a vocational Hospitality and Catering course. This feeds into the course we offer at Post 16. In line with other subjects in the school, pupils begin Key Stage 4 during year 9 and have the option to trial the subject before making their choices.

The subject sits as part of the Enterprise department which also incorporates Computing and Business. The Head of Enterprises oversees these, but the Subject Leader has control over the courses offered along with the curriculum design. The subject area is staffed with this position, another full time teacher and a technician.

The modern facilities are light and spacious and there are plans to develop a further food room over the next 12 months. This will add further capacity and demonstrates the school's commitment to resourcing the subject sufficiently and ensuring it continues to be a great success.

We are looking for a Subject Leader who has a passion for Food and Nutrition and demonstrates excellent classroom practice, but also someone who has a good understanding of the potential of technology to enhance learning.

This is an excellent career opportunity offering valuable leadership and management experience that would provide the ideal preparation for further middle or senior leadership roles.

At The Reach Free School we expect our Subject Leaders to:

- Be passionate about their subject area, and learning as a lifelong skill
- Support the Head of Enterprise with research-driven teaching methods
- Be committed to securing the best outcomes for all pupils at the school
- Have a passion for education and be open to innovative approaches in everyday aspects of school life
- Offer enrichment and extra-curricular experiences related to their subject area and beyond
- Contribute to the overall development of the school
- Be flexible in their approach to work, adapting to new challenges
- Support and mentor colleagues who are training

In return, we offer:

- The opportunity to craft and develop an innovative curriculum for their subject area
- A happy and supportive working environment with high expectations and standards
- Access to the latest technology to assist in developing your teaching and learning
- Competitive salaries, based on skills and experience
- A network of outstanding practitioners to collaborate with and learn from
- The potential for further management opportunities
- A BUPA cash plan to contribute to medical care

The Reach Free School is a successful and growing secondary Free School, which opened in September 2013. The over-subscribed school is a popular choice for local families. In September 2018 the school moved into a brand new purpose built building right in the heart of the community that it serves and from September 2022 will be taking an additional form of entry into year 7.

If the challenges of working to develop a local school appeal to you, then we would like to hear from you.

Further information is available from our website: [www.thereachfreeschool.co.uk](http://www.thereachfreeschool.co.uk)

Potential candidates are encouraged to contact The Reach Free School with any questions on 01923 711517 or via email to Mrs S Berman, Headteacher's PA at [sberman@reachfree.co.uk](mailto:sberman@reachfree.co.uk)

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**Interviews to take place:** May 2022

The Reach Free School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all staff to share this commitment. In accordance with our Safer Recruitment Policy we are unable to process applications without a fully completed application form. The successful applicant must obtain DBS clearance at enhanced level. The school will also carry out a prohibition from teaching check. Non-disclosure may lead to termination of your employment.