**

**FAKENHAM ACADEMY & SIXTH FORM - JOB DESCRIPTION**

**TEACHER OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**Full time, Permanent**

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| **Line Managers job title:** | Head of Social Sciences |
| **Salary:** | MPS/UPS |
| **Tenure:** | Permanent  |
| **Contract type:** | 52 weeks  |
| **% of FTE** | 1.0 - Full time |

**THE POST**

**Fakenham Academy** is a member of the Sapientia Education Trust (SET). SET is an expanding multi-academy trust with 13 primary and 9 secondary schools.

We are seeking to appoint an inspiring and energetic **Teacher of Social Sciences** with a commitment to achieving excellence for all our students. The successful candidate will be an enthusiastic Social Sciences teacher and have a passion for their subject. They will have a clear focus and understanding of what makes outstanding teaching and learning and provide excellent outcomes for students. This is an opportunity to join a welcoming, highly committed and professional team.

The successful candidate will work within the Social Sciences team and teach students at Key Stages 4 and 5. We currently teach **Health and Social Care** at KS4 and KS5 and **Criminology,** **Psychology and Sociology** at KS5. The ideal candidate must be able to teach at least 2 of the subjects mentioned above at KS4 and KS5.   Applications from ECTs are welcomed for this post.

The first six months of employment shall be a probationary period and employment may be terminated by the Trust during this period at any time on one week’s prior written notice. The Trust may, at its absolute discretion, extend this period for up to a further six months. During this probationary period, performance and suitability for continued employment will be monitored.

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

The professional competencies expected of the **Teacher of Social Sciences** are:

* Be an Outstanding Teacher (or have the potential to be) with evidence of impact on pupil outcomes with a proven track record of total commitment to helping every pupil achieve their very best and make progress;
* Have excellent understanding of what constitutes excellence in teaching and learning;
* Have a keen understanding of data and be able to analyse patterns in performance over time;
* Be a positive role model for pupils and staff on a day-to-day basis;
* Collaborate effectively with staff, parents/carers and students;
* The ability to communicate clearly and tactfully using appropriate methods and

an awareness of the impact of your own communication on others;

* Able to maintain positive relationships with all and able to work as an effective and

flexible part of a team; willing to change methods of work and routines to benefit

the team;

* Be able to multi-task and work under pressure;
* Be flexible and resilient in managing and executing their daily responsibilities;
* Able to demonstrate strong planning and organisational skills;
* Willingness to accept responsibility for your own actions;
* The ability to prioritise effectively, meet deadlines and accept challenges.
* To work in compliance with the National Teachers’ Standards

**Personal Qualities**.

Fakenham Academy & Sixth Form expects its teachers to have the following personal qualities:

* Be an innovative, independent thinker with the capacity for strategic thinking;
* Be creative and proactive in finding solutions;
* Be flexible and adaptive to changing needs and priorities;
* Be resilient, calm and tenacious under pressure;
* Be insightful and analytical with good problem-solving skills;
* Have excellent communication skills and evidence of being able to build and sustain effective working relationships with staff, students, parents and the wider community;
* Be a self-reflective practitioner who always seeks to improve;
* See the ‘big picture’ in relation to whole school priorities & improvement;
* Able to reason their educational philosophy, in tune with the school ethos;
* Be willing to contribute to the extra-curricular life of the school;
* Possess a sense of humour;
* Have the ability to inspire and enthuse staff and students about their subject;
* Be highly self-motivated, able to energise and motivate others;
* Be insightful and understanding of national, international and research developments relevant to teaching and learning in their subject.

The qualifications and experience required of the Teacher of Social Sciences are:

* Have a qualified teacher status;
* First/Second class degree;
* Appropriate qualifications, experience and any other requirements needed to perform the role in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people.

**JOB SPECIFICATION**

**General Responsibilities**

The Teacher of Social Sciences will be responsible to the Headteacher, through the Head of Social Sciences, for teaching classes in the Academy using their skill, experience and best endeavours and in accordance with Teachers’ Standards. They will abide by the Code of Conduct for Staff and Volunteers at Fakenham Academy & Sixth Form. A contribution to the wider life of the Academy is an expectation of all staff, for example by supporting the extra-curricular activities within the Social Sciences Department.

**Specific Responsibilities**

A non-exhaustive list of specific responsibilities for the role is below and you will be required to undertake other duties and responsibilities as may reasonably be required.

**Planning**

* Maintain high expectations of pupil behaviour, demonstrating a high level of discipline through positive and productive relationships and well-focused teaching.
* Assist in the development of schemes of work, teaching resources, marking policies and teaching strategies alongside other teachers and the subject lead.
* Assist in the development of the subject curriculum, ensuring the continued relevance to the needs of pupils.
* Identify clear teaching objectives, content, and lesson structures, and plan sequences of lessons appropriate to the subject content and the pupils being taught.
* Set appropriate and demanding expectations for pupils’ learning, setting clear targets for pupils’ learning based on prior attainment.
* Identify pupils who have additional educational needs and adapt lesson planning to cater for these needs.
* Incorporate the use of resources into lesson plans, ensuring that equipment is in good working order and suitable for teaching use, and that resources are used effectively.

**Teaching**

* Implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for the specified subject area, building on pupils’ prior knowledge.
* Deliver lessons appropriate to pupils’ different abilities and educational needs, ensuring that they are all able to progress to their potential.
* Provide and contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual pupils and groups of pupils.
* Mark and monitor pupils’ class and homework regularly, providing constructive oral and written feedback.
* Use assessments of pupils’ progress to inform future teaching.
* Prepare informative and constructive written reports for parents which identify how each pupil is performing, and how they can improve within the classroom.
* Share and support the school’s duty to provide and monitor opportunities for personal and academic growth.

**Managing pupils**

* Adhere to the processes outlined in the school’s Behaviour Policy, ensuring that any poor levels of behaviour are dealt with appropriately.
* Through effective teaching, ensure that pupils are challenged and that best use is made of teaching time to promote good levels of behaviour.
* Employ a range of teaching methods to keep pupils engaged, e.g. through effective questioning, clear presentation and use of resources.

The post-holder will be required to comply with the Trust Code of Conduct. The post holder will have access to and be responsible for confidential information and documentation. They must ensure confidential or sensitive material is handled appropriately and accurately.

The post holder shall participate in the Trust’s programme of Performance Management and Continuing Professional Development.

**HOURS OF WORK**

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| Paid Weeks per year | 52 weeks |
| Hours per week | Full-time |
| Normal working Pattern | Monday - Friday |
| Holidays | Holiday pay entitlement is included in the pro rata salary for the post and there is no entitlement to take holidays during term-time.  |
| CPD Days | Your working hours do not include the automatic requirement to work on published CPD days if this is not a contractual day, but you may be required to attend mandatory training and, in these cases, the additional hours may be claimed on a timesheet, where not already paid under another contract. |

The post-holder will be auto enrolled to join the Teachers’ pension scheme.

**DRESS CODE**

The post-holder will be expected to wear appropriate business attire. All staff will be supplied with appropriate Staff ID. This must be worn at all times to ensure that students, staff and visitors are able to identify employees.

**PRE-EMPLOYMENT CHECKS**

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

All staff must be prepared to undergo several vetting checks to confirm their suitability to work with children and young people. The Trust reserves the right to withdraw offers of employment where checks or references are deemed to be unsatisfactory.