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**Teaching Assistant
Recruitment Pack**

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Dear Candidate

Thank you for your interest in the role of a **Teaching Assistant**, at Gloucester Academy.

Introduction

This role is an exciting opportunity to join Gloucester Academy and further contribute to the life chances of our young people in the school, and across the Greenshaw Learning Trust. It is a chance to be part of something very special.

Gloucester Academy ensures that students and staff can develop and learn in a disruption free environment with exceptional standards. Our school is dedicated to the achievement of all and as such we provide exceptional training and education not only for our students but also for our staff whom we value equally.

Gloucester Academy has an exceptional track record of improvement with results last year making us the 11th most improved school in the country. The latest Ofsted report for Gloucester Academy relates to a different phase of the school's life. The report was written prior to Greenshaw Learning Trust bringing Gloucester Academy into its rapidly improving set of schools and in fact was the very reason why they took on its leadership.

This role will support career development and equip you for a further promotion within the Academy and within our trust. We are based in central Gloucester which in itself is in a beautiful area of the country and provides access to the Cotswolds whilst maintaining close proximity to Bristol and Cheltenham. The area we serve is diverse, and therefore our catchment and students offer a range of expectations and exciting challenges. At Gloucester Academy we make a real difference to the lives of all we serve.

Work life balance is a high priority at Gloucester Academy. To support this, we offer a highly visible and supportive senior leadership team. We have centralised planning within the school and across the trust with dedicated time in the day for departments to work collaboratively to adapt lessons. centralised detentions, disruption free learning, whole class feedback through a clear feedback policy, lesson's structure based on the Rosenshein principles, visualisers in every classroom, subject experts working together within a collaborative trust, highly bespoke CPD in a short weekly session i.e Teach Like a Champion focus each session.

We are proud members of the Greenshaw Learning Trust, a 'family' of like-minded schools, that collaborate to provide mutual support, share their good practice and learn from each other, whilst retaining and developing our own distinctive character.

The Trust is a vibrant and forward-thinking community of teachers, support staff and learners committed to educating the 'whole child' to improve life chances, whilst securing the best possible outcomes for students. We encourage all young people to work hard and make the most of the opportunities they are given. Our amazing team of teachers and support staff themselves demonstrate and encourage a lifelong love of learning, both within and beyond our curriculum.

As one of the highest performing multi-academy trusts in the country, we currently comprise of thirty schools: seven in South London, five in Berkshire, one in Surrey, fourteen in Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire, and three in Plymouth. We are continuing to grow and have further schools joining us on a regular basis.

We are ambitious about diversity and inclusion and very much look forward to receiving applications from candidates whose personal qualities and values reflect those in the person-specification and whose experiences also place them in a strong position to deliver the challenges set out in the job description. We encourage applications from candidates regardless of age, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital status, religion, belief, or race.

Gloucester Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people therefore this appointment will be subject to vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure.

The school websites provide a clear picture of our aspirations and our vision; however, please do not hesitate to contact us to seek further information HR@gloucesteracademy.co.uk . We very much look forward to receiving applications from candidates whose personal qualities, values and experiences support and reflect ours.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



Phillipa Lewis

Headteacher

Greenshaw Learning Trust – ‘Always Learning’

GLT is one of the highest performing multi academy trusts in the country that provides high quality comprehensive, non-selective and inclusive education. The Trust is committed to meeting the needs of every student and our schools offer a broad curriculum and wide range of special needs provision in a welcoming and challenging environment.

We are extremely proud of our success, but we are not complacent. We believe that we can – as an academy trust, as schools and as individuals – always improve. We are all ‘Always Learning’.

Each school in GLT is led by its own leadership team and a governing body, which have the support of the wider Trust to help them achieve their objectives for their school. Being part of the Trust provides our schools with an effective structure, collaboration, and support. Our culture of trust and openness fosters mutual support and continual improvement.

At GLT it is really important to us that our classrooms are disruption free and the schools are calm and orderly. Our shared behaviour policy assists to make this happen and enables our teachers to have the greatest impact on the educational outcomes of the children in their classes.

School-to-school collaboration is enabled by regular contact between school leaders. Our shared services professionals provide a wide range of effective, rapid and flexible support, advice and guidance to our schools, including curriculum support, school improvement, staff training and development, admissions, attendance, behaviour, safeguarding and SEND, pupil services, estates, finance, HR, IT, catering, clerking, procurement and governance.

From its establishment as a multi academy trust in 2014, the Trust has grown significantly and currently employs around 3,000 people and educates nearly 19,000 students. Further information about our schools can be found [here](#).

The Greenshaw Learning Trust Mission Statement

We are ambitious for our schools and their students. We believe that there is no ceiling on what can be achieved by anyone, regardless of their circumstances or background.

We are committed to providing a supportive and inclusive learning environment, giving every young person the opportunity to fulfil their potential now, and in the future.

We seek to realise the power of individuals and organisations working together in collaboration whilst retaining their individuality, and we recognise that we can always improve.

Greenshaw Learning Trust Employee Benefits

The GLT recognises that our employees are our most important asset, and we are aware that the quality and commitment of our employees is critical to our success. We offer all our employees the following staff benefits:

- A supportive ethos and concern for the well-being of all colleagues
- Excellent CPD opportunities and career progression
- Employer contributions to Local Government (LGPS) or Teachers Pension Scheme
- Cycle to Work scheme
- Gym membership scheme
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Free eye tests
- Childcare Voucher scheme
- Car benefit scheme
- My Health discounts

Terms and Conditions

Line Managed by:	SENDCo
Line Management:	-
Contract:	Permanent.
Salary:	Salary calculated in line with the NJC Scale Range, Grade C, Scale Points 3 to 6, £22,737 - £23,893 (FTE) £19,608 - £20,605 Actual Salary.
Hours of Work:	Monday to Friday, 36 hours per week. Term time only plus all INSETS.
Place of Work:	Gloucester Academy, Painswick Road, Gloucester, GL4 6RN
Medical Examination:	The appointment is subject to a satisfactory medical report
Superannuation:	Under the Social Security Act 1986 the post holder has the right to make their own pension arrangements. They may choose to contribute to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) or a Personal Pension Scheme. Details of the Local Government Pension Scheme are available at: https://www.lgpsmember.org
Holiday Entitlement:	The annual holiday entitlement is 23 days plus 2 extra-statutory days. This is a term time only appointment therefore your annual leave entitlement is paid within your annual salary.
Probation Period:	New employees are required to complete a six-month probationary period
Disclosure & Barring Service Check:	This appointment is subject to the receipt of a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check
Right to Work Check:	This appointment is subject to verification of the right to work in the UK. Where the successful candidate has worked or been resident overseas in the last five years, such checks and confirmations may be required in accordance with the statutory guidance

Job Description

The **Teaching Assistant** role is an exciting addition to the Gloucester Academy Team.

Main purpose of the role

As a Teaching Assistant you will be passionate about working with children. You will enjoy helping them learn and grow. At Gloucester Academy we are looking for a Teaching Assistant to join us to work alongside the classroom teacher to provide additional support to the whole class or individual students. We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic, patient, and has a positive attitude towards learning. You will be responsible for providing individualised support, building relationships with your student and their family, and working closely with the classroom teacher to create a supportive learning environment.

All of our staff are expected to:

- To contribute to the evaluation of the school's SEN Policy and Inclusion Policy and practice through discussions with relevant staff.
- To attend appropriate in-service training provided by the school or local authority.
- To attend school team meetings and meetings with external agencies as required and to prepare reports for these meetings, if required.

Key Accountabilities

- To provide in-class support for all students, focusing on SEND or small groups of students (e.g. 4-5 students), including specialist subject support as appropriate.
- Under the direction of the class teacher, to assist in the management of the whole class through the overt modelling of effective behaviour management techniques.
- Small group intervention.
- Under the direction of the SENDCo, to develop and lead small group work for identified students (e.g. Speech and Language Interventions) and to contribute to the appropriate paperwork for these groups
- To assist in the production of teaching and learning materials for students, including differentiating the materials.
- To provide support, to include personal care, for student(s) experiencing physical or medical difficulties (following training), and physio/transferring of students as appropriate.
- To provide after school support for identified students as required.
- To provide regular feedback to the class teacher and to the SENDCo or the relevant line manager.
- To use appropriate systems for recording the progress of students with behavioural and learning difficulties.
- To provide data and information to inform Annual and Transition Review paperwork, PSP's (Pastoral Support Programme), Student Profile documentation and Academic Reporting.
- To undertake assessment of students and to provide data to the relevant member(s) of staff for analysis.
- To provide support to identified students undertaking tests/exams to enable them to make full use of their access arrangements.

Other Job Requirements

- Have the flexibility to work outside the normal working hours to support the school with evening events.
- This job description is current, but following consultation with you, may be changed by the Headteacher to reflect or anticipate changes in the job.

Safeguarding Children

- Be keenly aware of the responsibility for safeguarding children and to help in the application of the Safeguarding Policy within the school.
- Comply with the school's Safeguarding Policy in order to ensure the welfare of children and young persons.

Personal Responsibilities

- To play a full part in the life of the school community and to encourage staff and students to follow this example.
- To actively promote school policies and procedures.
- To be responsible for your own continued professional development.
- To comply with the school's Health & Safety policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate.
- To be courteous to colleagues, visitors and telephone callers and provide a welcoming environment.
- To attend meetings scheduled in the school calendar punctually.
- To adhere to the School's Safeguarding Policy.
- All staff will be part of the school's appraisal scheme. You will have a team leader who will set agreed targets for the year. The team leader will monitor and review performance.

Person Specification

The successful candidate will meet the following person specification. Please note that the listed criteria will form the basis of the selection process. Applicants should address all elements of the Person Specification, demonstrating experience and where appropriate citing supporting examples within their application.

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Training, Qualifications and Experience: On their application form, candidates will demonstrate that they have the following training, qualifications, and school experience:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At least five GCSEs or equivalent which must include at least a C grade in maths and English. ● Minimum Level 3 vocational training/qualification in the care, development and education of children. ● Experience of using Information Technology to support students in the classroom. ● Experience of supporting SEND students in a mainstream classroom environment. ● Previous experience of working with children in an educational setting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A UK (or equivalent) degree in a curriculum subject with good classification. ● Successful experience of working within a Secondary school. ● Experience with physical disabilities.
Personal and Professional Qualities and Attributes: In their statement of suitability and during the selection process, candidates will demonstrate the ability to:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Knowledge of strategies to recognise and reward efforts and achievements along with the ability to encourage students to become self-reliant and independent learners. ● Knowledge of SEND including the Code of Practice. ● Excellent communication with children and parents/carers. ● Good behaviour management. ● Able to adapt activities to suit the child. ● Possess strong interpersonal skills. ● Be dependable, able to follow instructions and respond to management directions. ● Have a willingness to extend skills through appropriate training. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have good working ICT knowledge including Microsoft Office. 	
<p>Additional Requirements: In their statement of suitability and during the selection process, candidates will demonstrate that they can meet the following requirements:</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strong character who is able to organise, motivate and lead students so that they succeed. • A passion and desire to drive things forward. • Commitment to working within the School's Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. • Commitment to high standards and expectations. • High levels of professional integrity, energy and enthusiasm. • Flexibility to undertake any role within the department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The confidence to take risks and do things differently.

The Recruitment Process

1. Application

To apply for a staff vacancy, please register for an online account to complete the application form. Please visit our website <https://www.greenshawlearningtrust.co.uk/join-us/staff>. The recruitment process is managed via your online account and you will receive regular notifications regarding the progress of your application.

The completed online application form should be accompanied by a personal statement of suitability of no more than 2 sides of A4. In the application form and personal statement, you should demonstrate how you meet the requirements set out in the Person Specification. Please include specific examples which support your application.

Applications must be received no later than Tuesday 20th February 2024 at midday. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

2. Shortlisting

Shortlisting will be finalised on Wednesday 21st February 2024. Shortlisted applicants will be invited by telephone to attend an interview. Please make sure you have indicated clearly day and evening telephone numbers on which you can be reached. References will be taken up after shortlisting.

3. Interview Process

Interviews will be arranged as and when successful applications arrive, as the school reserves the right to conduct interviews prior to the closing date. Applicants may also be asked to undertake a practical test related to the knowledge and abilities in the Person Specification.

4. Feedback

Unsuccessful shortlisted applicants will have the opportunity for professional feedback during the week following the interviews.

5. Taking up post

The successful applicant will take up the post as soon as possible.

6. Additional information

For further information, please contact Christine Osment, HR Manager on 01452 428800 or cosment@gloucesteracademy.co.uk.

7. Safeguarding

Greenshaw Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS and barred list check.