**External**

**Teacher of Art**

**Hours of Work: Permanent, Full Time (Part Time considered), All Year Round**

**Salary: MPS/UPS**

**Starting Date: 31st August 2021**

Thank you for your interest in our recent advertisement for the above position at Archway Learning Trust’s Bluecoat Wollaton Academy. I have pleasure in enclosing details.

The Faculty of Arts is recruiting a member of staff to join our supportive and successful Art Department here at Wollaton. We are looking forward to welcoming a new member who can help fulfil our vision for Art across the Academy at all levels of ability and aptitude - that all students will develop a life-long love of and involvement in the arts.

The wider arts team is made up of 4 staff, who each bring a mix of experience, expertise and enthusiasm to the team. Students enjoy Art and perform well. Uptake of GCSE Art is strong, and we are exceptionally proud that in our last GCSE cohort 92% of students earned a grade 4 or higher, well above the national average. The ideal candidate will relish being part of a hard-working team and will help us to build on these excellent results.

A significant part of our team ethic is our mutual respect and sense of collective responsibility; we work as a team to ensure that the quality of learning and teaching are equally high across the department. We share resources, planning and strategies – we use the strengths of each member of the team to achieve our results.  Our new team member will have a likeminded approach and be willing to work collaboratively to support students and staff.

CPD in our team is varied – we spend a significant proportion of our time improving our subject knowledge and developing our curriculum. Alongside this we work with other staff across the Trust to develop our skills, as well as working with external providers to provide development on examination technique or new materials/content. As a team we also pride ourselves on being forward thinking and developmental; we utilise a variety of resources and methods, and are always keen to trial new ideas if they will help to improve outcomes. We would welcome another member of the team who is keen to bring a new perspective to the table. As part of our ongoing pursuit of excellence, we are working towards the Artsmark Platinum Award.

Wider engagement of students with the arts is a cornerstone of the department, and a large number of students work towards Bronze and Silver Arts Award. We have a strong network within the local community, working with local churches, and have had artwork publicly displayed across Nottingham, as well as part of the Royal Academy of Arts’ Young Artists' Summer Show in 2019.

This is an exciting time to join the Trust and we would be delighted to hear from colleagues looking for the opportunity to help shape the learning experiences of our students in order that they excel. All applications are welcomed. We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, adaptable and resourceful individual to join our team. You will love your subject and thrive from teaching well-behaved children who want to do well.

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.

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 are excited to be opening 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 Community School, Merrill Academy and the Bluecoat SCITT Alliance (School Centred Initial Teacher Training).

The successful candidate will be committed to the students and academy life and will possess the ability to communicate effectively and be able to raise the standards of learning for all of the students that they are required to work with.

The growth and development of our Multi-Academy Trust makes this an excellent opportunity to join us, as we seek to serve a growing number of young people across the region.

In return we can offer:

* Employee benefits and well-being scheme
* Cycle to work scheme
* Access to Local Government Teachers’ Pensions
* Salary sacrifice bus pass scheme

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to the satisfactory completion of an enhanced DBS check, Barred List check, the receipt of satisfactory references and any other statutory checks that are required for the post. We are an equal opportunities employer.

For more information about Archway Learning Trust and the vacancy, please visit www.archwaytrust.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: 9am Wednesday 5th May 2021**

**Interview Date: Wednesday 12th May 2021**

**Start Date: Tuesday 31st August 2021**