

OSSETT ACADEMY RECRUITMENT PACK



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DEAR APPLICANT

Thank you for your interest in Ossett Academy and Accord Sixth Form. We hope that the information contained within this pack will help you decide if you have the right qualities, skills and experience to apply for our vacancy.

The academy has gained a reputation for excellence that is best evidenced in the outcomes that pupils achieve across all aspects of academy life. Our strong tradition of success is built on a firm foundation of personalised pastoral care, ensuring a climate for learning that is calm, well ordered and secure. We recognise the hard work and efforts of pupils in their lessons and their learning and positive recognition of both staff and pupils is at the heart of our approach.

Academic success is only one part of our story, whilst at Ossett Academy we have an excellent track record of high levels of student achievement in the context of a broad and balanced curriculum, which we are incredibly proud of; we also offer and actively encourage our students to engage in a wide range of enrichment activities. There really is an extensive variety of extra-curricular opportunities at the academy.

Whilst supporting our students to be the very best learners is our primary focus, the development of our community is also an extremely important feature of our work. It is Ossett Academy's key priority to ensure that we have very positive relationships with parents and carers in order to fully support the learning of all young people.

We understand that partnership and collaboration is an important aspect to the on-going development of schools and academies and with this in mind, we continue to play a key role alongside our primary pyramid as a member of the Education Ossett Community Trust (EOCT), striving to provide world-class opportunities for the community of Ossett, and supporting young people aged 3 to 18 to develop a lifelong passion for learning, across a range of experiences.

Further to this partnership approach, we work alongside Horbury Academy, Horbury Primary Academy and Middlestown Primary Academy as part of the Accord Multi Academy Trust. We feel this is both exciting and enriching for the Academy and its staff and pupils. The vision of our partnership is that the Accord Multi Academy Trust will enhance both our practice and knowledge of learning across primary and secondary education, whilst also providing access for pupils and staff to an even better range of opportunities in order to achieve excellence.

I am extremely proud to lead Ossett Academy and to work alongside such a talented body of pupils and staff, who are fully committed to working as a team. If you feel that you have the vision, drive and energy to support and contribute to the Academy's further continued improvement, then we would love to hear from you.

Samantha Broome
Principal



WHY OSSETT?

- Ossett Academy is much larger than the average-sized secondary school and is heavily oversubscribed.
- The proportion of students supported through the pupil premium is below the national average.
- The proportion of disabled students and those who have special educational needs supported at school action is above average.
- The proportion supported at school action plus or with a statement of special educational needs is well below average.
- Ossett is a dynamic learning community that promotes enjoyment, opportunities and friendship.
- We aim to promote excellence by inspiring students to realise their full potential, achieve high standards and have the courage to accept new challenges.
- We are a hugely committed body of staff, all working together to maintain a safe, caring and healthy environment for all which creates hopes, dreams and aspirations.
- We aspire for all our pupils to develop as life-long learners with the skills and determination to succeed in an ever changing technological world.
- We support all our pupils with the skills and learning opportunities to become responsible members of a local, national and international community who promote equality and respect and understand the value of our environment and its future.



ABOUT THE TRUST

The Accord Multi Academy Trust is an educational charity established in September 2016 that is currently made up of four academies who were the founding members of the Trust. In September 2016 Horbury Academy and Ossett Academy & Sixth Form College came together, moving away from their stand-alone Trust status and were joined in December 2016 by Horbury Primary Academy and Middlestown Primary Academy.

The overarching vision for the Trust is to work in one 'Accord – celebrating the differences of each academy through strong collaboration in order to inspire all members of our learning community to be the best that they can be.' Our academies work on the following key principles:

- Ambitious for our young people and staff;
- Creating a positive climate and an ethos for learning and success;
- Collaborative to secure the best possible learning experiences for young people and staff;
- Opening doors for parents, carers and the community and being fully inclusive;
- Resilient in order to develop in young people and staff a mind-set for success;
- Dynamic and reflective learning communities.

Our vision and key principles are underpinned by the highest expectations on what every child can achieve regardless of their context or starting point.

Having consolidated our position as a Multi Academy Trust, we are now at a point where we are looking to build on our existing central structures to sustain our improvement to date, but also to ensure that we have the strong educational capacity necessary to welcome more academies to join the Trust. This particular post is therefore a very important feature of our planned growth and development and aspiration to provide a world class education for all young people within our community.

WHY WORK FOR OSSETT ACADEMY AND ACCORD MAT

The Accord Multi Academy Trust is a Wakefield based Trust; all four academies in the Trust are closely located to one another which lends itself to many opportunities to work closely and collaboratively. All academies are within a three mile radius of one another and can be found a short drive off junction 40 of the M1.

At Accord we are committed to providing world class education for all young people within our community and as such we recognise the pivotal role that our staff play in this respect.

The Trust places at the heart of its development a commitment to high quality professional development for all staff who join the Trust. We understand that by investing in our staff we will create an organisation with a shared vision and values that will transform education for young people.

The Trust is strongly committed to fostering a positive and healthy working environment with wellbeing and workload management at the forefront of all decision making.

Across the Trust there are a number of opportunities for staff to come together outside of their normal working day in a social or other activity capacity. The Trust and individual academies organise regular staff social events, craft workshops, a staff choir; sporting groups currently include a running club, and weekly staff netball and football matches.

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“Joining Accord this academic year has given me a great opportunity to advance my career in a direction I am truly passionate about. Leaders are given the freedom to innovate and trusted to make decisions that will have a positive impact on pupils. I am certain joining Accord was the right choice for me and my career.”

Dan
Director of
Mathematics

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“Working for Accord provides opportunities to work closely with the wider Trust to develop skills and knowledge and build positive working relationships. I was a School Business Manager at Middlestown Primary when the school joined the Trust in 2016; the support and development opportunities available to me since then have enabled me to progress to a managerial role in the central team alongside completing professional qualifications.”

Jules
Finance
Manager

As a Trust we are committed to provide the following benefits for employees:

- An opportunity to collaborate with colleagues across academies and within the central Trust teams, with other academies and Multi Academy Trust's on a local or regional basis.
- Formal opportunities arising from collaboration provide:
- Structured and informal opportunities to share best practice that affords colleagues the opportunity to develop their own skills;
- Efficiencies of scale and a joint up approach to working and developing initiatives, agendas and changes to practise.
- Opportunities to lead on developments as a stepping stone to further career opportunities.
- The opportunity to work in a forward thinking and fast paced environment alongside a range of professionals with a proven track record of success in transforming education for young people.
- A specific career stage pathway of professional development with a commitment to support engagement in nationally recognised professional qualifications (NPQ's).
- The Trust maintains nationally agreed terms and conditions in relation to pay and conditions for teaching and associate staff, and continues to subscribe to local holiday patterns within the local authority of each academy.
- All employees have the opportunity to access a pension scheme.
- All employees have access to discounted rates for self and family members for a range of local and national companies and services, reviewed annually, and a biennial opportunity to purchase a bike on the C2W scheme.
- All employees have access to the Fitness Suite at one of the academies in the Trust free of charge.

“I have been a member of staff at Ossett Academy since 2006. I have held a number of roles during that time. The level of support and guidance that I have received to progress through my career has been of the highest quality, internal courses such as Aspiring Middle/Senior Leader have been invaluable. I thoroughly enjoy my time at Ossett and can see myself working here for years to come.”

Kieran

Associate Assistant Principal/Teacher of Business

“I’ve been involved with staff well-being for a number of years. I lead the Academy’s Workload Group; it’s aim being to give staff a voice on matters relating to workload and a forum within which the academy can consider and respond to matters raised. I also lead a fantastic weekly running club, and have worked with departments to run after school fun staff workshops, Christmas crafts, staff and students choir, second hand swap shops to name a few!”

Lyndele

Curriculum Leader Art, Design & Technology

ADVERT



TEACHER OF ENGLISH

MPR/UPR
Easter 2021 Start – Temporary position

The Accord Multi Academy Trust are seeking to appoint an inspiring and dedicated Teacher of English. The English department at Ossett Academy are an outstanding team of professionals who are passionate about inspiring a love of literature and language. We value challenge and active participation. The successful applicant will be enthusiastic and innovative, with demonstrable resilience, vision and energy.

We are looking for someone who will enthuse, engage, motivate and challenge students to raise achievement. If you have the vision and skills to deliver inspirational teaching whilst having the focus and drive to ensure successful outcomes are reached we'd love to hear from you.

We value challenge and active participation. As such, you will relentlessly pursue instilling an interest in your subject amongst all pupils. You will be innovative, with demonstrable resilience, vision and energy. The ability or desire to teach at A Level would also be encouraged.

This position is temporary to cover maternity for up to one year.

Applications are welcomed from teachers across the experience range: we offer an extensive programme of academy and Trust CPD, to help you grow and develop as an excellent practitioner - whether NQT or more experienced.

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We encourage interested candidates to get in touch and have a discussion to see what makes us great! Contact the HR team or hr@accordmat.org who would be happy to answer any questions you may have or put you in touch with an appropriate colleague for an informal discussion regarding the role.

For more details, or if you're ready to apply, visit our website at <https://ossettaccordmat.org/recruitment/> where you will find the application form available to download.

Please return completed application forms to the Accord HR Department at hr@accordmat.org.

Closing date: Friday 05 February 2021 at 12 noon.

Ossett Academy and Accord Sixth Form is committed equal opportunities and to the safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Subject Teacher

Reporting to: Curriculum Team Leader / Head of Department

Purpose of Job:

Carry out the professional duties of a teacher in accordance with this job description, the Academy's Career Stage Expectations and the range of professional duties as set out in the School Teachers Pay & Conditions Document.

To deliver the national curriculum and raise attainment predominantly in your specialist subject(s) across the age and ability range of students and contribute to the curriculum and the development of the Academy.

Promote achievement of high standards through effective teaching and learning within your specialist subject(s) area, preparation, evaluation and action planning.

To undertake the role of form tutor, provide timely communications to students in form group and offer advice and guidance.

ACCOUNTABILITIES:

1. Teaching and Learning

- Provision of effective teaching of class groups and individuals so that teaching objectives are met, challenging lessons are provided and effective use of teaching time is made.
- Ensure appropriate teaching methods are used to keep students engaged, using a variety of teaching and learning styles, clear presentation and excellent use of resources.
- Adapt teaching and learning methods as appropriate to individuals or groups of students to ensure all students progress in their learning and their needs are met.
- Keep up to date with developments in the curriculum area and education in general.
- Continue to develop teaching methods and lesson plans to ensure they enshrine best practice and encompass the needs of all students.

2. Monitoring, Evaluation and Assessment

- Ensure that individual student progress is regularly assessed, recorded, reported and used to inform future teaching.
- Monitor student progress through the use of performance and benchmarked data to ensure that high standards of learning are achieved and maintained.
- Mark and monitor students' class and homework providing constructive oral and written feedback, setting targets for students' progress to ensure that students know their current level of achievement and is expected in order to raise their level of achievement.

3. Relationships with colleagues, parents/carers and wider community links

- Maintain positive relationships with parents and carers.
- Liaise with Curriculum Leader/Head of Department and/or Learning Leader as appropriate.
- Attend Parents Evenings to keep parents informed of progress and contribute to accurate student reports.
- Establish effective working relationships with colleagues and other professionals.

4. Training & Development & Extra-Curricular Activities

- Set personal targets and take responsibility for own continuous professional development.
- Contribute to the broader life of the Academy by supporting curricular and extra-curricular events and activities.
- Contribute to the promotion of the curriculum area within the Academy and wider community to encourage students' interest in the subject.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

All Academy staff are expected to:

- Support and contribute to the Academy's responsibility for safeguarding students
- Work towards and support the Academy vision and the current Academy objectives outlined in the Academy Strategic Plan
- Adhere to policies as set out by the Governing Body
- Maintain high professional standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance and conduct
- Foster positive and courteous relations with students, parents and colleagues
- Undertake other reasonable duties related to the job purpose required occasionally

REVIEW AND AMENDMENT:

This job description should be seen as enabling rather than restrictive and will be subject to regular review.

The Accord Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

PERSON SPECIFICATION

	Essential	Desirable
QUALIFICATIONS		
Degree in Relevant Subject	●	
QTS Qualification	●	
KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE		
Knowledge of current education issues theory and practice	●	
Up to date knowledge of specialist subject and curriculum		
An excellent classroom practitioner with proven outcomes	●	
Excellent literacy and numeracy skills	●	
Demonstrate an innovative approach to teaching and learning	●	
Ability to evaluate and improve the teaching practice of self and others	●	
Ability to create innovative resources and new learning opportunities	●	
Ability to manage behaviour in the classroom and respond to challenging situations in a calm and professional manner	●	
Willingness to take part in extra-curricular activities	●	
Excellent time management skills and self-motivation	●	
The ability to work as a member of the team	●	
Demonstrate ICT skills and ability to analyse data	●	
Ability to apply a range of interpersonal skills adapting to suit specific audience	●	

	Essential	Desirable
EXPERIENCE		
Proven success of effective teaching and learning in specialist subject and curriculum area within a secondary school	•	
Proven track record of raising standards for students of all abilities	•	
Working in partnership with local schools and Academies and the wider community		•
ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND CHARACTERISTICS		
Knowledge and commitment to safeguarding and promoting the general health, safety and welfare of young people	•	
Resilient and determined but can also provide support, demonstrate empathy and flexibility, and deal with staff in a sensitive and considerate manner	•	
Committed to personal development for all staff including themselves	•	
The post holder will require an enhanced DBS	•	

