

# Job Application Pack Teacher of English

Permanent, Full time, All Year Round Salary: MPS/UPS

#### 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.

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## **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 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, Alvaston Moor 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.

#### **Our Schools**

### **Bluecoat Aspley Academy**

Bluecoat Aspley Academy has approximately 1500 students, including 500 in the Sixth Form, based in the city centre. 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. Believe in yourself, in others, in God centres around everything we do by acting out the values of faith, family, hope and respect. Wellbeing for all is extremely important and the Academy strives to support all.





## 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 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 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.

# 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 Trent Academy**

The Bluecoat Trent Academy (BTA) opened its doors in September 2021 with the founding cohort of Year 7 pupils. BTA is an 11-16, non-faith school. For the first year BTA accommodates six forms of entry, growing to eight forms in subsequent years.



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.

# Lees Brook Community School

Lees Brook Community School (LBCS) 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.

# **Alvaston Moor Academy**



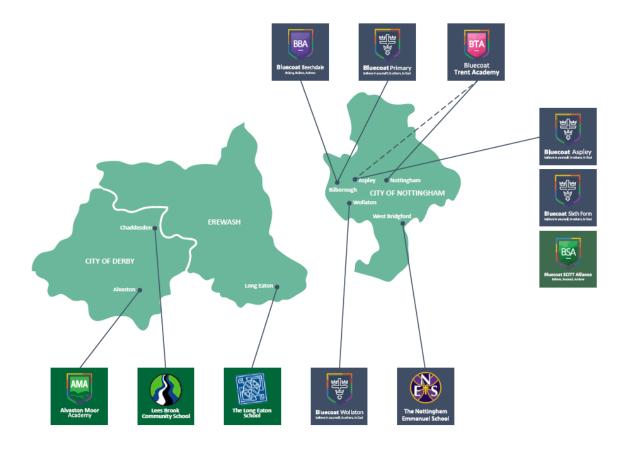
Alvaston Moor Academy has 890 students on roll and places a strong emphasis on the importance of hard work and academic achievement. Our Academy vision is at the heart of everything we do, 'Ambition, Manners and Achievement'. We also recognise the importance of positive relationships, equality and respect. 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.

# 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



# Welcome from the Principal

Angela Wells delivers Principal leadership to the Trust's successful and passionate Bluecoat Aspley Academy.

Offering a caring, nurturing and secure environment, Bluecoat Aspley Academy enables every member 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 Aspley Academy. We expect our staff to role model excellent behaviour, attendance and attitudes to learning for our students. We are absolutely delighted that during our recent Ofsted inspection our Personal Development and Welfare, as well as our Leadership and Management were rated as 'Outstanding' with an overall judgement of 'Good'. All at Bluecoat Aspley Academy are very proud of our rich history, faith and belief as well as our truly inclusive nature. Our vision is to ensure that all students make progress, regardless of their background, ability or starting point and we celebrate the impact of our specialist SEN provision on site.

We also expect our staff to be excellent too, 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 others, in God and it is this belief that ensures Bluecoat Aspley Academy continues to offer the best educational experiences possible for our students, our staff and our community.

## The Vacancy

We are seeking to appoint a Teacher of English to join our committed and professional English team led by experienced passionate practitioners supported by Teachers who possess a variety of degree of experience within and beyond the Trust. The English faculty takes a proactive approach, sharing experiences and good practices between academies to develop our teaching and learning and own professional developments.



We value every student and believe that great teaching and learning in English provides a coherent experience of English and Literacy for all our students. The teaching the English faculty provides aims to be inspiring for our students, encouraging them to be ambitious writers, insightful readers, thoughtful listeners, articulate speakers and who, as a result, will achieve great success in life.

Our English professionals encourage our students to recognise the fundamental impact of communication, written or spoken, for themselves and their future, through imaginative, focused and inspiring teaching and learning. Students understand the importance of studying English and respond well to exciting and enthusiastic teaching. Each department is well-resourced and located in a dedicated set of classrooms.

Our aim is to make the study of English enjoyable by providing students with a wide variety of activities and opportunities, whilst at the same time improving students' literacy skills. We aim also to give students an appreciation of the uses of English by developing their confidence, knowledge and understanding.

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 Aspley 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 Aspley Academy and the vacancy, please visit <a href="www.bluecoataspley.co.uk/vacancies">www.bluecoataspley.co.uk/vacancies</a>. 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: Friday 15th October 2021 at 9am

Interview Date: WC 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

#### 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 <u>all</u> staff and volunteers)
- References
- Childcare Disqualification Declaration Check (relevant Primary School posts only)

## **Job Description**

POST TITLE: TEACHER OF ENGLISH

GRADE: MPS/UPS

RESPONSIBLE TO: HEAD OF ENGLISH

#### **JOB PURPOSE**

Each teacher is responsible for all aspects of teaching and learning for those classes and students assigned to them. This involves the organisation and administration of classes, the preparation of lesson plans and teaching within faculty guidelines and schemes of work. Each member of staff has a responsibility to promote high quality throughout their work and that of the faculty, Academy and Trust as a whole. In particular it is important to maintain high standards of achievement and to encourage all students to fulfil their potential through effective teaching and high expectations.

In teaching at Archway Learning Trust importance is attached to:

- Team work
- Open consultation and participation in decision making
- Good communication
- A mutually supportive approach sharing responsibility, success and problems
- Exercising positive leadership with students
- Maintaining high personal and professional standards
- Being forward looking and anticipating change

#### **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**

- 1. Regularly monitor the individual progress of all students in the designated group and take or support appropriate intervention to facilitate progress in line with target grades
- 2. Monitor, record and evaluate the impact of various interventions for students within the designated group, ensuring use of, and feedback for, the most effective interventions by the Pastoral and Faculty Teams
- 3. Identify students in need of specialised mentoring, and provide mentoring sessions where appropriate or facilitate alternative mentoring opportunities

- 4. Be proactive in establishing behaviour for learning across the school
- 5. Access student voice via year group or key stage assemblies, focus groups, interviews and questionnaires analysing student feedback to promote the learning experience and inform best practice for Pastoral and Faculty teams.
- 6. Co-ordinate home / school links over a range of issues e.g. attitudes to learning and individual progress
- 7. Proactively use the Go 4 Schools system to regularly monitor behaviour and learning of all pupils, analysing any sub-group patterns and feeding back to Tutors, Mentors and the wider pastoral team, as appropriate.
- 8. Meet with parents / carers to establish a strong sense of culture and the learning purpose within the Academy
- 9. Coordinate and review parents' evenings
- 10. Supervise the study room areas creating and effective learning environment
- 11. Liaise with the careers team, identifying and supporting target students
- 12. Support students in arranging work experience placements (Y12 only)
- 13. Oversee the UCAS application process (Y13 only)
- 14. Support and create opportunities for students to engage with enrichment
- 15. Establish and co-ordinate proactive intervention strategies for both pastoral and learning progress by liaison with Pastoral Teams and Heads of Departments
- 16. Conduct Quality Assurance in line with school policy
- 17. Improve and monitor attendance of the year group in liaison with the attendance officer
- 18. Be involved in the creation and establishment of Pastoral Support Plans and support the SENCo in collating information for EHC plans and JCQ access assessments.
- 19. Champion an ethos and culture of high standards, resilience and self-belief within the student group through positive communication and coordination of a variety of speakers and topics for assembly.
- 20. Attend identified activities in the evening and at weekends;
- 21. Administer after school homework and study clubs
- 22. Conduct walkabout, lunchtime and afterschool duty, late duty and bus duty as appropriate
- 23. Liaise with external agencies
- 24. Lead Acts of Worship
- 25. Accept reasonable changes in responsibility or teaching commitment according to experience, expertise and the needs of the Academy.

#### **STAFF CONDUCT**

- 1. All employees are expected to familiarise themselves and follow the Trust vision and ethos during their working lives with Archway Learning Trust.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Physical violence, verbal abuse and swearing are unacceptable and not tolerated.
- 4. Employees are expected to maintain a professional relationship with students.
- 5. Staff will be fully supported by the Trust at all times in carrying out the behaviour policy.

#### **DRESS CODE**

- 1. The Trust expect staff to wear professional business dress mirroring our high expectations of our student dress code.
- 2. Some functions within the Trust are required to wear uniform that will be supplied by the Trust.
- 3. When working in the kitchens or any food outlet at the Trust, staff are expected to wear full protective clothing at all times.

PERSON SPECIFICATION – TEACHER OF ENGISH		
	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
EDUCATION & TRAINING		
Further or Higher Education	*	
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	*	
Knowledge and ability to work effectively and network with a wide	*	
range of supporting services in both the public and private sectors		
Experience of teaching, counselling, youth work, careers, social service	*	
or other relevant work		
Knowledge of SEN, EAL, PP		*
PROFESSIONAL SKILLS		
Ability to work flexibly in a team situation whilst being able to prioritise,	*	
show initiative and work independently, ensuring key routine tasks are		
achieved within deadlines		
Excellent organisational and communication skills with a willingness to	*	
respond positively to changing circumstances		
Working with others, the ability to assess and review young people and	*	
family circumstances and plan appropriate responses		
The ability to engage constructively with, and relate to, a wide range of	*	
young people and families/carers with different ethnic and social		
backgrounds	*	
The ability to work effectively with, and command the confidence of,	*	
teaching staff and senior leadership within the school	*	
The ability to understand a child's educational and pastoral needs	*	
Ability to identify potential barriers to learning and jointly engage in	*	
strategies to overcome these barriers  Ability to develop a coaching role as a long-term activity designed to	*	
achieve the goals in the learning action plan		
Ability to engage in joint goal setting with the individual child	*	
PERSONAL QUALITIES		
Confidence and independence to work using own initiative	*	
Assertive, enthusiastic, motivated and committed	*	
Ability to work as part of a team understanding Trust and Academy	*	
roles and responsibilities and your own position within these.		
Good time management skills	*	
Cook time management skins		
Willingness to keep self up to date with pertinent information and local	*	
initiatives, respond to feedback and pass on knowledge and good		
practice on to others.		
Builds and maintains effective relationships with colleagues and	*	
stakeholders in a fair and equitable manner		
Commitment to Equal Opportunities	*	
Willingness to work within the Christian framework of the Academy	*	
Tact, sensitivity, integrity, good judgement, and a sense of humour.	*	
Suitability to work with children. Enhanced DBS check to be undertaken	*	
on appointment		
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