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TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY

ASTREA ACADEMY DEARNE
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APPLICANT BRIEF





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Dear Candidate,

I am truly delighted you are interested in the post of **Teacher of Geography** at Astrea Academy Dearne. It is with great pride that I am able to introduce myself as Principal of the school and it is a privilege to share with you our ambitious vision for the future. As a parent first, I am resolutely determined to secure an outstanding provision for our community and to ensure that the children who attend our school have access to the same futures as my own children.

If you choose to join us, you will become part of a strong morally driven school that believe in the highest levels of success for all children regardless of their background. You will be relentless in your commitment and belief in all young people and will ensure only the highest level of academic success and personal fulfilment for all: they deserve nothing less. It is our vision to create outstanding young people who are courageous champions of diversity, equality and mutual respect and who are proud of their community and are enthusiastic advocates of learning.

We offer you unrivalled professional development that actively promotes independent research, collaborative working and constructive feedback and solutions. As a school who is proud to have created our own Fair Workload Charter, we will provide unparalleled support and wellbeing strategies and make you feel an integral part of Team Dearne.

If you share our values and want to make the kind of difference to young people's lives that challenge social boundaries, then we would love to meet you! Please take this letter as an open invitation to either visit our school and meet the people who make our school so much more than a building. If you let us know when you would like to visit we can make sure that tea and cakes are available too! We believe that is an integral part of teaching!

I very much hope that you choose to apply for this post and I look forward to meeting you.

Best wishes

Joanne Wilson

Principal at Astrea Academy Dearne





ROLE PROFILE

SALARY	MPS/UPS
CONTRACT TYPE	Permanent
WORKING PATTERN	Full time
HOURS PER WEEK	32 Hours per week
REPORT TO	Head of Department



PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

To be an effective professional who demonstrates thorough curriculum knowledge, can teach and assess effectively, take responsibility for professional development and has students who achieve well.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Inspire trust and confidence in students and colleagues.
- Build team commitment with colleagues, and in the classroom engage and motivate students.
- Demonstrate analytical thinking to improve the quality of students' learning.
- Contribute to the academy improvement /development planning and promote the learning priorities of the academy SIP.
- Contribute to the development and / or implementation of academy policies.
- Promote the wider aspirations and values of the academy.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Planning, Teaching and Class Management:

- Teach allocated students by planning their teaching to achieve progression of learning through:
- Understanding and applying effective classroom management.
- Understanding and applying a range of teaching strategies.
- Positively targeting and supporting individual learning needs.
- Maintaining high levels of behaviour and discipline.
- Effectively using homework and other extra-curricular learning opportunities.
- Demonstrating appropriate consistent progress:
 - for the majority of students
 - across all teaching areas
 - across all spectrums of background, ability and behaviour that compares favourably with students in similar settings
- Effectively managing other adults in the classroom.

Monitoring, Assessment, Recording, Reporting:

- Use performance data to evaluate students' progress and set appropriate targets for improvement.
- Use assessment to inform planning and teaching.
- Report on progress to all stakeholders.

Pastoral Duties:

- Be a form tutor to an assigned group of students.
- Promote the general progress and well-being of individual students and of the Form Tutor Group as a whole.
- Liaise with the pastoral team to ensure the implementation of the academy's pastoral system.



- Register students, accompany them to assemblies, encourage their full attendance at all lessons and their participation in other aspects of academy life.
- Contribute to the preparation of Action Plans and progress files and other reports.
- Alert appropriate staff to problems experienced by students and make recommendations as to how these may be resolved.
- Communicate, as appropriate, with parents of students and persons or bodies outside the academy concerned with the welfare of individual students, after consultation with appropriate staff.
- Contribute to PSHE and citizenship and enterprise education according to academy policy.

Other Professional Requirements:

- Have a working knowledge of teachers' professional duties and legal liabilities.
- Operate at all times within the stated policies and practices of the academy.
- Maintain an up to date knowledge of good practice in teaching techniques. Know subject(s) or specialism(s) to enable effective teaching.
- Take account of wider curriculum developments.
- Incorporate national strategies in all teaching.
- Communicate learning objectives.
- Contribute positively and effectively to the 'Every Child Matters' agenda.
- Undertake professional development to enhance teaching and students' learning, and
 - apply outcomes and identify impact
 - share outcomes with colleagues
- Take responsibility for professional learning.



PERSON SPECIFICATION

EXPERIENCE

- Proven experience of teaching Geography at KS3, KS4 with excellent classroom management skills
- Effective classroom teacher

QUALIFICATIONS

- Qualified teacher status
- Degree or equivalent
- Evidence of recent and relevant professional development



SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE & ABILITY

- Detailed understanding of planning the KS3 Geography curriculum
- Detailed understanding of planning the KS4 Geography curriculum to meet exam board requirements
- Ability to communicate effectively at all levels
- Effective interpersonal skills
- Efficient organizer
- Ability to use initiative and prioritise work
- Ability to work to deadlines
- Confident user of ICT
- Experience of monitoring progress of students in Geography and intervening where necessary

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- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to quickly gain the respect of all students and staff and foster appropriate relationships
- Flexible approach to work
- Committed to academy ethos and direction
- Understanding of Safeguarding Procedures
- High standard of punctuality

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 CEO.

The Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment.

We encourage all Astrea employees to actively contribute towards the charitable aims of the Trust.