

Recruitment Pack



Teacher of Geography

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School ready; Work ready; Life ready

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Horizon Community College: Our Vision

The economic, cultural and social landscape of Barnsley is changing. Opportunities in further education, higher education and professional roles are increasing; opportunities for individuals to shape their own career pathways are growing; opportunities for individuals to challenge traditional socio-economic patterns are multiplying.

At Horizon Community College, our responsibility is to prepare students for this reality. We want young people to leave the College well qualified and with a unique skill set that will enable them to stand out from the crowd. We want young people to be in possession of a passport of qualifications and employability skills that will enable them to pursue exciting careers, attend prestigious universities, complete dynamic apprenticeships and play leading roles in regenerating this area and beyond.

Our curriculum is tailored to the needs of and meets our ambition for each individual student. This is underpinned by the College's core values which help to prepare every student for a lifetime of success. Our Curriculum and Culture ambition:

- aims to **challenge every learner, in every lesson, every day**
- develops the character and skill set of all, through the belief that we are **'Positive Role Models'**
- ensures **opportunities for all** through our personal development and Careers and Enterprise programmes.

Successful education is also about working in close partnership with our families and the community to ensure our students succeed in each School year and are prepared for the next appropriate phase of their education. We work together to empower our students to believe that anything and everything is possible.

We heavily invest in the growth and development of our entire workforce, so they are also prepared for the next phase of their careers. We promote 'one team' working hard to support each other. We are focused on continued professional development for staff at every level.

We embed a curriculum and culture that results in Equity of Opportunity, Strong Community, High Expectations, Global Readiness and Kindness so that our students are School ready; Work ready; Life ready.



Claire Huddart
Principal

We are delighted that you are applying for a role at Horizon Community College, and hope that this document will inform you about how we aim to provide the very best secondary education in Barnsley and beyond.

STRATEGIC FOCUS

VISION: School Ready; Work Ready; Life Ready

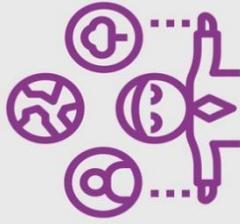
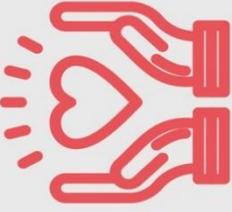
PURPOSE

- Challenging Every Learner, in Every Lesson, Every Day
- Developing Positive Role Models
- Opportunities for All

Quality of Education		Behaviour & Attitudes			Personal Development			Leadership & Management			
Curriculum	Teaching & Learning	Assessment	Positive Attitudes	Relationships	Attendance	Identity	Engagement	Opportunity	Vision & Ethos	Safeguarding & Wellbeing	Growth & Inclusivity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students access a broad, balanced, and ambitious curriculum that meets all statutory requirements. Students develop sequenced knowledge and skills within each subject, supporting strong progress and outcomes. Students are supported to access and appropriate curriculum that promotes equity and inclusion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students benefit from consistently high-quality, responsive teaching that drives sustained progress. Students apply their knowledge and skills to deepen understanding, which is regularly checked and reinforced. Students develop independent and metacognitive skills that prepare them for post-16 pathways and lifelong success. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students make strong progress, particularly towards Expected Standards at KS3 and Achievement Grades at KS4. Students benefit from teaching that is informed by assessment data, enabling targeted support, and targeted support. Students build the skills, confidence, and independence needed to prepare effectively for their GCSE examinations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student conduct is exemplified in lessons, during unstructured time and in the local community. Students demonstrate a consistently positive attitude towards learning and they embody the College Core Values. Positive role models are recognised and celebrated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff exhibit tolerance for bullying, harassment and child-on-child abuse. Everyone takes appropriate action to ensure all students feel safe. Relationships are based on mutual respect. Restorative practice is valued by all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students value their learning time and this is reflected in their high attendance and punctuality. All students, regardless of need, are supported to attend and be on time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students understand how they are developing physically, mentally and socially. Students take pride in what they do but also celebrate what brings them together. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students contribute to college life for the benefit of themselves and those around them. Students support their community, charities and the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students take use of the experiences Horizon has to offer them. Students are supported to make choices about their future aspirations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A culture where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone is school ready. Everyone is work ready. Everyone is life ready. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A culture where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone feels safe. Everyone feels supported. Everyone feels valued. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A culture where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone is considered. Everyone is included. Everyone is developed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Framework & Overviews QoE Review Process National Curriculum & Exam Specifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching & Learning Framework CPD to RAISE standards Evidence-based Pedagogy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Framework Accountability Measures Data-driven Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Praise & Rewards Clear, consistent graduated consequences Character in the Classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of the Form Tutor Recognise, Report, Record & Refer Restorative Conversations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEND & Wellbeing Personalised Provision Student Engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character Education Citizenship & RSHE Cultural Literacy, Diversity & Equality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Voice & Supporting Local, National & International Causes Student Council & Democracy in action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrichment beyond the Curriculum Student Ambassadors & Leadership Careers & Enterprise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance Policy & Practice Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workload Robust Safeguarding Practice Wellbeing: Staff/students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff CPD Communication & Engagement Inclusive Practice

Core Values		Resilience		Independence		Aspiration	
Pride	Respect	Resilience	Independence	Aspiration	Independence	Resilience	Aspiration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having a Growth Mindset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mutual Respect and Tolerance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking Responsibility For Your Learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking Responsibility For Your Learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having High Expectations of Yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having High Expectations of Yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Rule of Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Democracy

Core Values

 <p>ASPIRATION</p> <p>We aim to be the very best that we can be. We are curious, ambitious and have a strong desire to achieve.</p>	 <p>PRIDE</p> <p>We are proud to be students at Horizon. We produce work of the highest quality; we have the confidence to celebrate our success; we respect our environment.</p>	 <p>INDEPENDENCE</p> <p>We take responsibility for our success. We take control of our future.</p>
 <p>RESPECT</p> <p>We treat others the way we would like to be treated. We celebrate that everyone is different, we are inclusive, and we embrace diversity.</p>	 <p>RESILIENCE</p> <p>We never give up. We face challenges with confidence and respond positively to feedback.</p>	 <p>KINDNESS</p> <p>We are thoughtful and considerate to others. We are caring, supportive, friendly and generous in all we do.</p>

Child Safeguarding Policy

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be undertaken for the successful applicant.

The College pays full regard to DfES guidance 'Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education' Jan 2007. We ensure that all appropriate measures are applied in relation to everyone who works for Horizon who is likely to be perceived by the children as a safe and trustworthy adult including e.g. volunteers and staff employed by contractors. Safer recruitment practice includes scrutinising applicants, verifying identity and academic or vocational qualifications, obtaining professional and character references, checking previous employment history and ensuring that a candidate has the health and physical capacity for the job. It also includes undertaking interviews and an Enhanced DBS check.

Please note that it is an offence to apply for a role in a school and/or working with children if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children.

Please note that an online search will be carried out for all shortlisted candidates. This includes a search on the world wide web and relevant social media sites.

Please visit: <https://horizoncc.co.uk/safeguarding/>

Vacancy Details

Role: Teacher of Geography (Fixed term for one year)

Salary: MPS / UPS

Type: Permanent

Closing Date: Friday 20 March 2026 at 12 noon

To Start: September 2026

This is a very exciting time to join our Geography department, who are focused on achieving the best possible outcomes for every child. Underpinning this is the development of a curriculum which builds on skills developed at KS2 while supporting the growing demands of the revised GCSE specification.

There is an excellent mix of experience and talent within a team of staff who are passionate about their subject, enthusiastic about innovation, collaborative in their working practices and committed to raising standards. At Horizon, a Geography teacher must be someone with a fierce love of their subject, who is talented, motivated and can inspire students to achieve their full potential. As part of this dynamic and successful team, you must therefore be committed to achieving the highest standards and possess the creativity to maximise the use of our state-of-the-art resources and facilities.

Horizon is committed to ensuring and promoting the wellbeing and professional support of all staff under its care; in 2023 the College received the Be Well @ Work award. At Horizon, just like students, staff are supported to reach their highest potential.

For more information about working at Horizon and the fantastic benefits we offer our staff please visit [Working at Horizon](#).

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We understand that you might use AI and other resources for your application; however, please ensure all information you provide is factually accurate, truthful, and original and doesn't include ideas or work that isn't your own. This is so that your application is authentically and credibly your own.

Horizon Community College reserve the right to close this advert prior to the closing date above.

Job Description

JOT TITLE: Teacher of Geography
GRADE: MPS/UPS
RESPONSIBLE TO: Subject Leader
EMPLOYEE SUPERVISION: None

Purpose of Post:

To implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for pupils and ensure delivery of high-quality teaching and learning for which the teacher is accountable.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Job Description should be read alongside the range of professional duties of Teachers as set out in Part X11 of the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document, sections 48 to 50. The post holder will be expected to undertake duties in line with the professional standards for qualified teachers and uphold the professional code of the General Teaching Council for England.

1. Planning, Development and Co-ordination

- To set challenging teaching and learning objectives which are relevant to all pupils in their classes
- To use teaching and learning objectives to plan lessons and sequences of lessons showing how this will assess pupils learning.
- To select and prepare resources, and plan for their safe and effective organisation, considering pupils' interests and their learning needs, language and cultural backgrounds, with the help of support staff where appropriate.
- To contribute to teaching teams, meetings and events.
- To plan for the deployment of any support staff who are contributing to pupils' learning.
- To plan opportunities for pupils to learn in out of school contexts.
- To produce long and short-term planning in accordance with college policy and procedures and within acquired deadlines.
- To implement and review the subject development plan in conjunction with line manager.
- To develop and audit schemes of work and other documentation related to the use of Geography within the College and to support cross curricular delivery including subject support for colleagues to enable curriculum requirements to be met.
- To develop strategies for the use of Geography to promote new teaching methods and improve learning throughout the College and monitor their effectiveness in raising standards of teaching and learning.
- To lead or contribute to professional development activities as part of the planned programme for the College and to promote the sharing of good practice.
- To manage the resources available for Geography and make recommendations to maintain and develop curriculum provision.

2. Monitoring and assessment

- To make appropriate use of the College monitoring and assessment strategies to evaluate pupils' progress towards planned learning objectives.
- To use monitoring and assessment information to improve planning and teaching.
- To monitor and assess the effectiveness of learning activities and provide immediate and constructive feedback to support pupils as they learn.
- To involve pupils in reflecting on, evaluating and improving their performance and progress.
- To assess pupils progress accurately against appropriate standards.
- To identify and support pupils with differing levels of ability and those experiencing behavioural, emotional, and social difficulties.
- To identify the levels of attainment for pupils learning English as an additional language and identify learning activities to provide cognitive challenge as well as language support.
- To record pupils' progress and achievements systematically, providing evidence of the range of their work progress and attainment over time to inform planning.
- To report on pupils' attainment to parents, carers, other professionals and pupils as appropriate.

2. Teaching and class management

- To have high expectations of pupils and build successful relationships centred on teaching and learning.
- To establish a purposeful learning environment where diversity is valued and where pupils feel safe, secure and confident.
- To teach the required or expected knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to the curriculum for pupils in their age range.
- To teach clearly structured lessons or sequences of work which interest and motivate pupils, making learning objectives clear, employ interactive teaching methods and collaborative group work.
- To promote active and independent learning that enables pupils to think for themselves and to plan and manage their own learning.
- To differentiate teaching to meet the needs of pupils of all ability ranges considering varying interests, experiences and achievements in boys and girls and different cultural and ethnic groups to help them make good progress.
- To organise and manage teaching and learning time effectively.
- To organise and manage the physical teaching space, tools, materials, texts and resources safely and effectively with the help of support staff where appropriate.
- To set high expectations for pupils' behaviour and establish a clear framework for classroom discipline in line with school policy to anticipate pupils' behaviour
- constructively and promote self-control and independence.
- To use ICT effectively in delivery of teaching and learning.
- To take responsibility for teaching a class or classes over a sustained and substantial period
- To provide homework and other out- of-class work which consolidates and extends work carried out in the class and encourages pupils to learn independently.
- To work collaboratively with other professionals and manage the work of support staff to enhance pupils' learning.
- To recognise and respond effectively to equality issues as they arise in the classroom and challenge stereotyped views, bullying and harassment in accordance with school policy and procedures.

- To be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- To attend and participate in regular meetings.
- To participate in training, continuous professional development and other learning activities as required including participation in the school's performance management arrangements.

3. Specific duties relating to this post

- The application of national, Local Authority, whole-school and departmental policies relating to the teaching of Geography.
- The duties of a form teacher if required.

4. The above duties are not exhaustive and the postholder may be required to undertake tasks, roles and responsibilities as may be reasonably assigned to them by the Senior Management Team.

5. This job description will be kept under review and may be amended via consultation with the individual, Governing Body and/or Senior Management Team as required. Trade union representation will be welcomed in any such discussions.

Employee Specification

When filling in the application form, please demonstrate with clear, concise examples how you would meet the requirements of the post. You will be assessed in relation to the Essential and Minor criteria. Please bear in mind that you must possess the Essential Criteria on day 1 to be able to do the job. If there are large numbers of applications for the post then all of the criteria will be used for shortlisting. Under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA), we recognise and welcome our responsibility to remove any barriers in our recruitment and selection process. We have tried to assess this in our Job Description and Employee Specification, however if you feel that there are barriers, please tell us in the application form. As part of the DDA, we are committed to making reasonable adjustments, wherever possible and it would help us to know your needs in order to do this.

Attributes	Criteria	How Identified (either Application Form or Interview)	Rank (Essential/Desirable)
Relevant Experience	Experience of teaching Geography at secondary level	Application form	Essential
Education and Training Attainments	Teaching qualification	Application form/Qualification certificate	Essential
	Degree in a relevant subject	Application form/Qualification certificate	Essential
	Evidence of training in use of up-to-date ICT	Application form/letter	Essential
	Commitment to further professional development	Application form/letter	Essential
General and Special Knowledge	Recent developments in courses and syllabuses in Geography	Application form/letter	Essential
	Assessment practices and requirements in Geography	Application form/letter	Essential
	Application of ICT to the teaching of Geography	Application form/letter	Essential
	A good knowledge of the Secondary National Strategy in relation to the teaching of Geography	Application form/letter	Essential
	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of current educational developments	Application form/letter	Essential

Skills and Abilities	Ability to teach Geography at Key Stage 3 and 4	Application form/letter	Essential
	Demonstrate a clear educational philosophy in sympathy with the school's aims and values	Application form/letter	Essential
	Demonstrate an ability to interpret national and LA initiatives in a way appropriate to the school	Application form/letter	Essential
	Demonstrate a determination to secure the highest quality of educational experience for all pupils	Application form/letter	Essential
	Demonstrate a clear understanding of and commitment to equal opportunities (gender, race, class and special needs)	Application form/letter	Essential
	Demonstrate a knowledge and ability to use ICT systems	Application form/letter	Essential
	Demonstrate commitment to inclusion	Application form/letter	Essential
	Ability to develop and maintain appropriate and efficient administrative systems	Application form/letter	Essential
	Ability to set realistic targets	Application form/letter	Essential
	Ability to accept responsibility, monitor and evaluate	Application form/letter	Essential
	Ability to exercise judgement and make decisions	Application form/letter	Essential
	Ability to work with and within a team	Application form/letter	Essential
	Ability to communicate clearly and liaise effectively	Application form/letter	Essential
	Ability to engage young people in learning and assess their progress	Application form/letter	Essential
Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships with children and young people	Application form/letter	Essential	

Additional Factors	A willingness to take part in training and development opportunities as required.	Application form	Essential
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In compiling this, please refer to the Section 'Review Job Description and Employee Specification' in the Recruitment and Selection Code of Practice.

The Application Process

Please read the Guidance Notes for Applicants before completing an application form.

The candidates selected for interview will be informed after shortlisting and full details of the interview process will be provided.

This is an exciting and rewarding role and we look forward to receiving your application.

For more information about working at Horizon and the fantastic benefits we offer our staff please visit www.horizoncc.co.uk.

Should you wish to discuss the role further please contact us on 01226 704230.