



Teaching Assistant Apprentice x3

GRADE: Apprenticeship Wage

ACTUAL SALARY: £10,044 per annum

Contract: 35 Hours, Term time only (39 weeks),

Fixed term contract to end of apprenticeship

Start Date: September 2024

CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACK



What is included within this pack?

Within this pack you will find both information and advice on applying for a role with Esteem Multi-Academy Trust including:

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Welcome from Esteem Multi-Academy Trust



Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Esteem Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). The Teaching Assistant Apprentice position presents a fantastic opportunity for somebody who shares our values and beliefs to join our team at a very important time.

We are eager to appoint positive, flexible staff who will support class lessons, engaging and motivating pupils and improve the quality of our pupils learning.

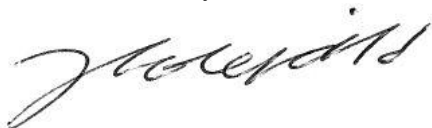
Stanton Vale School is a vibrant, stimulating and specialist community in which pupils and staff value themselves and others. We aim to challenge, motivate and empower individuals with the skills and knowledge for a life beyond school. We want the students and staff of Stanton Vale to be both aspirational and inspirational.

If you think you have got what we are looking for, we look forward to receiving your application for consideration.

For further information, please contact Tarina Chow, School Business Manager on 0115 972 9769, via email to info@stantonvale.co.uk or visit our website at <https://www.esteemmat.co.uk/vacancies>. Please use the relevant application form on the MAT website; CVs alone will not be accepted.

I wish you well in your application.

Yours faithfully



Julian Scholefield
Chief Executive Officer

About Esteem Multi-Academy Trust

Esteem MAT was formed in 2018 and now consists of twelve academies from the East and West Midlands. Many of our pupils have special educational needs and/or disabilities or are disadvantaged. Therefore, inclusion is our watchword, and our vision is for Esteem to be a learning community of excellence for SEND and alternative provision in the Midlands. However, we want mainstream schools to join us too as they have many pupils with SEND or who are disadvantaged. We want all our pupils to achieve their full potential whatever type of school they attend.

Our vision is to be a Trust that:

- Leads and supports our academies to provide the highest standards of education and development for all our pupils
- Enables academies with a shared sense of purpose to benefit from alignment whilst maintaining individuality
- Provides a strong, collective voice for our academies at a local and national level
- Delivers support and SEND expertise to our academies and to other schools and local authorities

Our vision will be delivered via our three core strategic aims. Everything we do should be ultimately focused on doing these three things well:

- We will provide an ambitious, inspirational, bespoke education, setting the foundation for the future and ensuring our young people are ready for the world.
- We will deliver high standards and value for money from our support services, resources, estate and technology.
- We will invest in and support our people, exploiting opportunities for collaborative, continual professional development, sharing of expertise and best practice

Our people are our most valuable resource. We invest in them by providing high quality specialist training, opportunities to collaborate and develop their careers within Esteem.

We greatly value each school's unique identity, which reflect the diverse needs of the pupils. It is also important to us that our pupils feel they belong to their school community. This is why we believe that our schools need strong leaders and governors who understand their local context. Being part of a family of schools in a trust brings the added benefits of support and collaboration. We know that sharing ideas and working together are the best ways for our schools to continue to improve for the benefit of all our pupils.

Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear prospective applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the post of Teaching Assistant Apprentice at Stanton Vale School. Stanton Vale is an all age academy with students joining from age two and potentially staying with us until they are nineteen. The students have a range of needs and abilities, but mainly have severe, complex or profound and multiple learning disabilities. The academy has a growing reputation for working with more complex youngsters, which means our staff are skilled in supporting the physical and complex health needs of these students.

Stanton Vale School is a relatively small academy, with 114 students on roll. This gives the academy a close community atmosphere, where students feel safe and happy as they are supported and empowered to reach their full potential. We are proud of the fact that our academy is a great place, both to learn and to work.

We have a dedicated and talented staff team who have genuine ambition for the students they teach. Our governing body is supportive and challenging as well as being open to new ideas and fresh approaches. But it is the students who are at the heart of Stanton Vale School. It is their enthusiasm and drive that makes the academy such a special place.

As well as making a positive contribution to the lives of our students, we can offer you:

- A supportive, collaborative and friendly staff environment where you will have the chance to make a real and positive impact on the lives of Stanton Vale School's students
- Professional and continuous training programmes and a supportive career progression
- Generous pension schemes (LPGS)
- A range of health and wellbeing services through Westfield Health
- Free, on-site car parking
- School social events
- A commitment to staff well-being

Within this pack you'll find lots of information on the application process and about the academy. However, you may also wish to visit us and see for yourself the energy, enthusiasm and above all the joy for learning of the students here.

We welcome applications from candidates who, having read the application pack, feel they have the necessary skills, experience, and strength of character to fulfil the challenges of the role. The closing date for applications is 23:59 on 05 July 2024. Visits to the site are encouraged and warmly welcomed, please contact the school on 0115 972 9769 to arrange this.

Interviews for this post are to be confirmed upon suitable application.

Thank you again for your interest in our academy; I wish you well with your application.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Kehoe
Headteacher
Stanton Vale School

About Stanton Vale School

Stanton Vale School is a vibrant all age special academy located in Long Eaton, working with students primarily from the south east of Derbyshire but also from Derby City, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. Our students' complex needs can act as a barrier to effective learning. The academy has a strong reputation for multi-disciplinary work aimed at overcoming these challenges. We then build on this by focusing on what students can do.

Our most complex students benefit from a specialist sensory based approach and learn through an experiential curriculum. Our more able students spend time working on key skills of learning and, at an appropriate time, their curriculum may become more formal in line with their developing skills and understanding. For all our students, outcomes rooted in their Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) are the driver to their learning and individual curriculum. As with any special school, we ensure equality of opportunity for our students and work hard to provide a range of additional activities such as college visits, residential activities, community visits and enhanced provision in sports and especially the arts.

The academy also benefits from having a dedicated nurse on site as well as access to speech & language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy. Strong links with parents and governors are fostered through a range of formal and informal events with the academy striving to be at the centre of its community.

The students benefit from access to a swimming pool on site as well as specialist teaching spaces such as a 'soft mobility room', library, adapted kitchens. Externally we have large grounds. Dedicated play spaces are complimented with an allotment, quiet area and an outdoor willow learning space. Students also spend time at The Long Eaton School as well as attending Central College as appropriate.

Further information about our academy can be found on the website at www.stantonvale.co.uk

The advertisement

Job Title: Teaching Assistant Apprentice

Location: Stanton Vale School, Thoresby Road, Long Eaton, NG10 3NP

Grade/Scale: Apprenticeship Wage £10,044 per annum

Start date: ASAP

Contract: 35 hours per week, Term time only (39 weeks), Fixed term contract to end of apprenticeship

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We are seeking a positive, flexible, caring individual who are willing to contribute fully to the life of the school and who are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Benefits include: LGPS Pension Scheme school holidays, Westfield Health membership and free parking.

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Interview date: TBC

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Job description and person specification

Job Description: Teaching Assistant Apprentice

Esteem Multi-Academy Trust

Post Title:		Teaching Assistant Apprentice
Location:		Stanton Vale School, Thoresby Road, Long Eaton, NG10 3NP
Purpose:		To work under the guidance of teaching/senior staff and within an agreed system of supervision, to support access to learning with individuals/groups, in or out of the classroom, including assisting with the general care, mobility and personal hygiene needs of pupils. The primary focus will be to ensure continued high quality learning and pupil achievement.
Reporting to:		Senior Intervention Assistant
Liaising with:		Class team, SLT, Parents and Carers
Working Time:		8.30 am to 4.00 pm TTO - 35 hours per week
Salary/Grade:		Apprenticeship Wage £10,044 per annum
Disclosure level		Enhanced
PRINCIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES		
To achieve the above		The post-holder will be required to demonstrate a high level of flexibility being prepared to work across the school in all Key Stages and with a wide range of children and young people with differing complex needs. On a daily basis they will be required to report to members of the middle and senior leadership team to establish where the need for cover support is greatest. Their deployment may change as the day and the week progresses. Although the post is primarily to support lessons in the classroom, there may be times when no cover is required. The following duties may then be undertaken: ○ in class support ○ helping with displays around school ○ supporting the administration team ○ supporting administration ○ lunch duty of a cover lesson ○ supporting school visits The post-holder will demonstrate essential professional characteristics, and in particular will: ○ Engage and motivate pupils ○ Improve the quality of pupils' learning ○ Inspire trust and confidence in pupils and colleagues ○ Build team commitment with colleagues and in the classroom ○ Demonstrate analytical thinking

		○ Demonstrate empathy with and an appreciation of the care needs of pupils Teaching Assistant Apprentice Agreed Framework Requirements In all cases, indicative tasks at the competency level specified within the Teaching Assistant agreed Framework, will be the reference point for the competencies listed below. PUPIL PROGRESS: Be a proactive part of the teaching team, ensuring that all pupils make good or better progress Establish constructive relationships and use a variety of methods to communicate with parents and other relevant professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupils' learning, well-being and progress Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils within the classroom, school and wider community Encourage pupils to interact and work co-operatively in learning activities Promote independence and employ strategies to recognise and reward achievement of self-reliance and build self-esteem PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: Maintain, develop and apply professional knowledge to enable effective teaching and learning support Share such knowledge with colleagues to improve whole school effectiveness Promote positive values, attitudes and good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour Respond quickly and appropriately to demands made by individual pupils to meet general care, mobility, and personal hygiene needs Understand and apply the principles of good classroom management Understand and apply a range of appropriate support strategies Be conversant with the schools safeguarding policy and actively employ said policy in order to keep pupils across school safe Be aware of the Data Protection Act and other legislation to ensure confidentiality of records and information. WHOLE SCHOOL ETHOS Where appropriate contribute to the formulation of school policies Execute school policies Promote the wider aspirations of the school and MAT Share in the visions and values of the school and MAT The appointment is subject to the current conditions of employment for Teaching Assistants Apprentices contained in the Guidelines of the Derbyshire County Council agreed framework and the Education Act (2002), with particular regard to the regulations made under section 133 and the statutory responsibilities of the Governing Bodies of schools, and any other current applicable legislation. The post-holder will comply with Health and Safety requirements and specifically will take reasonable care of him/herself and other persons who may be affected by his/her acts or omissions at work
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		(Health and Safety at Work Act 1974), and other relevant employment legislation and school policies.
Other Generic Responsibilities:		
• Represent and promote the ethos and values of Esteem Multi-Academy Trust • To take and be accountable for all decisions made within the parameters of the job description • Participate with performance management and training and activities that contribute to personal and professional development • Actively promote and act at all times in accordance with the policies of the MAT e.g. Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities • Provide a high standard of customer service in all dealings internal and external to the MAT • Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified • Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description • The MAT will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition		

Person Specification: Teaching Assistant Apprentice Esteem Multi-Academy Trust

ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Education and Training	• Grade C or above GCSE English (or equivalent). • Grade C or above GCSE Maths (or equivalent).	• Full UK Driving Licence • Behaviour Management training • Level 3 First Aid at Work • Care/Teaching Assistant related qualification/NVQ level 2 or equivalent (or able to pass this qualification within timescale). • PROACT-SCIPr-UK trained (or equivalent)
Experience	• Successful experience of working with young people with behavioural needs. • Experience of supporting young people with Physical needs, behaviour and /or learning difficulties • Experience of working in classrooms setting • Experience of de-escalation strategies to support behaviour for learning.	
Skills, Knowledge and competences	• Knowledge of personal care procedures and physical disabilities • Good oral and written communication skills • Good organisational skills • Knowledge and use of Microsoft software and e mail • Ability to maintain accurate records	

	• A commitment to teamwork • Able to form positive relationships • Ability to undertake a range of teaching activities with confidence, working effectively with individual pupils, groups of pupils and whole classes • Ability to contribute to planning and preparation of lessons and teaching materials, • Ability to contribute to assessment and monitoring of pupil progress (if required).	
Personal qualities	• Energy, optimism, initiative, flexibility and commitment • Hard working • Reliable • Approachable • Enjoy working with others	
Equal Opportunities	• Knowledge and awareness of equal opportunities policy and commitment to its implementation	
Other	• Suitable to work with children • Committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people on a daily basis. • Commitment to raising standards of academic and personal achievement • Patient, tactful and approachable • Flexible approach to tasks and workload • Able to undertake a range of tasks as appropriate for the role	

Safeguarding and checks

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Esteem Multi-Academy Trust's Safeguarding Policy applies to all adults, including volunteers and agency staff, working in or on behalf of the MAT.

Each student's welfare is of paramount importance. We recognise that some children may be especially vulnerable to abuse e.g. those with special educational needs and disabilities, those living in adverse circumstances. We recognise that children who are abused or neglected may find it difficult to develop a sense of self-worth and to view the world positively. We recognise that some children who have experienced abuse may harm others. We will always take a considered and sensitive approach in order that we can support all students within our academies.

The MAT pays full regard to the DfE 'Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2023' guidance. We ensure that all appropriate measures are applied in relation to everyone who works for the MAT who is likely to be perceived by the students as a safe and trustworthy adult including volunteers and agency staff. As part of our safer recruiting practises, we scrutinise applicants; verify their identity, academic or vocational qualifications, obtain professional and personal references, check full employment history and ensure the applicant's health and physical capacity is suitable to undertake the role. Interviews and DBS checks are also undertaken.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore all convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as "spent" must be declared.

If you are currently working with children, either paid or voluntary, your current employer will be asked about disciplinary offences, including those related to children or young people (whether disciplinary sanction is current or time-expired), and whether you have been the subject of any child protection allegations or concerns and, if so, the outcome of any investigation or disciplinary proceedings.

If you are not currently working with children, but have done in the past, that previous employer will be asked about these issues.

Where neither your current or previous employment has involved working with children or young people, your current employer will be asked about your suitability to work with children and young people, although it may be answered "not applicable", where appropriate, if your work has not brought you in to contact with children or young people.

Application process and timeline

Application forms are available on our website at <https://www.esteemmat.co.uk/vacancies>.

After the closing date, shortlisting will be conducted by a panel who will match your skills and experience against the criteria in the Person Specification. You will be selected for interview purely on your application form, so please ensure that you read the Job Description and Person Specification carefully before you complete your application form.

All candidates invited to the interview and assessment day must bring the following documents; original documents only, copies will not be accepted:

- Documentary evidence for your right to work in the UK
- Documentary evidence of identity which meets the DBS requirements i.e. current photocard driving licence including a photograph and/or a passport and/or a full birth certificate
- Documentary proof of current name and address i.e. utility bill, financial statement etc.
- Where appropriate, documentation evidencing a name change
- Educational or professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post

Further information relating to DBS check documentation requirements can be found on the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/documents-the-applicant-must-provide>.

If you are not the successful candidate, all your personal information will be destroyed, in a secure way, in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR May 2018) guidelines.

References will be sought for shortlisted candidates for any central office-based positions and we may approach previous employers for information to verify experience or qualifications prior to interview. Any relevant issues arising from references will be discussed at interview.

Your completed application form and supporting letter should address and evidence the essential and desired criteria in the Person Specification.

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