

Human Resources
Business Partner
RECRUITMENT PACK

Horizon Community College

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#### Welcome



Horizon Community College opened its doors in September 2012 with the challenging ambition of raising achievement to a level that would put the college among the top 10% of schools in the country. With an extremely positive Ofsted report describing the college as 'Good' in every category, achievement and attainment significantly above the national average and an enviable staff base, we are well on our way to achieving this.

We have a vision for redressing the imbalance, re-shuffling the pack and giving the young people of Barnsley a better hand – a better deal - breaking the 'vicious circles' of underachievement and low aspiration and transforming the lives of every young person.



Examination results have been consistently high since Horizon Community College opened. Success in the English Baccalaureate subjects: English, Maths, Science, Humanities and Languages means that the number of students achieving the English Baccalaureate is extremely high and significantly above the national average. Examination results in other subjects: the Performing Arts, Art, Photography, PE, RE, Computing, Textiles, Sociology, Business Studies are also exceptionally high. We are extremely proud of these achievements which place the school in the top 27% of schools in the country.



It is heartening to see so many students taking on leadership roles within the college and within the wider community. We want Horizon Community College to be at the heart of this community and the impact of community enterprise activities and the full car parks up to 9.30pm in the evening highlight just how far we have come in achieving this goal too.

New Year 7 students, who start in July rather than in September, benefit greatly from having their own 'school' within the college, where they spend most of their working week. In effect, Year 7 students attend the smallest secondary school in Barnsley, but have access to the best facilities in the country.

We want young people to leave Horizon Community College well qualified and with a unique skill set that will enable them to stand out from the crowd. We want young people to be in possession of a passport of leadership and employability skills that will enable them to pursue exciting careers, attend prestigious universities, complete dynamic apprenticeships and play leading roles in regenerating this area.

The following pages detail our Strategic Priorities and Learner Expectations and Attributes. To get a further insight into life at Horizon, click here for out latest College video.

We are proud of the professional development opportunities that exist for all staff. A full programme of CPD runs throughout the year. This is often tailored to the particular needs and stage of staff, from ITE, NQT, RQT through to leadership programmes. Where necessary we use external trainers with national profiles. For example, we are currently working closely with Gavin Clowes in our work on Kagan Co-operative Learning, and Mark Finnis around Restorative Practice.

We are extremely proud of what has been achieved within the first five years and hope you are as excited as we are about the next five. We trust this document provides you with the information you need.



Nick Bowen Claire Huddart Excutive Principal Principal

#### Strategic Priorities 2018-2019

#### **Progression**

Planning and delivering effective responses to findings from the data and progress cycle.

Ensuring formative and summative assessment supports student progress.

Developing curriculum and retrieval practice to support progress in lessons.

#### Teaching & Learning

Developing pedagogy to ensure effective challenge and support in all lessons at all times.

Improving Year 7 provision to ensure it builds on previous learning and stretches all students, enabling rapid progress from their starting points.

Embeding impact driven quality assurance processes which enable staff to improve their practice.

#### Challenge &

Consistency

#### **Standards**

Improving further the conduct of students in lessons and during unstructured times.

Improving attendance and punctuality for all groups of students, in particular SEND and disadvantaged cohorts.

Continuing to strive towards becoming a truly Inclusive College.

#### Careers & Enterprise

Working towards a wide ranging and inclusive career programme that provides opportunities for all students in line with the Gatsby Benchmarks.

Forging closer links with the academic team to promote engagement with the world of work and making it relevant to the curriculum and therefore drive the ambition to learn.

Engaging students from Y7 in a more comprehensive programme of career advice and experiences to ensure that our students are better informed when making their significant study choices.

Our strategic priorities summarise our plans here at Horizon community college as we continue on the journey to achieve our ambition of being a school placed in the top 10% of all schools nationally and where students are positive role models.

**Claire Huddart (Principal)** 

# Learner Expectations and Attributes



# Expectations

# **Attributes**

### <u>Approach</u>

### Relationships

## Ready to Learn

- Pride
- Take pride in all you do, especially with Be smartly dressed, in correct uniform

 Take ownership of what you say and do If you make a poor decision, own up to it and learn from it

Honesty

 Demonstrate dedication & commitment Be self-disciplined and evidence selfdirection Independence

- Bring correct equipment to every Organisation
- Organise your study time and complete homework to the best of your ability

Follows staff instructions straight away

and without argument

Respect

Be polite and courteous to others

 Persevere and recognise it is alright to Respond well to constructive crticism make a mistake

- Be conscientious go above and beyond with tasks set

Actively look to improve your work

Be focussed and attentive in lessons
 Act on advice and feedback at all times

Engagement

- Be considerate and supportive of others Treat others as you would expect to be treated
- Communication
- Communicate clearly so others can understand

Be able to explain your point of view

 Engage with Kagan cooperative learning Take on an active role within the team,

readily sharing ideas and information

- Seek to discover new things and be Demostrate a love of learning prepared to take risks
- Be willing to take on leadership roles

- Questioning
- Contribute in every lesson

- Value others regardless of sexuality, race, faith, gender or disability
  - Accept the quirks of others
- Approach all challenges with a postive mindset

- Ask questions to deepen your knowledge and understanding
- Tolerance

Rarely meets expectations and demonstrates few of the attributes.

Sometimes meets expectations demonstrates some of the but is inconsistent, and

Consistently meets expectations and demonstrates most or all of

Meets expectations most of the

#### **Child Safeguarding Policy**

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be undertaken for the successful applicant.

The College pays full regard to DfES guidance 'Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education' Jan 2007. We ensure that all appropriate measures are applied in relation to everyone who works for Horizon who is likely to be perceived by the children as a safe and trustworthy adult including e.g. volunteers and staff employed by contractors. Safer recruitment practice includes scrutinising applicants, verifying identity and academic or vocational qualifications, obtaining professional and character references, checking previous employment history and ensuring that a candidate has the health and physical capacity for the job. It also includes undertaking interviews and an Enhanced DBS check.

Please visit:

http://www.horizoncc.co.uk/safeguarding/

#### **Human Resources Business Partner**

Location: Horizon Community College, Barnsley

Salary: Grade 11 (£38,066 — £40,660)

Hours Per Week: 37

Type: Permanent, Term Time Only (plus 3 weeks and 2 INSET days)

Closing Date: 17 July 2018

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a HR Business Partner to assist in the delivery of the HR function. We are looking for an experienced professional with a customer focussed approach to service provision.

The main focus of the role will be to provide advice, guidance and support to managers and staff on every aspect of HR including recruitment and selection, absence management, reorganisation, TUPE and employee relations issues.

CIPD qualified with strong generalist HR experience is essential along with excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to build strong professional relationships.

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#### **Job Description**

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#### BARNSLEY

Metropolitan Borough Council

| DIRECTORATE/DEPARTMENT: Children, Young Peo | ple and Families |
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SERVICE AREA: Horizon Community

College

SECTION:

JOB TITLE: Human Resources Business Partner

JOB REFERENCE NO: **GRADE:** To be evaluated

RESPONSIBLE TO: Assistant Principal – Resources

EMPLOYEE SUPERVISION: None

DATE AGREED: BY WHOM:

#### Purpose of Post:

To embed effective people management practices across both internal and external customers by providing advice and support to enable them to manage employee resources in a fair and equitable way, ensuring compliance with best practice, employment legislation and terms and conditions of employment.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Assist the Assistant Principal Resources to deliver a highly effective HR agenda across the organisation and its partners.
- To provide professional advice and guidance on the interpretation of HR policies and procedures and terms and conditions of employment taking account of statutory requirements and the culture of the organisation.
- Contribute to the management of organisational change including workforce planning and development.
- Assist the Assistant Principal Resources to establish systems and procedures across the full HR remit to ensure a smooth transition to academy status.
- Manage the recruitment process across the college and its wider partners, ensuring systems in place are effective and applicants sourced are of the highest calibre.
- To develop and maintain close collaborative, integrated and professional relationships with internal and external stakeholders including Trade Unions, Professional Associations and Workers Representatives. Ensure effective and appropriate consultation arrangements are implemented.
- Manage casework including the provision of advice and guidance on panel hearings and appeals on all issues relating to employee relations including discipline, grievance, performance management, re-structures, redundancy, managing and sickness absence.

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- To advise internal and external customers with the process to be followed with Employment Tribunal Claims including attendance at Hearings when required.
- Review, as requested, existing policies and procedures and develop new policies and procedures through researching current and new legislative requirements and best practice guidance, taking account of college objectives and client requirements.
- Develop and deliver briefing and training sessions to support organisational values and strategic aims
- Undertake specific project/consultancy work as agreed by the Assistant Principal Resources
- Research, prepare and deliver reports and briefings suitable for a variety of audiences including leadership level, trust boards and the governing bodies.
- Utilise a variety of software packages to maintain accurate records and data.
- Keep abreast of wider developments as well as maintain up to date knowledge of local and national regulations and legislation which will have implications for service delivery and satisfy customer demands.

#### Support for the College

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Ensure every child is valued for who they are and that all students have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Contribute to the overall ethos, work and aims of the College.
- Establish constructive relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals to support achievement and progress of pupils.
- Attend and participate in regular meetings.
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Recognise own strengths and areas of expertise and use these to advise and support others.
- Provide appropriate guidance and supervision and assist in the training and development of staff as appropriate.

The above duties are not exhaustive and the postholder may be required to undertake tasks, roles and responsibilities as may be reasonably assigned to them by the Principal.

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|   | Date Job Description Revised: | By whom: |

#### **Person Specification**

#### **EMPLOYEE SPECIFICATION**

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When filling in the application form, please demonstrate with clear, concise examples how you meet the requirements of the post. You will be assessed in relation to the Essential and Minor criteria. Please bear in mind that you must possess the Essential Criteria on day 1 to be able to do the job. If there are large numbers of applicants for the post then all of the criteria will be used for shortlisting. Under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA), we recognise and welcome our responsibility to remove any barriers in our recruitment and selection process. We have tried to assess this in our Job Description and Employee Specification, however if you feel that there are barriers, please tell us in the application form. As part of the DDA, we are committed to making reasonable adjustments, wherever possible and it would help us to know your needs in order to do this

Post Title Human Resources Business Partner | School: Horizon Community College Grade: To be evaluated Criteria Attributes Criteria How Identified (Application Form or Interview) No (Essential/Minor) Significant experience of working within Human Application form/interview Essential Relevant Experience Experience of providing professional advice and Application form/interview Essential guidance to managers at all levels of seniority. Experience of working in partnership with a wide Essential Application form/interview range of clients by engaging with them, building professional relationships; offering creative and solution based resolutions. Experience of policy and procedure formulation Essential Application form/interview and implementation. Experience of analysing and manipulating data. Application form/interview Minor Experience of presenting information verbally at meetings and undertaking formal presentations Application form/interview Essential and briefing sessions. CIPD Level 7 Advanced Diploma in HR Application form/certificates Essential Education and Training Management/Development or working towards Attainments at the discretion of the College Application form/certificates Essential Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development Up to date knowledge of employment law. Interview Essential General and Special Knowledge Working knowledge of Microsoft applications. Application form/interview Essential Sound knowledge of Local and National Interview Minor Conditions of Service. Knowledge of pressures facing the education Application form/interview Essential sector and external organisations. Knowledge of partnership working and Application form/interview Essential principles. Skills and Abilities High professional standards, including the Application form/interview Essential resilience to manage a challenging workload under pressure and to deadlines, using own initiative and demonstrating skills in work prioritisation, organisation and time management. Ability to work with both internal and external Application form/interview Essential clients and partnerships, sometimes in areas of tension and conflict to deliver common goals. Ability to assess problems within a short space Application form/interview Essential of time and with limited information, and apply judgement and evaluation (including risks) to inform, advise and provide solutions.

#### **Person Specification**

|                            | Well-developed communication skills with the ability to present information verbally at meetings and by undertaking formal presentations | Application form/interview | Essential |
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|                            | Ability to produce emails, letters and reports clearly and concisely not necessarily to a prescribed format.                             | Application form/interview | Essential |
|                            | Ability to develop, interpret and implement policies.  | Application form/interview | Essential |
|                            | Consultation and negotiation skills to enable issues to be resolved.   | Application form/interview | Essential |
| Additional<br>Requirements | Operate with the highest standards of personal/professional conduct and integrity.   | Application form/interview | Essential |
|                            | Willing to work flexibly in accordance with policies and procedures to meet the operational needs of the Trust.                          | Application form/interview | Essential |
|                            | Willing to undertake training and continuous professional development in connection with the post.                                       | Application form/interview | Essential |
|                            | Work in accordance with organisation values and behaviours.  | Application form/interview | Essential |
|                            | Able to undertake any travel in connection with the post.  | Application form/interview | Essential |

In compiling this, please refer to the Section 'Review Job Description and Employee Specification' in the Recruitment and Selection Code of Practice.

#### **Further Information**

Should you wish to discuss the role further please contact Sally Goodall (Assistant Principal—Resources) on 01226 704230.

Please read the **Guidance Notes for Applicants** before completing an application form.

This is an exciting and rewarding role and we look forward to receiving your application.

#### **The Application Process**

The candidates selected for interview will be informed after shortlisting and full details of the interview process will be provided.