Matford Brook ACADEMY

Part of the Ted Wragg TRUST

Matford Brook Academy

Teacher of Humanities (Geography specialist)

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Key Details

Salary scale	MPS/UPS	**Actual Salary (if pro-rata)**	NA
Hours	Full time		
Location	Matford Brook Academy	**Closing date**	Wednesday 18th March 2026
Required from	1st September 2026	**Interview date**	Tuesday 24th March 2026

This advert may close earlier than the stated deadline if sufficient applications are received. If you're interested, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

Find out more

We welcome interested candidates to request a call with one of our senior team to discuss the role and any questions you might have prior to application. To arrange this, please contact Kate via hr@matfordbrook.academy

How to apply

APPLY NOW

All Ted Wragg Trust vacancies can be found here: https://www.tedwraggtrust.co.uk/vacancy - filter by school or role and follow the link to apply (or contact us as above)

Application advice

When completing your online application:

- Include any essential experience and qualifications as detailed in the person specification
- Include all previous employment with dates
- Account for any gaps - e.g. periods of non-employment
- When writing your supporting statement, write about your experience and skills against the requirements of the role. This is the primary source of information for our shortlisting panel when shortlisting candidates for interview.

Our Mission

Our mission at Matford Brook Academy is to provide an excellent, all-through education that empowers children to believe they can, and should, change the world around them.

We summarise this in one mantra that is woven through the fabric of our school: at Matford Brook Academy, we write our story.

We are providing a school with an excellent education and broad opportunities for our children, rooted in the core understanding that, in order for children to thrive both now and in their future, they need to believe that the greatest influence on their lives is themselves.

Staff Testimonials

Emma

Assistant Headteacher - Science

Being part of the team at Matford Brook Academy is an absolute privilege. From the moment I heard about MBA's all through concept I knew it was somewhere I wanted to work. This is a fabulous opportunity to be part of shaping the lives and education of young children right from Early Years to KS4.

Laura

Teacher of Mathematics

I thoroughly enjoy working at MBA - I love being a part of a team that is incredibly supportive and there for one another. Pupils and staff alike are incredibly welcoming and appreciate your efforts and contributions to the community.

Mike

Early Years Teacher

It's a privilege to improve the lives of the children and families of the community we serve! Matford Brook Academy is a place that allows children to thrive under the guidance of a nurturing, passionate and professional team where the values of scholarship, kindness and community come alive everyday!

Bekah

Pastoral Support Mentor

Working at Matford Brook Academy has been incredibly rewarding; I have never felt more supported in a role. Every pupil, and member of staff is known and valued, and where your contributions matter and professional growth is encouraged, and supported.

Teacher of Geography

At Matford Brook Academy, we are a small but growing school. This gives us the opportunity to do things a little differently: if you are excited by designing and running extra-curricular clubs and teaching beyond your subject specialism or in our primary phase then this could be your dream role.

Our teaching team works with our growing cohorts of pupils using planned pedagogical approaches and all-through predictable practices to ensure all children can write their stories. Our tutors deliver a robust Personal Development curriculum and work tenaciously to engage our families in accordance with our value of community. **We currently have a full Key Stage 3 cohort and looking forward to September 2026 when we make our exciting transition to Key Stage 4 (Year 10).**

The Role

- Mainly teach across the secondary age range, delivering engaging, knowledge rich and inclusive lessons
- Collaborate with colleagues, within our school and Trust, to shape our evolving curriculum and culture
- Support pupils to become confident, curious learners
- Engage families and contribute to the wider life of the school
- Embrace the challenges and rewards of a growing school community

Who We're Looking For...

Someone who is genuinely excited by the opportunity to help shape a flagship school for the South West. You'll bring:

- Energy, ambition, creativity and a passion for geography - what does this mean outside your teaching role?
- A commitment to inclusive, high-quality education
- A passion for your subject beyond the classroom
- A desire to work within an all-through school and develop your subject throughout the school
- A collaborative spirit and growth mindset

What We Offer

- A chance to help shape a pioneering school from the ground up within the heart of our community
- Expert coaching at the heart of our CPD offer: you will be supported to develop your practice and hone your expertise consistently over time.
- Opportunities for professional growth and leadership
- A culture of innovation, inclusion, and excellence
- A school where your voice matters and your impact is lasting

Job Description

Key Purpose of Role

Enable the Trust to realise its mission to 'Transform lives, strengthen communities and make the world a better place by providing high calibre teaching and learning environment, challenging the educational and social disadvantage in the South West.

Your Responsibilities

- Live our mission and values every day
- Promote safeguarding policies and procedures to protect students maintaining a culture in which students are protected and achieve the best outcomes
- Meet Teachers' Standards and pursue continuous professional development
- Prepare, deliver, and review effective lessons in accordance with schemes of work and our Trust learning model
- Reflect on your own lessons, curriculum resources and interactions with all students and stakeholders to find areas for continued improvement
- Use adaptive teaching to meet diverse student needs and maximize potential
- Foster a positive, safe, and inclusive classroom environment, ensuring that your work is equitable and values the diversity and experience of the whole school community
- Implement strategies for high standards of behaviour and attendance
- Complete assessment, recording and reporting procedures.
- Participate in great management meetings, coaching, and external quality assurance.
- Participate in at least fortnightly coaching
- Fully understand and implement all exam requirements
- Support students with pastoral responsibilities and enrichment activities
- Carry out any other reasonable duties as requested by Headteacher or Line Manager

Your Key Objectives

Support pupils to

Love coming to school
Achieve well
Live a life of opportunity

Support colleagues to

Love coming to work
Build high quality professional relationships with Trust networks
Inspire others

Support communities to

Love our schools
Value working together
Make the world a better place

Person Specification

KEY
Essential
Desirable

Qualifications

- Qualified Teacher Status
- Good honours degree
- Further CPD or relevant qualifications

Experience

- Strong teaching ability – demonstrated through previous experiences
- Delivery of KS4 experience, particularly field work
- Track record of excellent outcomes
- Working in areas or school communities with high levels of SEND and/or deprivation

Key Skills

- Able to fulfil all aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English
- Excellent subject and relevant curriculum knowledge
- Meeting and effectively delivery of all the teaching standards.
- Effective use of formative assessment
- Adaptive teaching that challenges and supports all students
- Ability to receive and act on feedback
- Commitment to safeguarding
- Desire to develop yourself

Align with Our Trust Values

- **Ambitious:** works hard, has the highest standards and is positive for the future
- **Selfless:** self-aware and emotionally intelligent to support self and others to thrive
- **Collaborative:** builds strong relationships and networks

at Matford Brook Academy

I AM THE AUTHOR OF MY OWN STORY

we value scholarship,

I EMPOWER OTHERS TO WRITE THEIR STORY

kindness, and

WE WRITE OUR STORY TOGETHER

community

We exist to provide an excellent all-through education that empowers children to believe they can, and should, change the world around them

What we believe

Scholarship

To be a scholar is to strive for the highest education possible, valuing learning and the porcess - including making mistakes - and taking responsibility for doing so. The story we are writing is for every Matford Brook Academy pupil to be successful, lifelong learners, progressing to university or another aspirational equivalent.

Kindness

The way we interact with and treat those around us has a direct impact on them. The story we are writing is for every Matford Brook Academy pupil to be caring, thoughtful individuals who proactively help and support the people around them, recognising their role in helping everyone to feel safe and succeed.

Community

School is a 'team sport': we are working together to create a limitless environment where everyone succeeds. The story we are writing is for every Matford Brook Academy pupil to feel a sense of connectedness and belonging in their community - school, local national, international - and positively contribute to it.

What we do

I am the author of my own story	We do this because:	We do this by:
We expect and model the highest of standards	We take pride in our roles and recognise our responsiblity for enabling our pupils' success	• Codifying our expectations- what excellence looks like • Prioritising coaching & deliberate practice
We enable high aspirations and potential for everyone in our community	We are aspirational for every child to proceed to University or another real equivalent	• Investing in our professional development - TWT networks, reading, wider opportunities • Showing fidelity to our consistent approach • Planning opportunities within and beyond the curriculum

I empower others to write their story	We do this because:	We do this by:
We commit to a culture of constructive feedback, immediate and for long-term development, and celebrating success	We strive to be even better	• Prioritising coaching and deliberate pracice • Investing in great people management
We assume goodwill and take responsibility for how our actions affect others	We believe in a collective responsibility; our created culture is a 'Team Sport'	• Clarifying the 'Why' • Apologising when required • Showing fidelity to our consistent approach

We write our story together	We do this because:	We do this by:
We build, maintain and strengthen relationships with all in our community	Success is made possible when we all feel safe and connected	• Using first names with staff, families and pupils • Phoning or meeting in person • Showing our love through consistent high expectations ('Challenge Directly')
We tenaciously empower the participation of all	We recognise our role, as a school, in championing social justice	• Identifying and mitigating potential barriers (Planning for All) • Caring Personally but Challenging Directly • Advocating for our pupils and their families with strong community connections

About our Trust

A Warm Welcome from our CEO

An **ambitious** and **inclusive** Trust of schools **strengthening** our **communities** through **excellent education.**

Moira Marder, OBE

On behalf of the Ted Wragg Trust, I would like to thank you for your interest in working for our Trust. This is an excellent opportunity to join our Trust and work in one of our 17 schools.

In our ambitious and inclusive Trust of schools we know that every individual is critical to help us to achieve our collective mission to transform lives, strengthen communities and make the world a better place.

Our values driven, growing 2-18 Trust, has the highest expectations for every child, every day, with social justice at our core. In this pack you will find out more about how we support, develop and grow great people.

This is a hugely exciting time for our Trust as we continue to grow, embed, improve and innovate to improve the life chances of all children in the South West.

We demonstrate our love through our values

How we will succeed

#lifeattedwragg

We know that our people are our greatest asset and research tells us that happiness at work is directly linked to student happiness and consequently student outcomes.

We are working hard to make sure that all our employees love coming to work.

Our Trust is dedicated to fostering an environment where employees can reach their full potential, with dignity, respect, and equal opportunities for all.

We value the unique contributions of each individual, recognising that diversity strengthens our community and makes our Trust a positive place to work and grow.

We are committed to excellent employment practices that attract and retain talent from a variety of backgrounds and communities.

The aim of our people strategy is to be the greatest place to work in the South West.

We know that to realise our ambitious aim we must welcome, retain and develop our great people who work day in day out to transform the lives of the children in our Trust.

#lifeattedwragg is focussed on ensuring all our employees:

- Love coming to work and have a strong sense of belonging
- Experience high quality development through our dedicated development curriculums delivered by the Ted Wragg Institute
- Inspire others with their open and collaborative approach

To find out more about what it is like to work at the Ted Wragg Trust, explore our development curriculums and hear from our employees please visit our website at www.tedwraggtrust.co.uk/workwith us

The Ted Wragg Institute

We want to ensure that our people feel invested and fulfilled in their role by providing personalised, relevant and engaging professional development. Our brand-new Ted Wragg Institute (TWI) delivers our high-quality development offer for all, across our family of schools.

Our incredible offer includes Trust CDP, Leadership Development, Networks, Cohort-specific training and NPQs. Take a look at our offer this year here.

Early Career Teachers

If you are an Early Career Teacher you will benefit from our tailored Early Career Framework combining weekly instructional coaching, asynchronous independent learning, online 'clinics' and in-person conferences. With a dedicated mentor or coach and access to supportive networks the ECTs in our Trust are supported and developed to reach their full potential.

Our professional development delivery model

Our professional development delivery is underpinned by our Education key concept (see page 8). We believe that professional development should build knowledge, motivate, develop techniques and embed practice.

At the Ted Wragg Trust, we are research informed and believe that it is important that everyone involved in sharing ideas understands the underlying rationale and evidence base. We ensure that professional development is:

Sustained
Frequency is critical, not time span

Practice-Based
Create new habits

Domain-Specific
Create new habits

External Expertise
Challenge the familiar & refresh ideas

Professional Buy-In
Purpose & benefits eclipse volunteering

We believe this slightly adapted model from 'Teaching Walkthrus 2', Tom Sherrington and Oliver Caviglioli is applicable to all professional development and will underpin the delivery of all our professional development networks, seminars and webinars.

Our Ted Wragg Standard

Our Ted Wragg Standard provides a minimum set of high standards across all our schools to establish clear structures, implement effective processes and hold each other to account to enable excellence. It is based on our three key concepts: Leadership, Education and Every Child Succeeds.

Key Concept: Leadership

We believe that great leadership:

Fiercely educates

Thrives in a complex system

Is locally enabled

Key Concept: Education

We have a clearly defined and articulated learning model that is understood by all teaching staff. This model of the learning process uses the concepts of Working Memory and Long-Term Memory. It draws on ideas from Cognitive Load Theory and the work of Daniel Willingham.

Key Concept: Every Child Succeeds

We believe individual development is well explained using Maslow; that an individual grows in an ecosystem and can be interpreted using Bronfenbrenner's work, and that we are interdependent.

We believe that to enable our children to live a life of opportunity, we need to understand what true inclusion means. To us, our model is based on Maslow's hierarchy of needs and the Bronfenbrenner's ecology of inclusive education.

Microsystem

Child

- sleep well
- eat breakfast
- Follow school rules and routines
- attend school regularly

Family

- healthy sleep patterns
- nutritional diet including breakfast
- Online safety parental controls
- adequate housing
- clean clothing
- Support school policies
- Protect from dangers
- attend medical appointments
- Ensure attendance is good

School

- Behaviour, Health and Safety, Accessibility, Safeguarding, Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions and Anti-Bullying Policy
- Online Safety lessons and workshops for parents/carers
- Early Help support
- First Aid trained staff
- Attendance Engagement Officer and Attendance Policy
- Nutritional lunches and free breakfast
- Foodbank support
- Wrap around care

Mesosystem

- We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment for pupils and their families.
- We listen to our pupils and families and take seriously what they tell us.
- We work in partnership with other agencies such as CAMHs and Early Help

Macrosystem

- Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Teacher Standards
- Devon and Plymouth Children's Social Services
- 0-25 SEND Team
- Virtual School

Our Benefits

A critical part of our People Strategy is to ensure that we welcome and retain our great employees and ensure that they are supported both at home and at work.

When you join our Ted Wragg family we are here for you every step of the way. Here are some of the benefits we offer:

- Exceptional development and networking opportunities
- Cost of blue light cards can be claimed through expenses
- Free annual flu jab, eye test and allowance for glasses
- Exclusive discounts, cashback and vouchers
- Free, confidential employee helpline. Available 24-7 through Health Assured
- Access to Wisdom app to support your mental health
- Up to 10% off all Pure Gyms
- up to the value of £2,000.
- Up to 2 days paid emergency time off for dependants
- Generous public sector pension schemes for all staff
- Timetabled instructional coaching for all teachers
- Family friendly policies and flexible working opportunities

Our Trust Journey

Professor Ted Wragg, in whose memory the Ted Wragg Trust is named, was passionate about how education can transform young people's futures.

17
Total number of schools
(July 2024)

13,237
Total number of students
(July 2024)

1,854
Number of employees
(July 2024)

October 2013
Isca Academy

September 2015
Cranbrook Education Campus

May 2016
St James School

April 2017
Exwick Heights Primary School

March 2018
West Exe School

March 2019
Whipton Barton Infant and Nursery School
Whipton Barton Junior School

February 2020
St Luke's Church of England School

April 2020
Marine Academy Primary
Marine Academy Plymouth

January 2021
All Saints Academy Plymouth

February 2021
Queen Elizabeth's School

January 2022
Lipson Co-operative Academy

March 2023
Sidmouth College

July 2023
Honiton Community College

September 2023
Matford Brook Academy

July 2024
Tor Bridge High

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