

Teacher of English

Responsible to: Subject Leader of English

The main purpose of the role is to raise standards of student attainment and achievement through ensuring high quality planning, preparation and delivery of teaching; in order to promote effective learning. To monitor and be accountable for student progress and development, providing support where necessary. You will be responsible for maintaining the high profile of English within the school, leading the department in the development of outstanding teaching pedagogy; developing and enhancing the teaching practice of others.

Key Duties & Accountabilities

Operational/Strategic Planning

- To implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for students and to support a designated curriculum area as appropriate
- To monitor and support the overall progress and development of students
- To facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides students with the opportunity to achieve their individual potential
- To contribute to raising standards of student attainment
- To share and support the school's responsibility to provide and monitor opportunities for personal and academic growth

Teaching:

- To undertake a designated programme of teaching across all Key Stages
- Teach consistently high quality lessons
- Plan and deliver schemes of work and lessons that meet the requirements of the KS4
- Be a role model for students, inspiring them to be actively interested in English
- To maintain appropriate records and to provide relevant accurate and up-to-date information for SIMs registers
- To complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking of students
- Set expectations for staff and students in relation to standards of achievement and the quality of learning & teaching
- Prioritise and manage time effectively, ensuring continued professional development in line with the role
- To follow the school policies and procedures
- To ensure the effective/efficient deployment of classroom support
- To maintain discipline in accordance with the school procedures and to encourage good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and homework
- Follow schemes of work for English at all Key Stages
- Promote aspects of Personal Development related to English
- Updating professional knowledge and expertise as appropriate to keep up to date with developments in teaching practice and methodology, in general, and in the curriculum area of English
- Promote English learning through out of hours activities.
- Ensuring a high quality learning environment within the English area

Assessment, Feedback and Tracking:

- To follow department monitoring and tracking systems relating to students attainment, progress and achievement
- Mark, grade and give written/verbal and diagnostic feedback as required
- Undertake assessment of students as requested by external examination bodies, curriculum areas and school procedures
- Assess, record and report on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of students and to keep such records as are required
- Complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking of students
- To follow department policy regarding department tracking of student progress and use information to inform learning and teaching
- Follow setting and co-ordinating assessment arrangements in English at all Key Stages, and in all areas as required by school policies, including standardising those assessments

Staff Development:

- To continue personal development in the relevant areas including subject knowledge and teaching methods
- To engage actively in the Performance Management process
- Participate in whole school CPD programmes
- To take part in the staff development programme by participating in arrangements for further training and professional development.

Student Support and Progress:

- To liaise with the relevant pastoral leaders to ensure the implementation of the Student Support systems
- To register students, accompany them to assemblies, encourage their full attendance at all lessons and their participation in other aspects of school life
- To evaluate and monitor the progress of students and keep up-to-date student records as may be required
- To contribute to the preparation of Action Plans and other reports as required
- To alert the appropriate staff to problems experienced by students
- To communicate as appropriate, with the parents of students and with persons or bodies outside the school concerned with the welfare of individual students, after consultation with the appropriate staff
- To contribute to PSHE, citizenship and enterprise in the school
- To apply the Behaviour for Learning policy so that effective learning can take place
- Meet with students over whom there are concerns and contact home where necessary in conjunction with student support team and department heads

Safeguarding:

- Be keenly aware of the responsibility for safeguarding children and to help in the application of the Safeguarding and Safe Practices policy within the school
- Comply with the school's Safeguarding Policy in order to ensure the welfare of children and young persons

Communications, Marketing and Liaison:

- To communicate effectively with the parents of students as appropriate
- Where appropriate, to communicate and cooperate with persons or bodies outside the school.
- To follow agreed policies for communications in the school

- To take part in marketing and liaison activities such as Open Evenings, Parents' Evenings, liaison events with partner schools, etc.

Personal Responsibilities:

- To play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its distinctive mission and ethos and to encourage staff and students to follow this example
- To support the school in meeting its legal requirements for worship
- To actively promote school policies and procedures
- To be responsible for own continued professional development
- To comply with the school's Health & Safety policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate.
- To be courteous to colleagues, visitors and telephone callers and provide a welcoming environment
- To undertake duties before the school day, at break, at the end of the lunch period and after the school day on a rota basis
- To attend meetings scheduled in the school calendar punctually
- To set cover work during any leave of absence
- To adhere to the School's Safeguarding Policy

Notes:

- The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the statement of Conditions of Employment
- 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
- This 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
- The duties may be varied to meet the changing demands of the school at the reasonable discretion of the Principal
- 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