



Candidate Information



Light Hall School

The best from everyone, all of the time.

**Teacher of Geography
(Fixed Term Contract)**

Introduction from the Headteacher



I am delighted that you are interested in this key post of Teacher of Geography at Light Hall School.

Light Hall School is a very special place, our students are friendly, enthusiastic and eager to learn. Our staff are caring, supportive and completely committed to ensuring that every child achieves their very best.

This is an exciting position which will focus on moving us from good to outstanding. You will therefore have the commitment, passion and skills to make this happen. We can offer you a well-established and supportive faculty. You will be joining a team of dedicated and hardworking teachers and will have an experienced leadership team to support you.

The enclosed information should give you a flavour of Light Hall. Do please come and visit us if you would like to know more.

To arrange a visit to the school, please contact Anna Williams, Personnel Assistant on 0121 746 5060 or email s207awilliams@lighthall.solihull.sch.uk

To apply please write a letter of application (2 sides maximum) and complete all questions on the application form. Please remember to include contact details of two referees, one of whom should be your current/most recent Headteacher.

Closing date: 9.00am on Monday 5th December 2016

NQT'S are welcome to apply and we look forward to hearing from you.

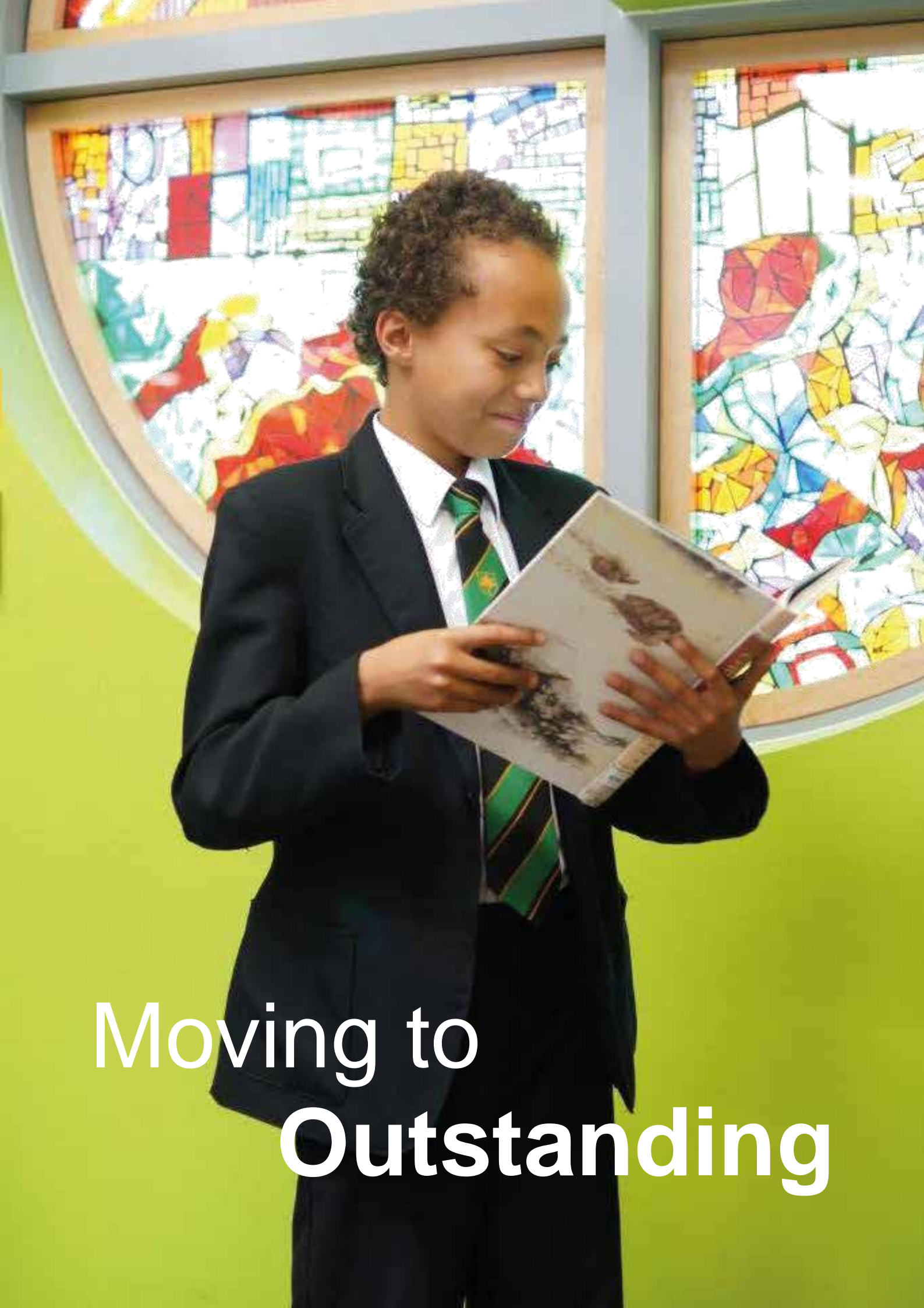
Yours sincerely



Annette Kimblin
Headteacher

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An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful applicants



Moving to
Outstanding



Introduction to Light Hall School

We are a co-educational comprehensive of 1220 students aged 11-16. In our latest Ofsted Inspection (June 2013) we were graded as 'good' in all categories. In August 2011 we converted to an Academy following an invitation as a high performing school. We currently have 74 teaching staff and 58 support staff.

We are located to the west of Solihull town centre in the district of Shirley. We draw students from Solihull and Birmingham. Our intake has a broad mix of both attainment and socio-economic backgrounds.

Our staff are committed and hardworking and our students are enthusiastic and friendly. In our latest Ofsted Inspection (June 2013), their behaviour was rated as 'good and often exemplary'. They were described as being 'polite and thoughtful of others'. In our annual surveys, both parents and students rate the school highly.

As an academy we have ambitious growth plans using additional freedoms and funding to further promote learning throughout the school.

The school has doubled in size since it was first built and enjoys an excellent setting. It has good improving sporting facilities and has developed a community ethos within the area that it serves.

Exam Results 2016

% A* - C English & Maths	66
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Exam Results 2013-2015

	2015	2014	2013	Nat Ave 2014
Value Added School Score	1030.00	1019.2	985.7	1000
% 5 A*-C inc EM	63	74	59	55

School organisation

On entry, students are placed in mixed ability form groups. Heads of Year co-ordinate a team of form tutors. Pastoral Managers are also in post and have responsibility for day-to-day pastoral care. Subjects are arranged in blocks on the timetable for most years thus allowing setting to occur where appropriate. As a newly-converted academy, our curriculum is being reviewed but at present is in line with the National Curriculum. A strong emphasis is placed on the role of individual in the wider community.

Facilities

We have several generations of building, the most recent of which was opened in November 2008. It includes additional rooms, constituting about a third of the school in total. It contains state-of-the-art learning facilities for performing arts, mathematics and English. Development through the rest of the school has continued, particularly in relation to ICT, and all classrooms now have interactive white boards and Wi-Fi.

Senior Leadership Team

SLT currently consists of:

- Headteacher
- Deputy Headteacher
- Assistant Headteacher – Student Progress & Attainment
- Assistant Headteacher – Student Well Being
- Assistant Headteacher – Teaching & Learning
- Assistant Headteacher – Curriculum

In addition, the senior support staff team is headed by three key Directors – for finance, personnel and facilities.

School self-evaluation

Our key targeted areas for improvement:

1. Raising achievement even further or real focus on progress
2. Continuing a targeted programme on improving teaching and learning
3. Formative assessment
4. Attendance
5. Literacy and numeracy

Other key statistics

Pupil Premium Indicator	31%
Students with EHCP	0.7%
Students with EHCP/Add Needs	10.06%
Ethnic students	33%
EAL	11.42%
Attendance to date	95%

CPD Opportunities

Here at Light Hall School we pride ourselves on providing a full range of CPD opportunities to support all staff to continually deliver the best in all they do. Our Teaching & Learning CPD takes many forms such as department meetings where staff have regular time to meet with their departments and Lead Teachers. There are also TLR holder CPD meetings, pastoral meetings, voluntary staff CPD, TLCs, NQT meetings and regular staff meetings. In order to support our middle leaders to keep abreast of developments in their subject areas and share good practice, we have a rolling CPD programme where middle leaders regularly meet with their counterparts in neighbouring schools.

We also have a full induction programme for our NQTs and have continuous opportunities for those wanting to develop their leadership potential.

Staff Benefits

- Free on-site staff gym
- Childcare voucher scheme
- Subsidised healthcare cash plan
- Cyclescheme (tax exempt loans for purchase of bicycles up to £1000)
- Pension
- Enhanced maternity scheme
- Occupational Health including a confidential counselling service
- Life insurance through the pension scheme

Purpose & Aims of Light Hall School

Light Hall School is committed to providing an excellent education for every student in its care. Mutual respect, high expectations and a relentless focus on progress are the expected norm.

Professional development and support will be offered to all, to ensure that staff have the necessary skills and knowledge to meet school needs.

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Our aim is that every student leaves us, not only having achieved their full potential academically, but with a lifelong love of learning, a sound moral compass and high aspirations and expectations of themselves.

Care and respect for others and our environment are the given norm at Light Hall School and there is an expectation that everyone will participate actively and positively in the life of our learning community.

The numerous opportunities and experiences we offer, aim to equip every student with the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to become valued and successful members of society.

How we support core school values through our curriculum

- **In Geography** – we support the Light Hall core values by encouraging students to value others around them and set the highest aspirations for their own behaviour.

School Day Times

School Commences	8.45 am
Registration & Assembly	8.45 am - 9.05 am
Period 1	9.05 am -10.05 am
Period 2	10.05 am -11.05 am
BREAK	11.05 am -11.25 am
Period 3	11.25 am -12.25 pm
Period 4	12.25 pm -1.25 pm
LUNCH	1.25 pm - 2.00 pm
Period 5	2.00 pm - 3.00 pm

School Facilities & Environment

We are fortunate to have a high quality learning environment at Light Hall with the latest technologies to enhance the curriculum.

Our modern classroom facilities help to provide greater variety in teaching methods and therefore make learning more effective.

Opportunities to nurture independent learning skills are provided through our virtual learning environment.

Our vibrant and welcoming library supports learning throughout the school. It is well stocked, has good ICT facilities and provides high quality services to everyone.

Our purpose built drama studio, music rooms and state of the art recording studio support our extensive extra-curricular programme. In addition to this we have exceptional sporting facilities, including tennis courts, sports hall, fitness room and astro-turf.

We aim to engender a genuine love of reading and excitement about learning in every child at Light Hall

Job Description

Job Title: Teacher of Geography (Fixed Term Contract)

Year: 2016/17

Responsible to: Head of Faculty Humanities

Grade: MPS or UPS

Light Hall School Purpose:

Light Hall School is committed to providing an excellent education for every student in its care. Our students are at the heart of all that we do. Strong relationships based on mutual respect, honesty, integrity, the highest expectations and a relentless focus on progress are the expected norm. Professional development and support will be offered to all, to ensure that staff have the necessary skills and knowledge to meet the Teachers Standards.

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KEY PURPOSE OF THIS POST

To deliver outstanding teaching and learning in Geography and therefore help students achieve excellent results. To teach an engaging and challenging curriculum that inspires children to learn about Geography.

CLASS TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To undertake such duties as their respective Line Manager or the Headteacher may determine as reasonably falling within the role;
- To undertake whole School duties as may be reasonably determined by the Head Teacher;
- To carry out the duties of a teacher as set out in the current Teachers' Standards Document (September 2012);
- To develop students' Literacy and Numeracy skills within a specialist subject area;
- To differentiate learning tasks to ensure all learners within a group make progress in every lesson, liaising with Learning Support Assistants as necessary and effectively deploying additional support in the classroom;
- To regularly assess students work, give appropriate feedback (formative and summative) and use student data to plan differentiated tasks in lessons and homework;
- To ensure every student knows where they are in their learning and understands the steps required to achieve the next stage in their progress and attainment;
- To be an exemplary role model in terms of dress, punctuality and attendance;
- To attend and participate in Parent and Open Evenings as required;
- To uphold the School's behaviour and Discipline Policy and Uniform Code;
- To participate in staff training, INSET and Professional Development opportunities;
- To be a Form Tutor;
- Ensure that the learning environment is attractive, tidy, safe and conducive to student learning;
- To adhere to the Light Hall's policies regarding Health and Safety, ICT usage and educational visits/trips;
- To provide cover for staff in line with the 'Rarely Cover Agreement'.

Teachers on the Upper Pay Scale will be expected to make a particular contribution to building team commitment in line with the statutory requirement to meet threshold standards. In particular, teachers at UPS 3 will:

- Provide a role model for professional practice in the school;
- Make a distinctive contribution compared with other less experienced teachers;
- Contribute effectively to the wider team.

Person Specification

Teacher of Geography

Criteria	Essential	Desirable	Method of Assessment
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified Teacher Status • Degree in Geography or relevant subject 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of further study beyond degree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching at KS3 and KS4 • Experience of KS4 GCSE course delivery and assessment • Assessment at KS3 & KS4 • Experience of raising attainment • Understanding of the strategies needed to establish consistently high aspirations and standards of results and behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of improving the teaching and learning of Geography through schemes of work and extra-curricular activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • Interview
Skills & Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate high expectations which inspire, enthuse, motivate, and challenge students to achieve their best: • Excellent classroom teacher • Excellent behaviour management skills • Ability to Tailor lessons to student needs • Ability to use assessment data to generate appropriate and effective intervention work • Demonstrate a strategic & creative approach to problem solving • Ability to build and maintain effective relationships through excellent interpersonal skills • Demonstrate excellent communication skills (verbally and written) • Ability to develop effective teamwork 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter • Interview • Interview Tasks • References
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional, enterprising • Outgoing, approachable, inclusive • Positive, adaptable • Energetic and enthusiastic • Self motivated, self confident, reliable • Generosity of spirit, sense of humour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of pastoral responsibility in a secondary school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application • Interview • References

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