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Job Description

Post: **Teacher of Science**

Responsible to: **Head of Science**

Department: **Science**

Main Purpose of the Role

General professional duties of all teachers are specified in the Conditions of Employment

A teacher is responsible for:

Their own Professional Development

- Keeping up to date with research and developments in pedagogy and in any subjects taught, raising, when appropriate, issues with VP Curriculum
- Evaluating their own teaching critically and use this to improve their effectiveness
- Building up a thorough understanding of their professional responsibilities in relation to school policies and practices
- Setting a good example to the pupils they teach in their presentation and their personal conduct
- Participating in Performance Management arrangements

Teaching and Managing Pupil Learning

- Identifying clear teaching objectives, content, lesson structures and sequences appropriate to the subject matter and the pupils being taught.
- Setting appropriate and demanding expectations for pupils' learning and motivation.
- Setting clear targets for pupils' learning, building on prior attainment and considering each pupil as an individual
- Using IEPs to identify pupils who have special educational needs, and
- Ensuring effective teaching of whole classes, groups and individuals so that teaching objectives are met, momentum and challenge are maintained, and best use is made of teaching time.
- Using teaching methods which keep pupils engaged, including stimulating pupils' intellectual curiosity, effective questioning and response, clear presentation and good use of resources.
- Setting high expectations for pupils' behaviour, establishing and maintaining a good standard of discipline through well-focused teaching and through positive and productive relationships.
- Ensuring that pupils are thoroughly prepared for their examinations and that any examination coursework is completed and marked according to examination board and departmental criteria
- Liaising effectively with support staff working within Department

- Providing extra-curricular activities to extend and challenge pupils for at least two after school sessions per week each of forty-five minutes.

Monitoring and Assessing Pupil Progress

- Marking and monitoring pupils' class and homework providing constructive oral and written feedback, setting targets for pupils' progress.
- Assessing how well learning objectives have been achieved and use this assessment for future teaching.
- Maintaining full records of attendance, homework, National Curriculum Attainments, and examinations for pupils taught, including members of your tutor group
- Producing and analysing teaching group examination predictions and results as requested by the Head of Department and the VP Teaching and Learning
- Participating in departmental discussions of pupil targets and progress and of the development of strategies to meet departmental target
- Overseeing the pastoral needs of all pupils taught and passing on any concerns to the appropriate member of staff
- Mentoring and negotiating individual targets for tutees

Resources within the Department

- Selecting and making good use of learning resources to enable teaching objectives to be met
- Ensuring that stock and equipment is well cared for and economically used
- Ensuring that departmental rooms present a stimulating and tidy environment
- Implementing the Academy Health and Safety Policy
- Ensuring that Health and Safety policies and practices, for your subject including Risk Assessments, throughout your lessons are in-line with national requirements.

Communication with Parents

- Attending any appropriate meetings with parents
- Providing informative reports to parents
- Raising, in consultation with the Head of Department, particular concerns regarding students with parents

Internal Communication

- Representing the views and interests of the Department to the Head of Department and Link Leader
- Providing information required by HODs., HOY, SENCO or Link Leader
- Actively participating in Departmental Meetings

Staff Absence

- Ensuring that appropriate work has been set and that the resources required are available
- Supporting supply staff who are working within the Department

Additional Specific Responsibilities

- As negotiated with the HOD or HOY in the interests of the pupils and of the CPD of the member of staff

Other clauses:

1. The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the Teachers Pay and Conditions document (TPCD).
2. This job description allocates duties and responsibilities but does not direct the particular amount of time to be spent on carrying them out and no part of it may be so construed.
3. The job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed at least once a year and it may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the holder of the post.
4. This job description may be varied to meet the changing demands of the academy at the reasonable discretion of the Principal/Group/Chief Executive
5. This job description does not form part of the contract of employment. It describes the way the post holder is expected and required to perform and complete the particular duties as set out in the foregoing.
6. Postholder may deal with sensitive material and should maintain confidentiality in all academy related matters.

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate will be required for all posts. This post will be subject to enhanced checks as part of our Prevent Duty.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Professional Attributes

- Qualified Teacher Status
- Assessed as a good or outstanding teacher
- Relevant specialist qualifications and experience in your subject specialism with the ability to teach at all Key Stages and all abilities
- Evidence of continuing professional development
- Ability to use assessment to raise standards of achievement

Professional Knowledge and Understanding

- Thorough knowledge and understanding of curriculum requirements and developments within your subject specialism.
- Evidence of commitment to the principles and policies of equal opportunities
- Secure knowledge and understanding of a range of Assessment for Learning strategies, demonstrable in their everyday practice
- Secure knowledge and understanding of how to make effective personalised provision for all students, including those for whom English is an additional language and students who have special educational needs
- Ability to teach KS3, KS4 and KS5.

Professional Skills

- Good communication skills
- Work closely with leadership team taking a leading role in developing, implementing and evaluating policies and practice
- Ability to motivate students and colleagues to recognise and respond to the diverse needs of learners
- Ability to design opportunities for learners to develop their literacy and thinking and learning skills within your subject area

Personal Attributes

- Energy, enthusiasm, determination and an insistence on high standards
- A willingness to learn new skills and approaches and to share the experience with others
- Ability to relate to students, parents and carers, colleagues and other partners
- A passion for the value your subject can bring to students and a commitment to the ethos of the wider life of the Academy
- Be able to work under pressure, prioritise and manage time effectively
- Reflective and clear-headed thinker who makes considered judgements
- Resilience
- Reflective practitioner
- Natural leader who can resolve conflicts, create a harmonious and productive team ethos