Job Description – Learning Support Assistant (Job Coach)



Reporting to the Endeavour Faculty Manager.

Hours: 30 hours a week, term time only

Grade: Sixth Form Colleges' Support Staff Pay Spine, Points 20-23

Reporting to the Faculty Manager with responsibility for students with learning difficulties and disabilities (SLDD), you will be part of the learning support team supporting students (both 16-18 and adult), in either the Mainstream or Alternative provision to benefit from their learning up to and including advanced level courses. This will involve working closely with a wide cross-section of staff including Faculty Managers, Deputy Faculty Managers and teachers.

Your work will be co-ordinated through the Faculty Manager but there will be a need to work independently and to use your own initiative. A flexible approach to scheduling work time is essential as evening work may be required depending on student needs and the requirements of their employers.

Key Responsibilities

- To support students in their transition into employment.
- To support teaching staff to teach skills required for being successful in the workplace.
- To support students to continue in education or employment and make the most of their work experience.
- To engage with employers to secure realistic employment opportunities.
- Support young people to be successful in their employment, providing appropriate levels of support and guidance both in and outside of the work place
- Acquire or complete risk assessments where appropriate.
- To plan and prepare materials and resources as required.
- To monitor the effect of the role and provide regular feedback

Key Tasks

- To work closely with faculty staff to identify and secure appropriate work placements for SEND students with EHCPs, primarily those on the Supported Internship course.
- To liaise with appropriate middle managers to ensure that information is shared fully.
- To work closely with faculty and support staff to progress individual learning plans including soft outcomes and share key student information.
- To give support to identified students at key times to encourage them to stay on course and in employment to prevent them becoming NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training).

- To be proactive in creating relevant support materials, to enable students to maximise their workplace opportunities.
- To build networks with and be an active member of appropriate local and regional partner groups or agencies
- Provide an accurate and timely report to the Endeavour Faculty Manager highlighting activities, student progress and impact.
- Undertake training where appropriate.
- In addition, other duties as required at different times of the year commensurate with the grade/post.

| This job description sets out the main responsibilities for the postholder, but is not intended to be |
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| an exhaustive list. Specific duties may change from time to time without changing the general |
| nature of the post and the postholder is expected to be flexible in the range of responsibilities |
| they undertake commensurate with the responsibility and salary |



Person Specification - Progression Mentor and Job Coach

Essential

- Have experience of a similar role within a post 16 educational setting.
- Qualified to at least Level 3 in a relevant subject.
- Be able to demonstrate an understanding of and empathy for students with learning difficulties or disabilities.
- Have the enthusiasm and ability for work on a one-to-one or small-group basis with young people.
- Ability to develop resources for individual students.
- Be able to demonstrate appropriate commitment to equal opportunities and inclusive learning.
- Have a good general education and be positive and enthusiastic for the value of education.
- Have the confidence to work in a variety of workplaces and with a variety of staff.
- Be a team worker
- Be fully aware of the need for confidentiality
- Be flexible in their approach to work including working hours
- Have excellent interpersonal skills
- Have self-confidence and maturity
- Have an organized by sensitive approach to work
- Have a good sense of humour and patience
- Have own transport
- Be IT literate

Desirable

- Have recent experience of a teaching and learning environment
- Degree in a relevant subject
- Involvement with writing Individual Learning Plans.