

Teaching Assistant (Support) JDQ: AAAE 5052

Fixed term in the first instance

30 hours per week, 39 weeks per year

Grade 5, £15,300 – £16,753 (actual)

Blacon High School – More than a school

The Sanctuary is at the heart of Blacon High School's SEND provision, staffed by a full time specialist SEND teacher, 2 SENCOs, 1 Assistant SENCO, 15 Teaching Assistants, and an Assistant Headteacher. The Inclusion team are an amazing group of professionals who help to create a supportive, nurturing environment to enable all students to succeed to the best of their ability. Blacon High School students have so much potential, and they will rely on you to guide their learning journeys bespoke to them.

As a Teaching Assistant, you will work across the school, in a key role providing support to students in all areas of school life. You will act as key worker, helping to create a positive learning environment, so it is vital that you are enthusiastic, proactive, and have a passion for working within education.

The role involves supporting the class teacher and students; you will be responsible for running group sessions, 1-1 interventions, supporting with SEN paperwork, and general class support during lessons, break time cover and other general assistive duties. You will also help with student assessments, and feedback for teachers and parents/carers. You will ensure that students' emotional and academic needs are met and that they are progressing well each week, and provide updates to parents and carers where needed.

We are looking for candidates who are keen, motivated, and use their initiative. Applicants will preferably have experience of working in a school setting. Knowledge of Special Educational Needs and/or working with young people with SEN and learning difficulties is desirable but not essential as further training will be given.

Excellent behaviour management is essential yet with a calm but firm approach. You will always be working alongside a supportive staff team ensuring a positive and safe learning environment is provided for all students.

What will the role involve?

- Supporting students to access the curriculum
- Prepare and support the use of differentiated learning resources
- Support a positive culture for learning within the classroom
- Working alongside the teacher and other support staff to monitor safeguarding and progress
- Being an ambassador for the school's values of Respect, Resilience and Relationships
- Supporting with the completion of SEN paperwork

What are we looking for?

- A calm, patient practitioner
- Relevant experience in education or a related area
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- A proactive approach in meeting all students' needs
- A clear commitment to the overall ethos and aims of the School

If you enjoy working as part of a dedicated team, sharing knowledge, experience and learning, we encourage you to apply. You will connect directly with the students, helping to make sure they get the best from their education.

We will provide you with full training and development to succeed within your role.

Karen Appleby
Assistant Headteacher