

JOB DESCRIPTION

At the heart of subject leadership is the provision of professional leadership to secure high quality teaching and learning, effective use of resources, improving standards of achievement for all students, and the promotion of students' personal development and well-being. A Key Stage Co-ordinator must provide leadership and direction for the subject and ensure that it is managed and organised to meet school and subject aims and objectives. A Key Stage Co-ordinator plays a key role in supporting, guiding and motivating teachers of the subject. A Key Stage Co-ordinator evaluate the effectiveness of teaching and learning, the subject curriculum and progress towards targets for students and staff in order to inform future priorities for the subject. The policy and practice of monitoring within a department provides the information for evaluation and action. A Key Stage Co-ordinator identifies needs in their own subject and recognises that these needs must be considered in relation to the overall needs of the school. It is also important that a Key Stage Co-ordinator has an understanding of how their subject contributes to school priorities and to the overall education and achievement of all students.

Throughout their work, a Key Stage Co-ordinator ensures that practices improve the quality of education provided, meet the needs and aspirations of all students and help to continue to raise standards of achievement in the school.

JOB PURPOSE

To lead the delivery of a key stage of provision in English under the overall direction of the Head of the English Faculty.

REPORTING

The post holder will report to the Head of Faculty.

RESPONSIBLE FOR

The post holder will be responsible for the teaching and support staff allocated to the key stage area.

WORKING TIME AND CONDITIONS

These will be as specified in the latest School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document. Attendance at school functions beyond the working day.

DIMENSIONS

The post holder will be responsible for the following, with reference to the national framework for middle leaders:

- The strategic direction and development of the subject/key stage area
- Teaching and learning
- Support the Head of Faculty in Leading and managing staff
- Pupil progress and standards of achievement
- The efficient and effective deployment of staff and resources

Specific responsibilities will include:

Pease note these are flexible according to the expertise and experience of the candidate.

- To lead, manage, develop, and be accountable for the subject team and curriculum in a key stage or aspect of provision in order to ensure the highest possible standards of pupil achievement, personal development and well-being.
- Leading on the implementation of all new SOL and associated assessment points, providing a coherent flight path to English language and literature success.
- To be responsible for running a high quality enrichment programme.
- To lead on interventions, targeting relevant pupils in line with Department DIP and in response to Data Captures.
- Working with individual teachers on the monitoring of progress in their classes and the co-ordination
 of targeted intervention for underachieving students, including strategies to identify and monitor
 these students.
- To support other literacy strategies across English.
- To be accountable for the strategic development of strategies for more able pupils via a range of teaching and learning strategies.
- To liaise with the EAL and DSEN staff to monitor support and interventions linked to English.
- Liaison with the SENCO and classroom assistants in order to develop strategies for differentiation and the general enhancement of literacy.
- To set up and monitor Departmental tracking sheets and use them to inform interventions and identifying key groups such as Disadvantaged and SEN.
- Support the Head of Faculty in the efficient and effective deployment of staff and resources.
- To support Departmental Monitoring and Review, observations and relevant paperwork in line with school policy and as requested by HOD / SLT.
- Research into new developments within English: investigating and piloting new initiatives in resources, class texts and teaching strategies.
- Liaison with school librarian.
- Working with the Head of Faculty and other post holders to ensure fluid transitions between key stages and appropriate Information, Advice and Guidance.
- To share good and outstanding practice by running staff training sessions as appropriate.
- To ensure effective communication with parents/carers, so they are kept up-to-date with assessment and curriculum developments and their children's progress.
- To maximise achievement by supporting with examination entries, helping to ensure that they are made accurately; to assist with the management and conduct of examinations.
- To support Head of Faculty in implementing behaviour management support for the team.
- To assist the Head of Faculty in setting relevant cover work in the absence of the class teacher and to monitor the delivery of cover work.
- The KS3 Co-ordinator will be also responsible for managing the Catch Up Cohort and Interventions Programme.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

The strategic direction and development of the subject

- To contribute to an annual subject development plan, which contributes to the achievement of the School Improvement Plan, and which involves all the subject staff in its design and evaluation.
- To set expectations and goals for colleagues and pupils in relation to standards of achievement and behaviour.
- To represent the department in the wider school community and liaise with the rest of the school, governors, partner schools, the Local Authority, further and higher education, industry, outside agencies, examination boards etc.
- To keep up to date with national developments in the subject area and teaching practice and methodology.

Teaching and learning

- To contribute significantly to the leading of the development and implementation of effective teaching and learning strategies, including ICT-based developments and new technologies.
- To contribute significantly to leading the development and implementation of effective faculty assessment policies, within the framework of those for the whole school.
- To promote and support extra-curricular activities, which enrich and support the learning and experience of all pupils, and increases their participation in school life.
- To ensure homework is set in line with school policy, recorded on Show My Homework.

Leading and managing staff

- To support/challenge and professionally develop staff so that they are effective in their role(s) and provide high quality teaching and learning; the above to include participating in and leading the school's programmes of staff training and development.
- To ensure that Performance Appraisal is carried out according to school and national regulations and that staff receive regular feedback, which supports progress against their PM objectives.

Pupil progress and standards of achievement

- Within the framework of whole-school policies, to set and monitor appropriately challenging subject targets for pupils, which will make a measurable contribution to the fulfilment of those for the whole school; to manage interventions to maximise pupil progress.
- To maximise achievement by ensuring that examination entries are at an appropriate tier and nonentries are minimised; to assist with the management and conduct of examinations.
- To ensure effective communication with parents/carers, so they are kept up-to-date with curriculum developments and their children's progress.
- Writing reports on pupils and attending meetings with parents.

The efficient and effective deployment of staff and resources

- To manage efficiently the available resources of staff, space, finance, and equipment within the limits and guidelines laid down.
- To provide a stimulating environment, including maintaining the content of displays that promote interest and learning.

Other Specific Duties

- To undertake the above responsibilities in addition to those held by a standard scale teacher at the school.
- To undertake any other duty as specified by the STPCD not mentioned in the above.
- Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task may not have been identified; therefore employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager, including ad hoc projects, to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in the job description.

The job description is current at the date shown, but, in consultation with you, may be changed by the Headteacher to reflect or anticipate changes in the job commensurate with the grade and job title.

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PERSON SPECIFICATION

Post: Key Stage / T&L Co-ordinator
Pay Spine: Main Scale plus relevant TLR

Date: March 2018

Responsible to: Head of Faculty

1. QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

- University graduate
- Postgraduate teaching qualification/QTS
- Evidence of continuing professional development

2. TEACHING AND PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

- At least one year's successful teaching experience, in an urban or challenging comprehensive environment
- Teaching experience in at least KS3, 4 and, preferably, 5
- Evidence of consistently good and outstanding teaching and learning
- Excellent subject knowledge
- Good knowledge of current curriculum development in your subject area
- The ability to use ICT effectively to engage students
- An understanding of how to use assessment to inform planning for good teaching and learning
- A good understanding of the principles of Assessment for Learning
- The ability to differentiate to provide appropriate challenges for all learners
- Evidence of using data to inform planning and put in place successful intervention strategies to raise achievement
- Evidence of pastoral experience, including taking responsibility for a form group
- Evidence of good classroom management skills
- An interest in the wider curriculum

3. LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

- Evidence of potential to lead an area of the curriculum or key stage
- The ability to inspire, enthuse, develop and support colleagues
- The ability to evaluate and improve standards of teaching and learning within a department
- Experience of conducting Performance Management and desire to develop other colleagues

4. PERSONAL QUALITIES

- A willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The ambition to continue to progress in your career
- A desire to make difference to the lives of young people
- An excellent attendance record
- Resilience and a sense of humour.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENT

- A proven commitment to inclusion
- A proven commitment to curriculum access and opportunity
- A proven commitment to comprehensive education
- A proven commitment to professional development
- Support for the school's specialist status
- Support the school unreservedly in its commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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