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TEACHER OF CRIMINOLOGY

Information for applicants
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Welcome to MARK Education Trust

After operating as a Single Academy Trust for several years, we were delighted to become a fully functioning Multi Academy Trust when Uplands Academy joined our first school, Beacon Academy, on September 1st 2022.

Our trust's motto is 'ambitious for excellence' and this applies to all aspects of its work, including governance. From September 1st 2022, our trust moved from being a multi academy trust operating as a single academy trust, to a fully functioning multi academy trust containing our two East Sussex based secondary schools, Beacon Academy in Crowborough and Uplands Academy in Wadhurst.

Our trust's mission statement is:

MARK Education Trust provides the best possible education for our students, preparing them for life, so they can stand equally alongside their peers, locally, nationally and globally.

The guiding values of MARK Education Trust are:

M –Motivated: to create exceptional, caring and safe educational establishments

A – Ambitious: high expectations of staff and students

R – Resourceful: ensuring efficiency and value for money

K – Knowledgeable: valuing learning for life

Our vision

MARK Education Trust will create:

- Schools with their own strong identity underpinned by shared values
- Schools with expertly taught broad and balanced curriculums which give students the knowledge they need to further their education and thrive in adult life
- Schools which through collaboration constantly improve so that they are recognised for their outcomes at a local, regional and national level
- Schools which are the school of choice for their community and the employer of choice for the best professionals
- Safe and happy environments which enable students and staff to thrive and succeed
- Governance, leadership and management which is robust at all levels, ensuring that the trust is fully accountable to its stakeholders
- A strategy of 'growth with care', ensuring that the trust is able to meet the needs of and invest in its own academies as well as the capacity to support further academies

Letter from our Executive Headteacher



Post of Teacher of Criminology

To support our growing and expanding school, we are seeking applications from a dedicated, hardworking, highly skilled and knowledgeable teacher to join our Criminology department, within a highly successful, happy, well-resourced, exceptional non-selective 11-18 school. The option to also teach a secondary subject will be considered.

Context

We are a split site, semi-rural, mixed 11-18 non-selective converter academy with approximately 1590 students, including over 214 students in our Sixth Form. We are situated centrally in Crowborough on the outskirts of the Ashdown Forest, an area of outstanding natural beauty. We are close to Tunbridge Wells and the South Coast. The vast majority of our staff travel to Beacon from a variety of destinations within the South East, including Brighton, Eastbourne, Lewes and Tunbridge Wells.

Our catchment area generates our truly non-selective intake, both in terms of ability and socio-economic background. We are an oversubscribed school. We draw students from more than 10 primary schools in Crowborough and the surrounding areas. We also attract applications from an increasing number of students outside of our catchment area, however, due to our oversubscription we are generally only able to offer places to those within our pre-defined community area.

Our sixth form provision is accommodated entirely at our Green Lane site, an 800m five minute walk from our main Beeches site which accommodates years 7-11. We are immensely proud that we retain a high proportion of our Sixth Form students from Beacon Academy as well as recruiting students from other local and international schools.

Vision, culture, expectations and outcomes

Our vision is to provide the best possible education for all of our students and to be ambitious for excellence in all we do. Whether a member of staff, trustee (governor) or student, we all work relentlessly to inspire and believe in one another to achieve our ambitions and succeed in life.

At Beacon Academy there is an expectation that as staff and students, we will work hard, be ambitious, self-motivated, inquisitive, resilient and determined to succeed. Our students work incredibly hard, are polite, respectful, well behaved, well presented and ready to learn. They are expected to be caring, considerate and tolerant in lessons, social time and whilst travelling to and from school. These areas are reinforced and adopted positively by staff and students alike – there is a tangible sense of pride in being part of Beacon. Our students are meticulously supported by our experienced, loyal, highly skilled and highly effective team of staff. This includes a dedicated, non-teaching Student Support Team consisting of a Head of Year (teaching staff) and an Assistant Head of Year (non-teaching staff) for each year group who support them throughout their time at Beacon Academy.

The rigorous focus on all of our students as unique individuals is paramount. There is an unprecedented determination and commitment from everyone who works at Beacon that they will succeed. We work diligently on our unapologetically high expectations and standards, allowing us to foster exceptional relationships in an environment that is consistently calm, safe, happy and orderly. I have no doubt that the combination of this with our broad, balanced curriculum and outstanding teaching contributes significantly to our sustained improvements across the board. Our latest A-Level and GCSE results are testament to this and to the teamwork of our phenomenal students and staff.

Exam Success

We consistently achieve well above average outcomes for our students. Progress 8 is the Government's main performance measure and reflects the value that schools add to the progress of their students in respect of their final GCSE grades, compared to that of their peers of similar prior ability across the country. In 2022 our Progress 8 score was 0.63 and in 2019 it was 0.97. As a non-selective, non-denominational, non-fee-paying school, we are immensely proud and delighted to have received this confirmation, once again, of our high-ranking position. We are in an esteemed group of 6% of schools nationally who are now categorised as 'well above average' for two years in a row. There are approximately 25 schools nationally who have been above us for each of the last three years (0.7% of all schools). As ever, this is a reflection of our vision and our determination to consistently provide the best possible education for all of our students, and to become an exceptional school for our community, both locally and nationally.

We are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form students. In 2022, 100% of students who applied to University were successful in meeting the requirements for an offer, with 32% of those students leaving to attend a prestigious Russell Group University.

To apply

Once again, thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of Criminology. Further details are provided in this pack on how to apply for this role. Completed application forms should be e-mailed to the HR Department at hr@beacon-academy.org

If you wish to have an opportunity to discuss this post informally, please contact our HR department on 01892 603000, or email hr@beacon-academy.org.

Beacon Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Please come and visit us at any time and see for yourself. To arrange a visit please contact the HR Department.



Anna Robinson
Executive Headteacher



Beacon Academy Examination Results and Student Destinations 2019-2022*

Key Stage 5 - A-Levels only

	2019			2022*		
	Beacon	National	E/Sussex	Beacon	National	E/Sussex
Average Grade	B-	C+	C+	B-	B	B-
Average Points	35.3	34.0	32.1	37.6	38.9	36.3
Progress Score	-0.08 Average	-0.02	-0.03	-	-	-
Achieving AAB or higher in at least 2 facilitating subjects	20%	17%	10%	18%	21%	12%
Grade and points for a student's best 3 A Levels	B- 38.1	C+ 34.0	C 30.0	B 40.3	B- 38.25	C+ 34.73
Students completing their main study programme	96%	91%	89%	-	-	-

Key Stage 5 - Applied General

	2019			2022*		
	Beacon	National	E/Sussex	Beacon	National	E/Sussex
Average Grade	Merit	Merit+	Merit	Merit+	Dist-	Dist-
Average Points	25.5	28.9	26.6	29.9	32.0	31.0
Progress Score	-0.64	+0.01	-0.34	-	-	-
Students completing their main study programme	83%	87%	93%	-	-	-

Key Stage 5 - Tech Level

	2019			2022*		
	Beacon	National	E/Sussex	Beacon	National	E/Sussex
Average Grade	Dist	Merit+	Merit+	Dist+	Dist-	Dist-
Average Points	34.6	28.6	29.1	41.6	30.6	30.3
Completion & attainment	-0.50	0.00	0.17	-	-	-
Students completing their main study programme	100%	88%	89%	-	-	-

Key Stage 4 - GCSE & Equivalents

	2019			2022		
	Beacon	National	E/Sussex	Beacon	National	E/Sussex
Attainment of the year group on entry to secondary school (KS2 APS)^	28.3	28.6	28.3	103.4	103.5	102.6
9-7	29%	21%	-	31%	26%	-
English & Maths 4+ Standard Pass	79%	65%	64%	82%	69%	66%
English & Maths 5+ Strong Pass	65%	43%	42%	63%	50%	46%
English 4+ Standard pass	87%	70%+	75%	90%	70%+	76%
Maths 4+ Standard pass	83%	71%	70%	84%	65%	70%
English 5+ Strong pass	80%	52%+	60%	77%	54%+	62%
Maths 5+ Strong pass	67%	50%	48%	69%	47%	51%
Entering EBacc	41%	40%	37%	40%	39%	33%
Ebac APS	4.86	4.07	3.95	4.98	4.27	4.06
Attainment 8	54.00	46.69	45.33	55.01	48.8	46.5
Progress 8	+0.97	-0.03	-0.05	+0.63	-0.03	-0.11

Student Destinations

	2019 (2017 Leavers)			2022 (2020 Leavers)		
	Beacon	National	E/Sussex	Beacon	National	E/Sussex
Students progressing to education or employment	85%	81%	76%	89%	79%	75%
Staying in education or entering employment	94%	94%	93%	96%	94%	94%

Please note 2019 results are not current. Schools are not permitted to publish their exam and assessment results from the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 academic years as these have not been published as performance measures by the secretary of state. KS5 progress scores for 2022 have not been calculated or published as performance measures by the Secretary of State. Notes:

*Provisional results correct at time of publishing - Figures unavailable

* English Language only

^ Calculation of KS2 APS changed nationally in 2016 (for students who completed Y11 in 2021 onwards)

The Criminology Department

The WJEC Applied Diploma in Criminology was initially delivered through the Psychology department, from the course's formation in 2015 until the establishment of the Criminology department in its own right in 2022. The recent development of a new Criminology department was due to the growing popularity of the subject and its role as an expanding area of the Sixth Form provision. Typically, there are four to six Criminology classes at Key Stage 5 at Beacon Academy. Assessment of the two-year Diploma involves students completing two controlled assessments (Units 1 and 3), each consisting of eight hours' work, and two formal exams (Units 2 and 4).

We produce all our own resources for the course, which includes detailed workbooks for the students to use, which they develop alongside their own notes. We invite visitors with relevant experience to speak to the students including local Police Officers and the Governor of HMP Lewes. Students are taken to Criminology conferences in London, as well as trips to Lewes Crown Court and Brighton Magistrates Court.

Students are supported in developing independent study skills and the majority of lessons are timetabled in IT rooms. This enables students to compile electronic work folders, which can include their own research into true crime case studies, lesson notes, information from videos/documentaries they have watched and notes from discussions. Students also plan and deliver mini presentations to their peers on topics relevant to the course.

This subject is increasing in popularity, equally amongst male and female students of a range of backgrounds and academic ability. Many of our students also study Sociology and Psychology alongside Criminology and many have been successful in applying to universities to study Criminology and also the pursuit of careers in the sector.

Departmental Staffing Structure	Head of Department – Mr R Hutchison Teacher – Miss G Crespín Teacher – Miss L Hassall
Curriculum	Key Stage 5 : WJEC Applied Diploma in Criminology
2022 Results KS5	97% pass rate- A=26%, B=13 42%, C=12 39%, D=3 10%, E= 0 0%, X=13%
Facilities	Use of IT rooms
Resources	ICT equipment; department produced workbooks
Key areas for development	Continuing to develop the course to ensure students can access all available grades; Ongoing development of non-specialist staff.

Job Description

JOB TITLE:	TEACHER
JOB PURPOSE:	To ensure that the negotiated aims and objectives of the department (which reflect those of the academy) are achieved through classroom teaching and contribution to department policy via department meetings.
ACCOUNTABLE TO:	Head of Subject / Department.
ACCOUNTABLE FOR:	The effective implementation of individual lessons / schemes of work and student standards and achievement.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES	KEY TASKS
<p>THE LEADERSHIP OF LEARNING To contribute the development of the department schemes of work and implement through classroom teaching</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prepare and deliver exciting and challenging lessons to students of all ages and abilities in accordance with schemes of work; To adopt a variety of strategies to engage all students (including ICT) and be responsive to advice; To promote good student behavior; To mark, evaluate and give regular, appropriate feedback on students' work; To assess students' progress and report to parents periodically in accordance with the Academy guidelines.
<p>THE LEADERSHIP OF PEOPLE To communicate effectively with members of staff in the department, to develop a collegiate working environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To contribute to department meetings with creativity and energy; To keep close contact with parents, tutors and Head of Department to ensure progress of students is best supported; To contribute to Department team meetings.
<p>THE LEADERSHIP OF RESOURCES AND POLICY To help develop the department resources and provide an effective, safe learning environment. To contribute to the review, development and presentation of department policies and objectives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To contribute to the development of curriculum materials; To work effectively to carry out tasks as directed by the Head of Department with support and guidance from other team members.

Beacon's teachers are also accountable for promoting a positive image of the value of education within the student body of the Academy and in the wider community. Other whole Academy responsibilities include tutoring, or a commitment to the Academy pastoral system, attendance at INSET and other reasonable duties as directed by the Headteacher.

Person Specification

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<p>Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate & Qualified teacher; Strong academic background. 	<p>Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of commitment to professional development.
<p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary teaching experience or practice across both Key Stage 3, 4 and 5; An excellent practitioner with the drive and ambition to develop further; Excellent knowledge of assessment strategies and their effective implementation. 	<p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching students across prior attainment bands in a large comprehensive school; Experience of working in an outcome led data driven culture.
<p>Philosophy</p> <p>Commitment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working in an environment that is ambitious, has high standards and expectations of the staff and students to enable teachers to teach and students to learn; Working collaboratively with other team members to lead and develop pedagogy; Equality of opportunity; The responsibility of contributing to whole team effort to ensure Beacon is an exceptional school. 	<p>Philosophy</p> <p><i>Commitment to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An understanding of Academy status; Consistently good teaching with examples of developing outstanding practise; An understanding of English as part of the whole curriculum and the bigger picture within Beacon, locally, nationally and globally; Committed, ambitious for excellence in all you do, aspirational for our students to achieve the best they can and succeed.
<p>Skills</p> <p>You will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be an effective Teacher; Be and effective Communicator; Have strong ICT skills. 	
<p>Personal Qualities</p> <p>We will look for evidence of personal qualities such as vision, a team player, initiative, solution focused, energy, self-motivation, resilience and a sense of humour!</p>	

Applications

Please note that applications will be considered as they are received and you are therefore advised to submit your application as early as possible, as some interviews may take place, and an appointment may be made, before the closing date is reached for this position.

If, like us, you are passionate about providing the best possible education for all students in a school with sustained improvement and a culture of high expectations and ambition, please ensure you:

1. Complete the statutory application form.
2. Provide a letter of application that is no longer than 2 sides of A4. It is recommended that your letter is structured according to the main headings of the person specification. Please include any achievement data that are applicable to the role you are applying for. If possible, this should be across 3 years; otherwise please provide your latest set of results.
3. Provide two references, one of whom must be the Headteacher from your current school or most recent significant employer.

Beacon Academy is committed to providing the best possible care and education to its students and to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The Academy is also committed to providing a supportive and flexible working environment to all its members of staff.

The Academy recognises that, in order to achieve these aims, it is of fundamental importance to attract, recruit and retain staff of the highest calibre who share this commitment. Please refer to our Recruitment, Selection and Disclosure Policy and Procedures which supports our statutory obligation to comply with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022.

Further information can be found on our website.

Completed applications should be sent to:

Human Resources
Beacon Academy
North Beeches Road
Crowborough
East Sussex TN6 2AS
Telephone: 01892 603000
Email: hr@beacon-academy.org





Staff Testimonials

Beacon Academy is an amazing place to work because of the friendly and helpful staff, there is a strong culture of collaboration and support that allows everyone to develop their practice. The strong focus upon CPD provides everyone the opportunity to learn the latest cutting-edge developments in education and this is a major benefit for anyone wishing to further develop their practice. Our facilities and new technology allow us to provide engaging lessons to provide our learners with the perfect learning environment.

I would recommend Beacon Academy to anyone wanting to teach in a school that favours aspirational ethics and outstanding practice, because there are so many opportunities for ambitious staff who are keen to collaborate, develop and share best practice in order to progress in their career.

Senior Deputy Headteacher

I have thoroughly enjoyed coming to work at Beacon Academy. The commitment and dedication from the staff to ensure students are achieving, and going above in and out of lessons is amazing to see. As an NQT I received so much support from other members of staff and feel like I can ask anyone for help. The commitment and extra time given to the students is what makes Beacon such a good school to work in.

Teacher of Mathematics