

**Head of Faculty Vocational Learning**



**Frederick Bremer School**

*Respect, Responsibility, Integrity*

**Address:** Siddeley Road, Walthamstow, London E17 4EY

**Headteacher:** Ms Jenny Smith

**Website:** [www.bremer.org.uk](http://www.bremer.org.uk/)

**Information Pack**

**Role:**

**Job Role: Head of Vocational Learning**

Thank you for showing an interest in this post at Frederick Bremer School. We appreciate that applying for a new position is not taken lightly, and the decision about this post is as much about it being right for you as well as for us. You will find information regarding this post in this pack, and more general information about the school on our website. You are also encouraged to visit the school prior to interview, and you can also request a phone conversation with the Headteacher beforehand.

Frederick Bremer School is an exciting school to join. We have amazing pupils, who are hugely ambitious for themselves and curious about the world around them. We are a committed and dedicated staff body, who are very supportive. We are all committed to community education, and to ensuring that the young people of our community have the best possible educational opportunities. As a result, the school is a dynamic community to be a part of.

**Vocational Learning at Frederick Bremer**

Vocational learning and creativity are fundamental elements of our unique key stage 3 curriculum and have provided opportunities for our pupils to thrive in a range of subjects through our ‘Creativity Curriculum’. At Key Stage 4, our pupils have enjoyed the opportunities that vocational courses have offered them to immerse themselves into the practical elements of subjects and our options of Business, Construction, Food & Nutrition and Sport have been incredibly popular during recent years.

We understand that offering a diverse and challenging vocational pathway for our pupils can provide them with opportunities to diversify their learning as well as develop a different skillset that complements their academic learning in other subjects. As the school moves to outstanding we are, therefore, keen to ensure that our vocational learning offer continues to develop and becomes a fundamental element of the opportunities that we offer to our pupils at key stage 4 options.

**The Post**

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and dynamic leader who is passionate about developing high quality vocational learning opportunities for our pupils. This is a new post in the school and provides a fantastic opportunity for an experienced subject leader who has the drive and commitment to build our new faculty of vocational learning.

As Head of Faculty, this post will have responsibility for the learning and outcomes for pupils across a range of smaller subjects (PE, DT, ICT and Business) and will involve responsibility for line-management of post-holders with subject leadership responsibility. Alongside responsibility for leading the development of these subjects, this post also offers the opportunity to demonstrate impact at a whole-school level through responsibility for leading the vocational quality processes within the school. This will initially involve responsibility for our existing BTEC, NCFE and WJEC qualifications and will also include the potential opportunity to support with advising on the process of introducing new vocational qualifications into other departments.

This post also includes line management responsibility for our Careers & Progression Leader, providing an additional opportunity to demonstrated impact at a whole-school level. Working alongside an established member of our support staff, this will initially involve supporting them to implement our Careers & progression framework but ultimately includes the potential to demonstrate impact at a whole-school level through leading further developments to this strategy.

As the school continues to develop, this post also offers the possibility (following induction) for secondment to the Senior Leadership Team with the opportunity to become involved in a range of whole-school initiatives to match the experience and expertise of the applicant.

**The Faculty**

The new faculty of vocational learning will be formed from the amalgamation of our current Business/Computing, PE and Technology departments. Each of these departments are at different points in their development and the combination of experience and youthful energy provides exciting opportunities as we move to this next stage. The new faculty will have a team of highly motivated, dedicated and passionate individuals who are committed to working in a collegiate manner.

As the new faculty develops and works towards a consistent approach across all subject areas, you will be well supported by a knowledgeable and enthusiastic team of subject specialists (currently 10 teaching staff and 1 technician), with experience teaching a wide range of GCSE and vocational qualifications across the full range of subjects currently offered.

**The School**

Frederick Bremer School is an exciting, dynamic and innovative school where all staff and pupils are encouraged to be ‘the very best they can be’. We are judged as a good school across all areas, and are on a journey which is moving us to outstanding. Our vision and values are at the heart of our practice, and you will need to share our commitment to ensure every pupil is not only academically successful but is also equipped with the skills, qualities and attributes to be a successful 21st century citizen.

Our school is truly representative of our local community. We are incredibly diverse, and no ethnic group is more than 18% of the school population. Almost 50% of pupils are eligible for Pupil Premium, and we have all socio-economic groups of the local area represented. We have two thirds boys to girls (the impact of 3 girls’ schools in the Authority), but it is not apparent that girls are a minority group.

Our school is a community hub. Our 75% of pupils live less than 1 mile from the school gates. Our parents, Governors and pupils are proud to be members of the Frederick Bremer community. Our school is used extensively by the local community outside school hours. As Ofsted stated in 2013, this is ‘truly a harmonious community’ where we all ‘just get along’, and reiterated in 2015 by stating ‘Relationships are positive and the strong community spirit leads to pupils working very well together’. Our school values (outlined on the next page) are embedded in the school, and our diversity is our strength.

Our pupils are a pleasure to work with; they are ambitious for themselves and their community. We are now ready to move to the next, outstanding, stage of school improvement here, and it is an opportunity for an ambitious individual to make a significant contribution to this journey.

This is an exciting time to join Bremer. We have brilliant pupils, a very supportive staff and Governing body and great parents. If you are looking to join a school which is on a rapid trajectory of improvement, and also to develop your skills as an outstanding teacher, then this is an exciting opportunity for you.

We look forward to receiving your application.



Jenny Smith Michelle Hegarty

Headteacher Chair of Governors



**Required for September 2018**

**Position:** Head of Faculty Vocational Learning

**Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b**

**Pupil Roll:** 900

**Pupil Age range:** 11-16 yrs

**Co-educational**

**Ofsted December 2015**

***“The quality of teaching is increasingly strong and pupils are making rapid progress.”***

***“Outcomes in 2015 were the best achieved over the last four years. This placed the school in the top 25% of all schools nationally.”***

***“Pupils enjoy being a part of the strong inclusive school community and have confidence in each other.”***

We are looking for a Specialist in Vocational Learning who is passionate about their subject (ICT, DT or PE) and who is able to engage and inspire our students through the vocational learning routes. You will be a subject specialist in DT or ICT or PE, and be experienced in delivering Btecs and vocational learning programmes. This post will be leading the new Vocational Learning Faculty, which will oversee ICT, DT and PE and be responsible for all vocational qualifications in the school.

We are looking for an ambitious leader who would contribute to the strategic development of our curriculum and help develop exciting pathway routes for our pupils. We will offer training opportunities to support you move into Senior Leadership in the future. We have vibrant, exciting and interesting pupils and a supportive staff body. The successful candidate will join an experienced and successful team which is committed to collaborative working, and is an enjoyable community to be part of.

Frederick Bremer School is at an exciting school to be part of, and we are an outstanding local community school built on strong relationships with our pupils and parents. As part of the Bremer community, you will join a supportive staff body, brilliant pupils and receive personalised professional development.

*The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Offer of a position is subject to receiving satisfactory references and an Enhanced DBS Clearance*

For more information and an application pack please see our website [www.bremer.org.uk](http://www.bremer.org.uk/) or contact Cigdem Gecsoyler 020 8498 3344 or email [recruitment@bremer.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@bremer.waltham.sch.uk). If you would like to visit the school before submitting your application please contact us.

**Completed application forms should be returned or emailed to** [**recruitment@bremer.waltham.sch.uk**](mailto:recruitment@bremer.waltham.sch.uk%20) **by noon on Friday 23rd March 2018 Interviews to be held during the week commencing 26th March 2018**

**Safeguarding Summary**

This summary sheet is for all staff working, volunteering or officially visiting the school including those on supply or other short contracts (even if for only a day). Ensuring such staff read this sheet contributes to the school's commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of pupils. All of us should aim to proactively safeguard and promote the welfare of children so that the need for action to protect children from harm is reduced.

**We are committed to embedding a culture of vigilance in everything we do.**

As an adult in this school you have a duty of care towards all pupils. This means you should act at all times in a way that is consistent with their safety and welfare. Be alert to signs and indicators of possible abuse (a checklist is available from Reception as part of the Safeguarding Policy and summarised below). If you have a concern about a child, particularly if you think s/he may be suffering or at risk of suffering harm, it is your responsibility to share the information promptly with the Designated Member of Staff for Child Protection (Ben Lyon) or the Deputy Lead (Deborah Davies). In the absence of a designated member of staff you should report to the Head teacher (Jenny Smith).

The following is not an exhaustive list but you might become concerned as a result of:

 seeing a physical injury which you believe to be non-accidental

 observing something in the appearance of a pupil which leads you to think his/her needs are being neglected

 witnessing behaviour which gives rise to concern

 a pupil telling you that s/he has been subjected to some form of abuse

In any of these circumstances you should write down what you observed or heard, date and sign the account and give it to the designated teacher.

If a pupil talks to you about (discloses) abuse you should:

 Stay calm

 Do not communicate shock, anger or embarrassment

 Reassure the child. Tell him you are pleased that he is speaking to you

 Never enter into a pact of secrecy with the child. Assure him that you will try to help but let the child know that you will have to tell other people in order to do this. State who this will be and why

 Tell her/him that you believe them. Children very rarely lie about abuse; but he may have tried to tell others and not been heard or believed

 Tell the child that it is not his fault.

 Encourage the child to talk but do not ask "leading questions" or press for information

 Listen and remember

 Check that you have understood correctly what the child is trying to tell you

 Praise the child for telling you. Communicate that s/he has a right to be safe and protected

 Do not tell the child that what he experienced is dirty, naughty or bad

 It is inappropriate to make any comments about the alleged offender

 Be aware that the child may retract what s/he has told you. It is essential to record all you have heard

 At the end of the conversation, tell the child again who you are going to tell and why that person or those people need to know.

You are not expected to make a judgement about whether the child is telling the truth. If the behaviour of another adult in the school gives rise to concern you should report it to the Head teacher.

**Remember**: **share any concerns, don't keep them to yourself.**







**Jenny Smith**

**Head Teacher**

**Ben Lyon**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

**Stephanie Shaldas (SAHT) Shadow Safeguarding Lead**

**Deborah Davies Deputy Lead for Child Protection**

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| **I can confirm that I have received and read a copy of the ‘Safeguarding Summary for all staff’.** | | | |
| **Name:** |  | **Date:** |  |
| **Signature:** |  | **Staff Contact:** |  |
| **Reason for Visit:** |  | | |

**Please ask Reception if you need further information or wish to read the full**

**Safeguarding Policy.**

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**How to Apply for this Position**

To apply please complete the enclosed application form. Your completed application form should address and evidence the selection criteria detailed in the Person Specification.

**Closing Date:** **12 noon Friday 23rd March 2018**

**Interviews: Week commencing 26th March 2018**

**Applying:**

Completed application forms may be returned in electronic format to:

[recruitment@bremer.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@bremer.waltham.sch.uk)

If you would prefer to submit a paper application form, please return to:

**Mrs Sheri Warwick-Baker,**

**PA to the Headteacher,**

**Frederick Bremer School, Siddeley Road,**

**Walthamstow,**

**London E17 4EY**

**Please Read Carefully**

**Asylum and Immigration Act 1996 Section 8**

**Prevention of Illegal Working**

Section 8 of the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996 requires all employers in the United Kingdom to make basic document checks on every person they intend to employ. By making these checks, employers can be sure they will not break the law by employing illegal workers.

On 1 May 2004, the Government introduced changes to the types of document that an employer will need to check to avoid employing illegal workers.

**You will be required to provide one of the documents from List 1 or 2 documents in the combination as stated in List 2.**

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| **List 1** | |
| • | A passport showing that the holder is a British citizen, or has a right of abode in the United  Kingdom. |
| • | A document showing that the holder is a national of a European Economic Area country or  Switzerland. This must be a national passport or national identity card. |
| • | A residence permit issued by the Home Office to a national from a European Economic Area  country or Switzerland. |
| • | A passport or other document issued by the Home Office which has an endorsement stating that  the holder has a current right of residence in the United Kingdom as the family member of a national from a European Economic Area country or Switzerland who is resident in the United Kingdom. |
| • | A passport or other travel document endorsed to show that the holder can stay indefinitely in the  United Kingdom, or has not time limit on their stay. |
| • | A passport or other travel document endorsed to show that the holder can stay in the United  Kingdom; and that this endorsement allows the holder to do the type of work you are offering if  they do not have a work permit. |
| • | An Application Registration Card issued by the Home Office to an asylum seeker stating that the  holder is permitted to take employment. |
| **There is no need to provide documents from List 2 if you have provided a document in the list above.** | |

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| **List 2** | |
| **First Combination** | |
| **A** | A document giving your permanent National Insurance Number and name. This could be a:  P45, P60, National Insurance card, or a letter from a Government agency. |
| **Along with one of the following documents listed in sections B-H:** | |
| **B** | A full birth certificate issued in the United Kingdom, which includes the names of the holder’s  parents; OR |
| **C** | A birth certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland; OR |
| **D** | A certificate of registration or naturalisation stating that the holder is a British Citizen; OR |
| **E** | A letter issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the person named in it  can stay indefinitely in the United Kingdom, or has no time limit on their stay; OR |
| **F** | An Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an  endorsement indicating that the person named in it can stay indefinitely in the United  Kingdom, or has no time limit on their stay; OR |
| **G** | A letter issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the person named in it  can stay in the United Kingdom, and this allows them to do the type of work you are offering; |
| **H** | An Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an  endorsement indicating that the person named in it can stay in the United Kingdom, and this allows them to do the type of work you are offering. |
| **Second Combination** | |
| **A** | A work permit or other approval to take employment that has been issued by Work Permits  UK. |
| **Along with a document issued by Work Permits UK, you should also provide one of the following**  **documents listed in Sections B-C:** | |
| **B** | A passport or other travel document endorsed to show that the holder is able to stay in the  United Kingdom and can take the work permit employment in question; OR |
| **C** | A letter issued by the Home Office to the holder confirming that the person named in it is able  to stay in the United Kingdom and can take the work permit employment in question. |
| **Please note: it is a requirement that we keep a photocopy of the original documents if you are**  **successful in your application.** | |

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| **Workers Registration Scheme** | | | |
| If you are a national from one of the following countries who joined the European Union on the 1 May  2004, you will need to register with the Home Office when you commence employment and a copy of your Registration Certificate will be kept on your personal file. | | | |
| **Czech Republic** | **Latvia** | **Slovakia** | **Hungary** |
| **Estonia** | **Lithuania** | **Slovenia** | **Poland** |
| Nationals from **Cyprus** or **Malta** will not be required to register. | | | |



**Important Note for All Applicants**

**Policy Statement on Recruiting Ex-Offenders**

**And Safekeeping of Disclosures**

**The policy objective of London Borough of Waltham Forest on disclosure information is:**

 To ensure that disclosure information is used fairly in the recruitment process to prevent discrimination against **staff, volunteers, service users, potential employees and ex-offenders** on the basis of conviction or other details.

 To maximise the protection for children in Waltham Forest schools and other vulnerable people against those who might wish to harm them.

**To achieve our policy objectives and to comply with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Code of Practice under Section 122 of the Police Act 1997, London Borough of Waltham Forest, as a Registered Umbrella Body for Disclosure, undertakes to implement the following general provisions.**

**General Provisions on Disclosure Policy**

**1. Recruitment Process**

London Borough of Waltham Forest will carry out risk assessments for each position and encourage managers to adopt an open mind in recruitment decisions. In making recruitment decisions our managers will:

 Assess the nature and relevance of the offence, the potential risks involved in employing the offender, and how these could be sensibly and effectively managed.

 Focus on a person's abilities, skills, experience and qualifications.

 Consider the nature of the conviction and its relevance to the job in question.

 Identify the risks to our business, customers, clients and employees.

 Recognise that having a criminal record does not always mean a lack of skills,

 Note that high-quality training, leading to qualifications is available in prison

 State the level of Disclosure applicable to any posts that requires a Disclosure

 Discuss any matter revealed in a Disclosure with the person seeking the position before withdrawing a conditional offer of employment.

 Ensure that where a Disclosure is to form part of the recruitment process, we encourage all applicants called for interview to provide details of their criminal record at an early stage in the application process. We request that this information is sent under separate, confidential cover, to a designated

person within your school and we guarantee that this information will only be seen by those who need to see it as part of the recruitment process.

 Only ask about "unspent" convictions as defined in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, unless the nature of the position allows London Borough of Waltham Forest to ask questions about your entire criminal record.

 Include in application forms or accompanying materials a statement to the effect that a criminal record will not necessarily be a bar to obtaining a position. Where a Disclosure is required, all application forms, job adverts and recruitment briefs will contain a statement that a Disclosure will be requested in the event of the individual being offered the position.

**2. Recruitment of Ex- Offenders**

Unless the nature of the work demands it, ex-offenders will not be asked to disclose any convictions 'spent' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Having an 'unspent' conviction will not necessarily bar an individual from employment. This will depend on the circumstances and background of the offence(s).

London Borough of Waltham Forest meets the requirements in respect of exempted questions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, therefore all applicants for positions of trust who are offered employment will be subject to a criminal record check from the Disclosure and Barring Service before the appointment is confirmed. This will include details of cautions, reprimands or final warnings, as well as convictions.

**3. Declaration of Convictions**

Applicants will be actively encouraged to declare any convictions, or any other information that may be relevant, at an early stage in the recruitment process. **Failure to declare a conviction, caution or bind-over may, however, disqualify an applicant from appointment, or result in summary dismissal if the discrepancy comes to light.**

**4. Training**

We ensure that all those in London Borough of Waltham Forest who are involved in the recruitment process have been suitably trained to identify and assess the relevance and circumstances of offences. We also ensure that they have received appropriate guidance and training in the relevant legislation relating to the employment of ex-offenders, e.g. the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

**5. Storage & Access**

Disclosure information is never kept on an applicant's personnel file and is always kept separately and securely, in lockable, non-portable, storage containers with access strictly controlled and limited to those who are entitled to see it as part of their duties.

Documents are kept in lockable and non-portable storage containers. Keys or combinations for such storage units are **only** available to named individuals. Access to rooms containing storage containers are restricted to staff engaged in recruitment work.

No photocopy or other image of the Disclosure is retained, nor is any copy of the contents made or kept. However, records will be kept of the date of a Disclosure, the name of the applicant, the type of Disclosure, the post in question, the unique number issued by the Bureau and the recruitment decision taken, as well as a written record of the names to whom disclosure information has been revealed.

**6. Handling**

In accordance with section 124 of the Police Act 1997, Disclosure information is only passed to those who are authorised to receive it in the course of their duties. We maintain a record of all those to whom Disclosures or Disclosure information has been revealed and we recognise that it is a criminal offence to pass this information to anyone who is not entitled to receive it.

There may be circumstances where a recipient of Disclosure information is asked to reveal details of a Disclosure to a third party in connection with legal proceedings for example, in a case submitted to an Employment Tribunal. In such instances London Borough of Waltham Forest will inform the Bureau of any such request **immediately and prior** to the release of any information.

**7. Usage**

Disclosure information is only used for the specific purpose for which it was requested and for which the applicant's full consent has been given.

**8. Retention**

Once a recruitment (or other relevant) decision has been made, Disclosure information is kept for a period of up to six months, to allow for the consideration and resolution of any disputes or complaints.

If, in very exceptional circumstances, it is considered necessary to keep Disclosure information for longer than six months, we will consult the DBS about this and will give full consideration to the Data Protection and Human Rights of the individual subject before doing so.

London Borough of Waltham Forest will not keep any photocopy or other image of the Disclosure or any copy or representation of the contents of a Disclosure. However, we will retain the top part of the Disclosure certificate as proof of having received the document once the six-month retention period has elapsed. This contains the details of the applicant along with a reference number known to the DBS, but does not contain details of any convictions. (*References in this section to Disclosures include relevant non- conviction information supplied by the police but not included on Disclosures.)*

**9. Disposal**

Once the retention period has elapsed, we will ensure that any Disclosure information is immediately destroyed by secure means, i.e. by shredding, pulping or burning. While awaiting destruction, Disclosure information will not be kept in any insecure receptacle (e.g. waste bin or confidential waste sack).

**10.Lost Disclosures**

If Disclosure information (or information contained within the Disclosure) is lost, the Bureau will be informed immediately. The Bureau will consider whether to issue a replacement, if this is requested.

**11.Availability of Policy**

A copy of London Borough of Waltham Forest's Policy on employing people with criminal records is included in recruitment material. We make every subject of disclosure aware of the existence of London Borough of Waltham Forest’s full disclosure policy and handling of disclosures and the DBS code of practice. These will be made available to staff, potential employees and service users on request.

**12.Assurance checks**

London Borough of Waltham Forest will implement internal audit checks on the disclosure process and co- operate with the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of any compliance enquiries and related matters.



**Equal Opportunity Policy Statement**

Good government really matters. In Waltham Forest we recognise the impact that Council activities can have on the quality of life of the people and communities that we serve. It’s our job (in partnership with others) to protect the environment; improve public health; support the vulnerable; educate for life; improve the quality of homes people live in; develop the economy of the area; promote and foster choice and democracy.

What we do can make a real difference in the life of the people we serve. We are determined to be a modern Council working with the community for the community – and equality of opportunity is at the heart of our thinking and effort.

 Equal opportunity in service delivery means that we recognise the different and equivalent needs of the individuals and communities we serve and that we aim to meet them in a fair, objective and open way.

 Equal Opportunity in employment means offering genuine equivalent treatment to our staff across the whole range of our employment and recruitment practices.

 Our aim is to enable all our employees to make their distinctive contributions to the benefit of the people of Waltham Forest.

 Therefore the Council is determined (and enthusiastic) about developing a working culture that is fair and inclusive. Sadly, prejudice, whether conscious or unconscious is still a matter of fact in society as a whole. We don’t underestimate the power of the influences which work against equality of opportunity in organisations, institutions and individuals.

 But we believe that a commitment toward equality and diversity is right for society, right for the Council, right for staff, right for customers, and right for our communities. We will regularly review the effect of our employment practices to make sure that they are appropriate and that they work the way we

intend. We will encourage our staff and partners to welcome diversity, respect each person’s individuality and value their creativity. We expect our managers to champion our values, challenge prejudice and role-model appropriate behaviour.

 We will take stock of our progress regularly, using a variety of measures. We will ask our staff, customers, suppliers and partners what they think. We are committed to improving our performance, and people’s perception of it, consistently over time.

**Employment with Disabilities**

The Council has been awarded the Disability Symbol, commonly known as the “Two Ticks”.

To encourage more applicants from people with disabilities we operate a Job Interview Guarantee scheme. This means if you meet all the essential criteria for the job you are applying for we will invite you for an interview.