



Wyvern
Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

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Teacher of Geography



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Welcome from the CEO

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Teacher of Geography at Consilium Academies.

At Consilium, we believe in enriching lives and inspiring ambitions through our values of:

Partnerships
Opportunity
Integrity
Excellence
Equity
Being people-centred

We recognise the unique value of each individual, whether they are staff or students and are dedicated to ensuring that every member of our Trust reaches their full potential. To achieve this, we collaborate with stakeholders and external organisations to build relationships that enhance opportunities for all members across the Trust.

Our focus on being people-centred extends to providing exceptional professional development for all members of our Trust, including teaching and support staff. This commitment is reflected in our Centre for Professional Learning, where colleagues have access to tailored training opportunities and resources to meet their specific needs.

We firmly believe that every student, regardless of their background deserves an excellent education and an equal opportunity to fulfil their potential. This vision guides us in creating an environment where every pupil can thrive.

As part of our Trust, our academies align with collective aims, including prioritising holistic development of pupils academically, socially and emotionally. We aim to instil a passion for life long learning and continual improvement among our academies, staff and students, empowering them to pursue their aspirations and ambitions. Our goal is create a family of academies that is inclusive and embraces diversity, fostering a supportive community where all members feel inspired and empowered to succeed. We also value our stakeholders as partners in our collaborative efforts with the communities we serve.

Consilium Academies is currently undergoing significant development with numerous opportunities for all staff. Joining us now presents an exciting prospect for professional and personal growth.



Mr Michael McCarthy

Chief Executive of Consilium Academies

Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining Wyvern Academy and Consilium Academies. This post gives you the exciting opportunity to join a strong and developing team in a vibrant, happy, inclusive school and to make a real difference to the lives of our young people, being ready to be successful in their next chapter. I hope this provides some useful context and helps you to decide whether you would be a good 'fit' within our school and Trust team.

Team Wyvern takes prides in having high expectations and high standards. We are committed to ensuring that every student experience first-class learning and education, so that they can reach and exceed their potential. This is reflected in our school's vision that we achieve *'Excellence in all that we do'*.

"Wyvern is a place in which pupils are being prepared to succeed in life." (Ofsted 2023)

Our relentless focus on excellence has led to sustained and significant improvements in all areas of our school provision. We are a 'Good' school, as confirmed by Ofsted (June 2023). Compared to similar schools nationally, we are in the top 10% most improved for the progress and attainment that our students are making. Practice within school is beyond 'Good' and realising 'Outstanding'.

"Leaders have achieved their ambitious vision of giving this community the school it deserves. Wyvern Academy is a place where pupils are happy, safe and learn well." (Ofsted 2023)

Our school operates with a great feel of inclusivity and community. This is typified by respectful relationships that exist between teachers and students. Our learning environment is clearly focussed on high academic standards for all our students. Our school has a friendly, warm, orderly, and calm environment, allowing our classrooms to be healthy and conducive environments for learning.

We have an excellent CPD and induction offer for our staff that is supported by our Centre for Professional Learning (CfPL): at any point in your career, you will be well looked after.

Wyvern Academy really is a great place to work, and we are proud to be part of the Consilium Academies Trust of nine schools.

"Staff are proud and happy to work at this school. They are keen to 'roll up their sleeves' and work hard. They are committed to leaders' vision of securing the best life chances for pupils in their community. Staff are confident that leaders value their well-being." (Ofsted 2023)

Our students are truly fantastic, and they deserve an excellent appointment. We really care about them and their futures and pride ourselves on excellent relationships. You can see them - and us - and get a better sense of us on our website and social media channels.

Looking towards our future with high optimism, we continue to grow in popularity as a secondary school of choice in Darlington. We have seen a 32% increase in first choice applications for September 2024, and we expect this to only elevate further. With significant building projects of new build housing, including the exciting West Park Garden Village development on our doorstep, it is an exciting time in our school future!

I hope that this is the right opportunity for you, good luck with your application.

Peter Seed – Head of School – Wyvern Academy



About the Academy

Wyvern Academy is a coeducational secondary school with academy status, located in the Branksome and Cockerton area of Darlington, County Durham, England. We are looking for an exceptional candidate to join us on our journey to becoming a truly outstanding school.

As a Consilium Academy, Wyvern Academy is built on the values of the Consilium charter. The purpose of the charter is to ensure our mission and values translate into practice within our Academies, ensuring that every student benefits from our distinctively inclusive ethos.

At Wyvern Academy, we believe in:

Partnerships – Collaboration is the key to success. We work together to deliver on the promise set out in our mission statement.

Opportunity – Our aim of “Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions” applies to all members of our Trust community, with our inclusive approach delivering a breadth of opportunities to give each individual the chance to fulfil their potential and prosper.

Integrity – Through our student-centred approach, advantage and ability are never seen as a ticket to involvement. We believe in every child’s right to high-quality education and access to amazing opportunities – irrespective of their individual circumstances. Integrity at Consilium means always putting students at the heart of everything we do.

Equity – We are truly inclusive, believing passionately that every student should be given the skills and support needed for them to meet their full potential. We are aspirational for all of our students, and we will ensure every student has the opportunities they need to achieve the highest of ambitions.

Excellence – We don’t settle for second-best, our standards are always high and we support everyone across the Trust to achieve them.

People-Centred – We genuinely want the best for each member of Consilium, that’s why everyone is treated with the highest level of respect. Our inclusive culture inspires us to be bold and engenders trust. It brings us together in ways that help us make a difference

About the Trust

The Consilium Mission

“Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions”

We are proud to be Consilium Academies, a Trust that believes in the unique value of each individual. Our vision, actions, and purpose are guided by this principle and a dedication to do all we can for the communities we serve.

We never put a ceiling on potential. Instead, we work with our Academies to provide high-quality education that is truly inclusive, giving every student the same opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in life beyond the classroom.

We are committed to enriching the lives of all those involved in our Trust through an ambitious, student-centred approach to education.

Consilium Academies is a Multi-Academy Trust consisting of nine schools based across three hubs in Salford, South Yorkshire, and the North East of England.

We believe in inclusivity, both in the schools and communities we serve and are committed to working with our Academies to ensure our ethos is realised on a daily basis.

- The lives of our young people should be enriched by care, experience, and opportunity. This is achieved by;
- helping children and young people to succeed to their potential academically, socially, and emotionally;
- instilling a passion for lifelong love of learning and continued improvement so that our academies, staff, and students achieve their aspirations and ambitions;
- creating a family of academies that are inclusive and embrace diversity, where all members of the community feel supported, inspired, and empowered to succeed;
- ensuring all stakeholders are seen as partners in our work within the communities we serve.

The Trust operates a Central Team led by our Interim Chief Executive, Tracey Greenough. The team provide direct services to our schools as well as Trust-level accountability, leadership, and management. We operate a strong partnership model and our partner schools are instrumental in the continual growth and development of our Trust. We work with our schools in a supportive way that does not detract from the individual identity of a school, instead allows them to grow and focus on student achievement and success.

WE ARE PROUD TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING STAFF BENEFITS:

- Pension with the Local Government Pension Scheme and Teachers Pension Scheme
- 34 days annual leave plus bank holidays for all support staff (pro-rated for part-time employees)
- 36 hour working week for all full-time support staff
- Automatic pay progression for all staff in line with their current grading structure
- Enhanced contractual sick pay in line with the Burgundy Book and Green Book
- Employee Assistance Program with access to counselling and CBT 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Access to an Occupational Health Provider
- Free membership to Vivup. with hundreds of exclusive offers and discounts available online and in store at many shops, gyms, and restaurants
- An excellent CPD offer for every member of staff; to help you perform as well as you can in your role, provide you with a sense of wellbeing at work and to help you reach your career aspirations.

About the Role

Job Title: Teacher of Geography

Start date: 1st September 2024

Hours: Full time

Contract: Permanent

Salary: MPS/UPS

Are you passionate about Geography and determined to make a real difference? We are seeking to appoint a committed and inspirational Teacher of Geography who is able to obtain the best outcomes for their pupils.

We are looking for someone who is passionate about their subject and determined to impart knowledge, skills and understanding to all our young people, whilst exciting and engaging them in their learning. Candidates will have the drive and motivation to continually improve the department, whilst understanding the importance of developing a positive culture.

We are looking for:

- An inclusive individual, with high expectations of their students, who is committed to maximising rates of progress and has innovative ideas to support all pupils
- Someone with a sense of humour, who understands the importance of developing a positive culture in our organisation.

If you feel you share our values, have the vision and drive for excellence and want to be part of an enthusiastic and dedicated team, committed to ensuring that students fulfil their potential, then we would like to hear from you.

The successful candidate will present the best possible example of professional standards to colleagues.

To apply please download and complete the attached application form. Please note we do not accept CV's. We ask that all completed application forms are sent to Katie Ferguson at katie.ferguson@consilium-at.com

Please ensure that within your application you provide the names, addresses, and contact details for two referees, one of whom should be your current or most recent employer.

The closing date for applications is 17th June 2024

Interviews will take place on a date TBC

Consilium Academies is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointments are made subject to an Enhanced DBS Check, and where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check will be completed for all applicants.

In accordance with our statutory obligations under Keeping Children Safe in Education Consilium Academies is required to conduct an online search as part of our due diligence on shortlisted candidates. This may help identify any incidents or issues that have happened, and are publicly available online, which Consilium Academies might want to explore with you. Further information on online searches can be found in paragraph 221 of Keeping Children Safe in Education.

The Trust is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

Under Part 7 of the Immigration Act 2016, the Public Sector fluency duty requires state funded schools to ensure candidates for their customer facing roles have the necessary standard of spoken English.

Please note: If you have not been contacted within one week of the closing date please assume that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion. We are unable to provide feedback on individual applications. Applications received after the closing time stated will not be considered.

Job Description

Job Title:	Teacher of Geography
Based at:	Wyvern Academy
Grade:	MPS/UPS

Main purpose of the Role

- To deliver a curriculum to students according to their educational needs, including the setting and marking of work.
- To assist and support students' academic progress and emotional development.
- To work with colleagues as appropriate to raise standards of achievement and attainment.
- To comply with all policies and procedures relating to safeguarding, child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to the appropriate person

Core Responsibilities & Tasks

Main Duties

- To maintain the highest professional standards as set out in the Teachers' Standards document.
- To teach students according to their educational needs, including the setting and marking of work to be carried out by students in school and elsewhere.
- To plan their teaching to achieve maximum progression in pupils' learning
- To assess records and reports on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of students, and produce such records as are required.
- To provide and/or contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual students and groups of students.
- To use a variety of teaching methods, including ICT, which sustain the momentum of pupils' work and keep all pupils engaged
- To use a variety of delivery methods, which will stimulate learning appropriate to student needs and demands of the syllabus.
- To provide a positive, conducive and safe learning environment, encouraging high standards in punctuality, presentation or work and relationships.
- To set high expectations for pupils' behaviour, establishing and maintaining a good standard of discipline through well focused teaching and through the development of positive and productive relationships
- To undertake assessment of students as requested by external examination bodies, departmental and school procedures.
- To mark, grade and give written, verbal and diagnostic feedback as required following school policies to maximise pupils' progress.
- To evaluate their own teaching critically and to use this to improve their effectiveness

Operational/Strategic Planning

- To assist in the development of appropriate syllabus, resources, schemes of work, marking policies and teaching strategies at Heworth Grange School.
- To contribute to the department's development plan and its implementation.
- To plan and prepare courses and lessons.
- To contribute to whole school planning activities.

Curriculum Provision

- To assist the department and whole school in ensuring a range of teaching is provided for students, which complements the school's strategic objectives.

Curriculum Development

- Assist in the process of curriculum development and change so as to ensure the continued relevance to the needs of students, examining and awarding bodies and the school's aims and strategic objectives.

Staffing

- To take part in the school staff development programmes, by participating in arranged training for professional development.
- To continue personal development in the relevant areas, including subject knowledge and teaching methods.
- To engage in the Performance Management Review process.
- To ensure the effective and efficient deployment of classroom support.
- To work as a member of a designated team and to contribute positively to effective working relationships within the school.

Quality Assurance

- To help implement school quality procedures and to adhere to those.
- To contribute to the process of monitoring and evaluation within the department area in line with agreed school procedures; including evaluation against quality standards and performance criteria. To seek, implement modification and improve where required.
- To review from time to time methods of teaching and programmes of work.
- To take part, as may be required, in the review, development and management of activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the school.

Management Information

- To maintain appropriate records and to provide relevant accurate and up-to-date information to SIMS – registers, behaviour log etc.
- To complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking of students.
- To track student progress and use information to inform teaching and learning.

Communication and Liaison

- To communicate effectively with the parents/guardians of students as appropriate.
- Where appropriate, to communicate and cooperate with persons or bodies outside the school.
- To follow agreed policies for communication in the school
- To take part in parents' evenings
- To contribute to the development of effective subject links with external agencies.

Management of Resources

- To contribute to the process of the ordering and allocation of equipment and materials.
- To assist the department to identify resource needs, and to contribute to the efficient/effective use of physical resources.
- To cooperate with other staff to ensure a sharing and effective usage of resources to the benefit of departments and students.

Pastoral System

- To be a Form Tutor to an assigned group of students.
- To promote the general progress and wellbeing of individual students.
- To liaise with the Pastoral Team/Head of Year to ensure the implementation of the school's pastoral system.
- To register students, accompany them to assemblies, encourage their full attendance at all lessons, and their participation in other aspects of school life.
- To evaluate and monitor the progress of students and keep up-to-date student records as may be required.
- To contribute to the preparation of action plans and progress files, and other reports.
- To alert the appropriate staff of issues/concerns/problems concerning students and to make recommendations as to how these may be resolved.
- To communicate as appropriate, with the parents/guardians of students, and with persons/bodies outside the school concerned with the welfare of individual students, after consultation with the appropriate staff.
- To contribute to PSHE and citizenship, and enterprise according to school policy.
- To apply the Behaviour for Learning Policy so that effective learning can take place.

- To ensure that appropriate safeguarding procedures are in place and applied.

School Ethos and Other

- To play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its distinctive mission and ethos, and to encourage staff and students to follow this example.
- To ensure that appropriate safeguarding procedures are in place.
- To participate in the school extra-curricular programme.
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Corporate Responsibilities

- The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment
- To pursue and promote the achievement and integration of diversity and equality of opportunity throughout the Trust's activities
- To plan, monitor and review health and safety within areas of personal control
- To participate in the Trust's Performance Management process and engage in continuous professional development and networking to ensure that professional skills and knowledge are up to date
- To maintain high professional standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance, conduct and positive, courteous relations with students, parents and colleagues

Additional Notes

- The job purpose and key statements remain indicative and by no means exclusive. Given the evolving needs of the Trust, flexibility among staff is very important. All staff may be required to undertake other such reasonable duties as may be required from time to time in line with the grade of their post.
- An Enhanced DBS Check will be requested on successful application to a position at the Trust.

Person Specification

Qualifications and CPD	Essential	Desirable
Qualified Teacher Status; degree level or higher	X	
Honours Degree	X	
Awareness of current GCSE syllabus development		X
Experience, Knowledge and Skills	Essential	Desirable
Able to enthuse, motivate and discipline students	X	
Experience of teaching across the full age and ability range of an 11-16 school	X	
Ability to teach to KS3 and GCSE	X	
To be committed to ensuring that every pupil is given the opportunity to achieve their potential and meet the high expectations set for them	X	
Enthusiasm to inspire in students a desire to learn and participate	X	
Ability to have the vision to plan ahead and to get things done	X	
Efficient manager and administrator	X	
Good, up-to-date, subject knowledge and skills	X	
Full working knowledge of the National Curriculum requirements for English	X	
To be able to work as a member of a team	X	
To be able to work effectively with pupils, staff, parents and members of the community	X	
Interest in innovation in the classroom including interactive whiteboard skills		X
To be able to assist in the planning and organisation of school trips/visits		X
Personal Attributes	Essential	Desirable
Suitability to work with young children	X	
Able to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people	X	
Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours	X	
Positive attitude and authority in maintaining discipline within both the practical and classroom environment	X	
English Fluency	Essential	Desirable
Possessing a relevant qualification for the role attained as part of education in the UK or full taught in English or Welsh by a recognized institution abroad	X	
Passing an English spoken language competency test or possessing a relevant spoken English qualification at CEFR Level B1 or above, taught in English by a recognized institution abroad.	X	