

#### JOB DESCRIPTION – Librarian

Head of School Responsible to: Hours: 36 hours,

Contract type: Permanent, term time only plus 15 days Scale 6 point 26-28 £26,601 - £28,158 Salary:

(Actual salary £24,462 - 25,896 pro rata)

# **Key Responsibilities:**

1. To establish a library at the heart of the Academy.

- 2. To help to ensure that students develop a love of reading and the habit of reading for pleasure, and that they become lifelong readers
- 3. To ensure that the library operates efficiently to meet the needs of staff and students
- 4. To oversee the issuing and return of books, chase overdue books and ensure the security of stock
- 5. To classify and catalogue all books and learning resources
- 6. To manage and maintain the physical layout, furniture and fittings of the library and to ensure that it is well organised and tidy
- 7. To provide and maintain a comprehensive database of all library books and resources
- 8. To maintain an up to date knowledge of children's literature and to read and promote the latest children's fiction
- 9. To keep up to date with developments and research regarding libraries and reading
- 10. To maintain a presence around the school to ensure that the highest standards of behaviour and site-usage are upheld
- 11. To actively promote the Academy and liaise with outside agencies as necessary.
- 12. To communicate and liaise with staff, students, parents, governors and members of the local community as appropriate
- 13. To demonstrate a commitment to Equality of Opportunity for all members of the Academy's community
- 14. To advise on the design for the new library and establish the library: ordering stock prior to the opening, categorizing stock etc.

## **Person Specification:**

### Desirable:

- 1. Librarian qualification, either first degree or postgraduate
- 2. Experience working with Eclipse library management system or equivalent
- 3. Experience of using libraries to support curriculum delivery and raising attainment for students of different ages
- 4. An understanding of the range of strategies that support reading development

#### **Essential:**

- 1. Experience of working in an educational establishment
- Experience of working within a library
- 3. Strong IT skills
- 4. Excellent administrative skills
- 5. Able to work with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- 6. Enthusiastic and approachable, able to meet deadlines and support the working of the academy

- 7. Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- 8. Detailed knowledge of children's literature and secondary learning resources
- 9. Broad knowledge of adult and children's literature
- 10. Excellent working knowledge of library classification systems and the ability to catalogue and display books in clear and coherent form

This is a newly created role and inevitably duties will develop and change. The successful candidate would therefore expect periodic variations to the job description.

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