

Post Details and Job Description

JOB TITLE:	Head of Geography
CONTRACT TYPE:	Permanent
ACCOUNTABLE TO:	SLT
GRADE:	MPS/ UPS, plus TLR 2(b)
THE ROLE:	A well-qualified and enthusiastic teacher to deliver Geography across the ability range of Key Stages 3 and 4 and to lead the Geography Faculty.
General Expectations:	<p>Staff will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute effectively to the work of the school and to the achievement of the 'School Improvement Priorities'. • Play a full part in the life of the school community, to support our distinctive aims and ethos, to encourage staff and students to follow this example. • Follow school policy regarding care, support and supervision of students. • Attend training and development activities and courses, ensuring continuing, personal and professional development. • Contribute to a welcoming school culture by promoting mutual respect for all. • Comply with any reasonable request from a leader to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description. • Work as a team member. • Act as a role model to students in speech, dress, behaviour and attitude. • Have common duties in the areas of: Quality Assurance, Communication, Professional Practice, Health & Safety, and General Management (where applicable), Financial Management (where applicable), Appraisal, Equality & Diversity, Confidentiality and Induction.
Duties and Responsibilities for all Teaching Staff:	<p>All teaching staff will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work within the National Conditions for Employment of School Teachers (STPCD). • Uphold and observe the Professional Code for Teachers (GTC) and meet the National Standards for Qualified Teachers. • Promote the school's stated ethos and support the school's policies in student leadership and Management. • Support and encourage colleagues at all levels within the school. • Contribute to and implement the annual School Improvement Plan and agreed policies. • Teach as directed throughout the school, subject to appropriate training. • Expect, monitor and improve progress in student learning. • Contribute to the personal and social development of all students. • Participate in the pastoral management and delivery of the schools Personal Social Health Citizenship and Enterprise Education programme (PSHCEE) as requested. • Take part in quality assurance and performance management procedures outlined in an agreed school policy. • Take responsibility for personal development.

Responsibilities for all Subject Teachers:	<p>All subject staff will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take full responsibility for ensuring a scheme of work is delivered to students in their allocated classes. • Plan lessons using a range of strategies to meet student's individual learning needs understood from attainment and supporting data. • Have a thorough knowledge and understanding of their subject, its teaching and place in the National Curriculum and that of the school. • Use the models set out in School Policies for delivery of lessons. • Set homework according to school and department policies. • Mark, assess record and report on student's achievements, setting appropriate targets. Keep to deadlines for reporting, marking, submission of coursework and assignments. • Prepare students for examinations when required, taking part in standardising and moderating activities required by departments and examination boards. • Contribute to the development of schemes of work, school and department policies as appropriate. • Attend and contribute to appropriate meetings and professional development activities. • Take an active part in the school's self-evaluation process, including the completion of appropriate documentation, and contribute to this process within the subject area. • Undertake whatever other duties might reasonably be requested by the Head Teacher or Subject Leader.
Responsibilities of all Form Leaders:	<p>All form leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are responsible for day-to-day administration in the form group. • Review and discuss student's work and welfare, setting targets as necessary. • Meet with parents including school calendared meetings. • Promote good behaviour and positive attitudes at all times. • Support form, year and school activities as appropriate. • Deliver an appropriate programme of form group activities, including the agreed PSHCE programme.
Responsibilities of Post Threshold Teachers:	<p>Teachers who have passed the Threshold should ensure that they continue to meet Threshold Standards and should demonstrate that they make an active contribution to the policies and aspirations of the school.</p> <p>Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They provide a role model for teaching & learning. • Make a distinctive contribution to the raising of student standards. • Contribute effectively to the work of the wider team. • Take advantage of appropriate opportunities for professional development, using outcomes effectively to improve students' learning. <p>There is a clear expectation that Post-Threshold Teachers will take a lead role in the development of other teaching staff and will welcome Student and Newly Qualified Teachers and visitors, by prior arrangement, into their learning environment.</p>

TLR (Teaching and Learning Responsibility) post holders will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the line management of SLT, Faculty Leads will lead on all aspects of their Faculty, including (but not limited to) quality of education, outcomes, pupil behaviour and attitude to learning, personal development across the curriculum, health and safety, and financial and organisational matters. • Act as a role model and lead professional for members of the team. • Manage and conduct appropriate monitoring and evaluation procedures, including lesson observations and appraisals, to ensure high standards of teaching and learning. • Maintain a positive climate for learning based on high expectations of students and their potential. • Take appropriate steps to support staff in developing their teaching practice including the organisation and delivery of appropriate training, advice and coaching activities. • Use and apply data effectively to ensure student progress is monitored against targets and prompt action is taken to address any concerns. • Ensure that marking and assessment procedures are followed consistently by all members of the team, in line with school and department policy, including the application of assessment for learning processes and techniques. • Plan and review schemes of work which incorporate all statutory requirements and which demonstrate the use of appropriate and varied teaching and learning strategies. • Ensure that the needs of all students are known and met effectively, including students with learning and behavioural needs. • Use appropriate strategies and support mechanisms to meet the needs of the students. • Develop opportunities for enhancing the curriculum experience for students including the provision of booster classes and other extension activities. • Monitor and review the range of curriculum options and opportunities offered to students and advise on and manage the introduction of new provision where appropriate.
Contribution to school development:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the development of school policy through participation in appropriate meeting groups, committees and working parties. • Liaise as appropriate with external agencies including the LA achievement services. • Support the school ethos and policies in relation to students, parents, the local community and other external groups. • Provide reports as appropriate for Governors on activities and progress within the area of responsibility.
Student Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be accountable for the performance of students against targets in the appropriate curriculum area(s). • Prepare reports as required analysing student progress and performance in the designated area • Establish and maintain a safe, healthy and attractive environment for learning.
Resources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage budgets allocated to the area following all Trust procedures. • Deploy staffing and physical resources effectively to support the delivery of high quality teaching and learning. • Ensure all relevant health and safety requirements are complied with, bringing concerns to the attention of the relevant staff promptly.

Person Specification

		Essential	Desirable
Application	A well-structured letter of application indicating interests and strengths in the subject.	*	
	Fully supported in references.	*	
Qualifications and Professional Development	Qualified Teacher Status.	*	
	Ability to teach GCSE.	*	
	A degree in a relevant subject.	*	
	Ability to use ICT as a learning tool.	*	
	Evidence of further CPD.	*	
	A clear understanding of keeping students safe in schools.	*	
	A post graduate qualification.		*
Experience	Evidence of involvement in developing Teaching and Learning within a department.		*
	Ability to demonstrate high standards of classroom practice.	*	
	Catering for the needs of all students including Gifted and Talented, Pupil Premium and SEND.	*	
	Use of data to inform planning, teaching and measuring progress.		*
	A proven track record of raising standards and results and delivery against targets.		*
	Experience in more than one secondary school.		*
Qualities & Values	A drive to make learning fun, engaging and exciting for all students.	*	
	A passion for the subject.	*	
	The ability to inspire others and share good practice.	*	
	Good communication skills with the ability to relate effectively to all ages and abilities.	*	
	A commitment to promoting inclusion.	*	
	A desire to extend learning outside of the classroom.	*	
	A commitment to Equal Opportunities.	*	
Personal Attributes	Ability to work successfully under pressure and retain a sense of humour.	*	
	A strong moral purpose and drive for continued improvement for all.	*	
	Ability to work as a team member to achieve common goals.	*	
	Enthusiasm and self-confidence.	*	
	Personal presence and impact.	*	
	Initiative, energy and perseverance.	*	
	Ambition to go on to a higher position of responsibility.		*

Assessment against the criteria outlined above will be through the application form, letter of application, work related assessments, interview process and references.