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## Open Letter from Principal

I am delighted that you are interested in applying for the post at Longsands Academy, part of the Astrea Academy Trust since 1st September 2018.

Longsands Academy is a successful, fully inclusive secondary school at the heart of its community. We pride ourselves on providing an engaging and supportive environment in which our students feel empowered to reach and embrace their full potential with confidence. Our staff are committed to nurturing the abilities of every child with a curriculum which promotes academic excellence and recognises the distinct uniqueness of our students. The opportunities we provide allow all students to showcase their talents, whether through the traditional school day or as a result of the wealth of extra-curricular activities that we provide. We are extremely proud of the achievements of our students that are a result of the high expectations of behaviour, learning and teaching and the strong, supportive relationships that exist between staff, students and their parents/carers. Furthermore, in order to develop the important qualities of independent learning and resilience, our students are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning both in and out of lessons.

The Academy has approximately 1396 students on roll in Years 7-11 with a further 329 students attending the Longsands Sixth Form and partner providers of post-16 education including Stageworks.

Our aim is that when students leave the Academy they are equipped with everything they need to reach their potential and become happy, successful, resilient adults and positive contributors in society. A talented and committed body of staff is driven by a relentless desire to ensure that our core purpose, to secure the best possible experience, learning and outcomes for each young person for whom we have responsibility, is a lived reality.

As such, we are committed to develop our staff to be the very best that they can be by striving to ensure that all of our colleagues can access Continuous Professional Development (CPD). Our CPD programme is both department-based and in collaboration with academies within the Astrea family and external partners. Wide-ranging opportunities for professional development are available for staff at all stages of their career, including ECTs, experienced classroom teachers, middle and senior leaders and support staff.

I look forward to receiving your application.

**Neil Owen**  
**Principal at Longsands Academy**



## JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>SALARY</b>	MPS/UPS
<b>CONTRACT TYPE</b>	Permanent
<b>WORKING PATTERN</b>	Full time
<b>HOURS PER WEEK</b>	32.5

### Purpose

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.



### **Skills, Capabilities & Experience**

- Experience of teaching at KS3, KS4 with excellent classroom management skills
- Effective classroom teacher
- Qualified teacher status
- Degree or equivalent
- Evidence of recent and relevant professional development
- Understanding of planning the KS3 curriculum
- Understanding of planning the KS4 and KS5 curriculum to meet exam board requirements
- Ability to communicate effectively at all levels
- Effective interpersonal skills
- Evidence of musical ability on one or more instruments
- Efficient organizer
- Ability to use initiative and prioritise work
- Ability to work to deadlines
- Confident user of ICT
- Experience of monitoring progress of students and intervening where necessary
- 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

### **This is not exhaustive.**

*Astrea Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Posts are subject to enhanced DBS checks. For further details on the recruitment process, please review our Recruitment Pack. This can be found attached to each vacancy or requested by emailing [recruitment@astreaacademytrust.org](mailto:recruitment@astreaacademytrust.org)*