

# CANDIDATE INFORMATION BROCHURE

To inspire young people to make their best better



**Unity City Academy**

# A Message from the Head of Academy - Mr Andrew Rodgers

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**Teaching and Learning Principles** Climate A purposeful learning environment is established through clear behavioural expectations and well-defined systems and routines understood by students and reinforced by the teacher.

**Challenge** A high level of challenge is set for all students regardless of background or prior attainment. Challenge is set above students' current level but not too far-reaching that they are disengaged.

**Explanation** Knowledgeable explanations are at the heart of the lesson. Well crafted explanations create an enthusiasm for the topic and provide students with a clear understanding of difficult ideas and concepts.

**Modelling** The Modelling process is used to help students understand the steps experts take in producing outstanding outcomes. Exemplary work is deconstructed to help students learn about how smaller parts create a larger whole.

**Support**

Different types of support are used to help all learners reach the same learning goals. Differentiation is used to provide support where necessary.

Questioning Higher and lower order questioning is used effectively. Closed, factual questions are used to build/test students' level of understanding and open-ended questioning extends understanding and promotes discussion.

Assessment Diagnostic assessment is used to identify students' current knowledge of a subject, skills and capabilities before teaching takes place. Formative assessment provides feedback and information during the learning process. Summative assessment takes place after the learning has been completed and provides information and feedback that is used to self-assess the teaching and learning process.

Feedback Feedback on students' work provides information on how to close the gap between current level of understanding/performance and the desired learning goal/outcome. Learners

Students are well-motivated and engaged. Outcomes are positive and demonstrate progress over time.

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Job Title: Teacher of Science**

**Responsible to: Curriculum Leader**

### **Specific Responsibilities**

- To be a specialist in chosen subject area
- Plan and prepare lessons and schemes of work in accordance with Academy policy, ensuring a variety of learning opportunities for the development of key skills;
- Maintain individual records of pupil's experiences and achievements in the lessons taught by you and use data to inform future planning;
- Contribute, as required, to the Annual Review process including the writing of reports in accordance with Academy policy;
- Prepare, implement and monitor Individual Learning Plans for pupils in accordance with Academy policy;
- Lead the class team to ensure collaborative working for the benefit of the pupils;
- Work collaboratively with colleagues, parents/carers, educational psychologists, therapists, social services and other outside agencies who may be involved with pupils for whom you have a responsibility;
- Have a thorough awareness of and regard for the confidential nature of many aspects of school information relating to individual pupils;
- Co-operate with colleagues to ensure the achievement of the aims of the School;
- Promote positive pupil behaviour in line with Academy policies;

Take part as required in meetings in relation to the curriculum and organisation of the school;

Participate in arrangements for professional development as outlined in the Academy development plan or identified through the appraisal process and take responsibility for own development;

Ensure the activities in which pupils are engaged are conducted in a disciplined, safe and healthy environment and in line with Academy policy.

### **General Responsibilities**

To be an ambassador for the Academy

To model the core values of the Academy in your professional life and to promote and develop the Academy's vision, ethos, aims and objectives

To establish a culture that promotes excellence, equality, and high expectations for all students

To contribute positively to discussions leading to the development of effective policies, practices and structures

To respond professionally to unplanned situations, crises, and emergencies whenever they arise to ensure the safety and efficiency of staff and students of the Academy and to maintain good discipline

To attend meetings with external agencies and organisations.

To foster and support extra-curricular activities in the interest of the Academy community e.g. Academy productions, concerts, sports activities, trips, and excursions

To take on additional responsibilities as directed by the Principal and or SLT  
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### **Variation in Role**

Specific roles beyond those outlined by title will be placed on a MPS/TLR Scale. While specific areas of accountability have been addressed in the Teacher title role and areas of accountability as indicated it is by no means a definitive guide to the role expected. Flexibility is the key attribute required of post holders with an ability to

deliver on specific outcomes given in the Academy Development Plan linked to Key Indicators of Performance.

The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the statement of Conditions of Employment.

This job description allocates duties and responsibilities but does not direct the particular amount of time to be spent on carrying them out and no part of it may be so construed.

This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed at least once a year and it may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the holder of the post.

The duties may be varied to meet the changing demands of the Academy at the reasonable discretion of the Principal.

This job description does not form part of the contract of employment. It describes the way the post holder is expected and required to perform and complete the particular duties as set out in the foregoing.

### **Special Conditions of Employment:**

#### **Equality and Diversity**

The Academy is committed to equality and diversity for all members of society. The Academy will take action to discharge this responsibility, but many of the actions will rely on individual staff members at Unity City Academy embracing their responsibilities with commitment, and ensuring a positive and collaborative approach to Equality and Diversity. This will require staff to support the Academy's initiatives on Equality and Diversity which will include embracing development and training designed to enhance practices and the experiences of staff, students and visitors to the Academy, with an all inclusive approach that celebrates differences. Failure to embrace these commitments may lead to formal action.

#### **Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974**

This job is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Appointment to this job is subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure being obtained, and any relevant convictions cautions and reprimands being considered. Any convictions cautions or reprimands of relevance, obtained by the jobholder after enhanced CRB clearance has been acquired, must be disclosed to the Principal by the jobholder. Failure by the jobholder to do so, or the obtaining by the jobholder of a relevant conviction caution or reprimand, may be managed in accordance with the Academy's Disciplinary Procedure.

## **Health and Safety**

The jobholder is required to exercise their duty of care by taking responsibility for their own health and safety, and the health and safety of other people who may be affected by their acts or omissions (failure to act). Full guidance regarding health and safety is set out in the Academy's Health and Safety Policy, and in any risk assessments relevant to the jobholder's role or circumstances. Both can be accessed via the jobholder's line manager and must be observed.

## **Confidentiality and Data Protection**

The jobholder is expected to comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998. Any information they have access to, or are responsible for, must be managed appropriately and any requirements for confidentiality and security observed. Information must not be disclosed to any person or Authority, for example a parent or the Police, without observing the correct procedure for disclosure as set out in the Academy's Data Protection Policy.

## **Training and Development**

Unity City Academy has a shared responsibility with the jobholder for identifying and satisfying training and development needs. The jobholder is expected to actively contribute to their own continuous professional development, and to attend and participate in any training or development activities required to assist them in undertaking their role and meeting their safeguarding and general obligations.

## **Mobility**

The jobholder may be required to transfer to any job appropriate to their grade at such a place as in the service of the Academy they may be required, in accordance with legitimate operational requirements and / or facilitating the avoidance of staffing reductions.

**This job description reflects the major tasks to be carried out by the jobholder and identifies the level of responsibility at which the jobholder will be required to work, as at the date on which the last review took place.**

**This job description may subject to review and/ or amendment at any time to reflect the requirements of the job. Any amendments will be made in consultation with any existing jobholder, and will be commensurate with the grade for the job. The jobholder is expected to comply with any reasonable management requests.**

## **Other clauses:**

1. The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the Teachers Pay and Conditions document (TPCD).



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4. This job description may be varied to meet the changing demands of the academy at the reasonable discretion of the Principal/Group/Chief Executive
5. This job description does not form part of the contract of employment. It describes the way the post holder is expected and required to perform and complete the particular duties as set out in the foregoing.
6. Postholder may deal with sensitive material and should maintain confidentiality in all academy related matters.

### **Safeguarding**

We are committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate will be required for all posts. This post will be subject to enhanced checks as part of our Prevent Duty.

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

This person specification does not constitute a job description.

Your personal qualities and attributes will lead to your – and our – future development; therefore our person specification is more of a driving force in our search for the best candidate to join us in our team.

### Essential Desirable

- Qualifications and Experience:
- A relevant honours degree or equivalent and QTS.
- A good honours degree or equivalent and PGCE.
- Evidence of further subject-based professional development.

### Teaching:

- Evidence of good classroom practice.
- Good understanding of effective and engaging teaching methods.
- The ability to engage, enthuse and motivate students.
- Willingness to teach another subject.
- Experience of teaching up to KS3 & KS4.
- Experience of the use of ICT to enhance the teaching and learning process. 🖥️
- Experience of teaching KS5.

### Assessment:

- An understanding of the use of assessment to inform planning.
- Evidence of improved student outcomes.
- The ability to monitor student progress through the use of ICT.

### Planning:

- The ability to plan lessons and sequences of lessons with clear objectives to ensure progression for all students.
- The ability to set consistently high expectations for all students through class work and homework.
- A willingness to be involved in extended curriculum opportunities in the subject area.
- The ability to manage time effectively and prioritise work.

## **Academies Enterprise Trust**

Academies Enterprise Trust is the largest Academy Partnership in the United Kingdom, with 63 schools (Primary, Secondary and Special) across England.

[Click here to view a map of our Academies across the country.](#)

We believe that all young people deserve to become world class learners – to learn, enjoy, succeed and thrive in a world class educational environment, which has the best facilities, the best teaching and the most up to date resources available to them.

Our vision is to help students achieve world class learning outcomes by developing world class teachers in a world class community.

### **Ethos Statement**

Every young person deserves the opportunity to have a life that can be described as 'good quality', free from fear and danger, where they can give and receive respect to and from others with a sense of well-being, belonging, worth and achievement.

AET academies will become High Performing Organisations and, therefore, must be the:

- Education provider of choice for students.
- Employer of choice for staff.
- Investment of choice for parents.

Values and Beliefs Through our actions and behaviours we will strive to develop young people who:

- Respect themselves and the community (people, property and the environment), and seek to have a positive impact on society;
- Are polite, calm, caring, honest, trustworthy and helpful;
- Are responsible, independent and supportive of each other;
- Are tolerant, open minded and not prejudiced;
- Are determined and have a strong work ethic;
- Will be thoughtful and compassionate with the ability to listen and challenge in a considerate fashion;
- Have good communication skills;
- Offer themselves as good role models for future generations of learners and citizens;
- Can demonstrate strong self-belief and confidence and have high aspirations;
- Are team players who can work and support others, and where necessary are able to

take on leadership roles.

## **Learning and Development**

We welcome colleagues who drive their own professional development and who consider themselves lifelong learners. To encourage this we offer a professional learning journey which can be tailored to your individual needs. We provide experiences, social learning and formal programmes that will enable you to develop new skills, and to work, collaborate, learn and develop with colleagues across our large network.

Your journey will be accessible through the knowledge exchange to enable you to be responsible for your own learning and development. You will have access to the market place, resources and online communities to share good practice and be part of the vast learning opportunities across our network .

We are the largest network of academies in England allowing you to develop your skills, knowledge and expertise in a variety of different settings and locations across the country.

Our journey is designed to create a clear career pathway from induction, to statutory/core development, supporting further development, talent management and career progression. We will support you in achieving excellence together and stretch your learning and development to have greatest impact across our network.

## **Google Education**

Google for Education is an exciting and innovative way of learning, introducing easy tools to engage students whenever, wherever on any device!

In summer 2012, AET adopted G Suite for Education, the free web-based communication and collaboration suite available to education establishments.

With products including Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Drive, Google Sites and Google Classroom, AET recognised the potential it would bring to classroom learning, knowledge sharing across the academies, improvements in administrative efficiency and providing access from home for all.

This enables all our students and staff to have access to the most up-to-date technology. Our academies have also rolled out many class sets of Google Chromebooks, affordable browser-based laptops that provide quick, simple access to the web!

The latest innovation in an increasing number of our academies includes access to Chromebook Flip for all teachers with the ability to cast the screen from anywhere to the large format screen at the front of the classroom. Where students have access to Chromebooks, teachers can also allow students to cast their work to the screen as well to support with peer assessment, group projects and collaborative working!

## **Staff Benefits**

### Career Development

- Apprenticeships
- Financial Support towards achieving further Qualifications
- Leadership Programmes
- Progression Opportunities
- Teacher Training Programmes

### Family Friendly

- Childcare vouchers – If you are using registered or approved childcare, you can choose to take part of your salary in childcare vouchers to pay for it which are Tax and National Insurance free. This means you get extra value from your pay packet each month.

### Financial

- JTRS Apple Product Store–Employees, students and families are eligible to purchase a range of Apple products at preferential terms.
- EAG Essex Auto Group –Employees are eligible to receive preferential terms on the purchase of new vehicles within the EAG range of vehicle bands they offer. EAG also offer vehicle servicing and repairs, and hold an agency with Motability for those who require a vehicle to their specific disability needs.
- Pension

### Health and Wellbeing

- Hi-Tec Sport – Hi-Tec offer staff, students, and parents of the Group a discount on all footwear purchased directly from Hi-Tec via its online store.
- BHSF – The Group works in partnership with BHSF, to support our health and wellbeing agenda. BHSF provides access to support services and employee benefits

Academies Enterprise Trust, Safe Recruitment Procedure Academies Enterprise Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its academies. In order to meet this responsibility, its academies follow a rigorous selection process to discourage and screen out unsuitable applicants.

Disclosure and Barring Service A Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate will be required for all posts.

Shortlisting Only those candidates meeting the right criteria will be shortlisted.

Interview 1. Those shortlisted will take part in an in-depth interview process. 2. Candidates will be asked to address any discrepancies, anomalies or gaps in their application form.

Reference Checking References from the previous and current employer will be taken up for shortlisted candidates, and where necessary employers may be contacted to gather further information.

Probation All new staff will be subject to a probation period of six months (which may, in certain circumstances, be extended by up to 3 months). The probation period is a trial period, to enable the assessment of an employee's suitability for the job for which they have been employed. It provides the academy/trust with the opportunity to monitor and review the performance of new staff in relation to various areas, but also in terms of their commitment to safeguarding and relationships with pupils.

Equal Opportunities Academies Enterprise Trust recognises the value of, and seeks to achieve, a diverse workforce which includes people from differing backgrounds with different skills and abilities. AET takes positive steps to create an employment culture through its Board of Governors, managers and other employees, in which people can feel confident of being treated with fairness, dignity and tolerance irrespective of their individual differences. This commitment extends beyond the relationship between and conduct of employees and potential employees, to the whole community and others connected with it. AET is committed to the elimination of unlawful discrimination and to the promotion of good relations between all.

Data Protection Personal data provided on your application, and for equal opportunities monitoring, is required to enable Academies Enterprise Trust to operate and monitor its recruitment and employment procedures. Data is kept secure and accurate, and disclosure is restricted to those people within the organisation who have a need to access it. Personal data supplied by you is destroyed within prescribed time limits, unless you are appointed, in which case the data you have supplied will form the basis for your individual staff record.