Head of Maths

Closing Date:
10 December 2023
Early Applications encouraged.

Application Pack
Please note we DO NOT currently do VISA Sponsorships.
Welcome

As partners in our community, our mission is to provide every child and young person with an enriching and inspiring educational experience, where they can thrive academically and socially, both now and in the future. By being ‘Stronger Together’ in our educational quality, our parent and community engagement, our investment in our people and our sustainability, we can meet our specific pledges to all of our children, communities and staff.

Our vision is to prepare every North Star Community Trust student for the changing world we live in. A world which is more global, more driven by technology, a world where anything is possible with the right preparation and attitude. That means providing a curriculum and learning experience that reflects the highest academic standards and inspires and enthuses pupils through its creativity and openness to the world around us.

Our children will be able to ‘be the change they want to see in the world’. They will be resilient, optimistic, respectful, honest and well-rounded citizens, with a love of learning. At the same time, we are all also members of our communities, places where we find friendship, support and common endeavour. Being at the heart of our communities is a hallmark of North Star Community Trust.

We want our children and young people to have a sense of place, knowing the importance of ‘giving back’ and the value of community and togetherness to their everyday lives.

As a trust, we will foster a culture that respects diversity, safeguards our children’s wellbeing and recognises that we are stronger together than we are apart. In pursuing this vision, trustees, staff and governors will model it every day, knowing that each one of us plays a part in making it a reality for every child and young person.

I would like to wish you the best of luck with your application and should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Trust.

Marino Charalambous
Chief Executive Officer
Our mission is to provide every child and young person with an enriching and inspiring educational experience
Our Schools, Our Community

North Star Community Trust is an educational charity that manages a family of 4 academies in North London, educating some 2,600 pupils.

We are very proud of our families, pupils, students and staff. We hope you will community.
Woodpecker Hall Academy – Edmonton
A two-form entry primary academy serving pupils from Nursery through to Year 6.
“We are a Trust that has a very strong community ethos. That is what binds the headteachers, the teaching and learning staff, and the schools together – serving our communities and inspiring the children who live at the heart of those communities.”

Ms N Ross | Headteacher | Woodpecker Hall Academy

Kingfisher Hall Academy – Enfield
A two-form entry primary academy serving pupils from Nursery through to Year 6.
“Being part of North Star Community Trust is a huge opportunity for schools to support one another, to share what they do well, and to work together to share our very best practice to the benefit of every child in the Trust. We’re all committed to that.”

Miss G Vincent | Headteacher | Kingfisher Hall Academy

Enfield Heights Academy – Enfield
A one-form entry primary academy currently serving pupils from Reception through to Year 6.
“Being part of a family of schools is exciting and empowering, as we can learn from each other, while at the same time retaining a good level of autonomy. Shared central services keep costs down and we are able to buy in bulk with the purchasing power of a Trust.”

Mrs J Powrie | Headteacher | Enfield Heights Academy
Heron Hall Academy – Ponders End

TES Headteacher of the Year 2022
Finalists for the Pearson ‘Secondary School of the Year’ award 2021

A new and growing secondary school, serving pupils from Years 7 through to 11.

“Many of our students come from the Trust’s primary schools, which means we know a great deal about them when they join us. Our mission and purpose is clear and supported by all our staff. The Trust approach is having a transformational impact on the lives of these young people.”

Mr A Barzey | Headteacher | Heron Hall Academy
North Star Community Trust
Staff Benefits Summary

This is a taxable employee benefit; however, the cost is met by the Trust. Our Scheme provides cover for routine healthcare such as optician checkups, dental treatment, physiotherapy, acupuncture and specialist consultations. This cover includes a range of benefits designed to help support your overall health and wellbeing such as specialist scans. The North Star Wellbeing Scheme gives access to a virtual GP service, GP Anytime which is provided 24/7, 365 days a year. In addition to tax-free cover for you, the North Star Wellbeing Scheme also covers your dependants up to the age of 18 years old. There is no extra cost to add child dependants. Our scheme also gives you the option of upgrading your level of cover or adding a partner at an additional cost.

**Dental**
Covers items such as check-ups, braces, dentures, crowns, bridges, white fillings, veneers and teeth whitening. Also covers a practice’s dental plan premiums.

**Optical**
Cashback on eye tests, prescription glasses, sunglasses, laser eye surgery and contact lenses.

**Chiropody**
Covers items such as gait analysis assessments and podiatry treatments.

**Prescriptions**
Covers NHS prescriptions charges or the NHS cash equivalent for private prescription treatments.

**Health & Wellbeing**
Covers 22 alternative therapies including allergy testing, cognitive behavioural therapy, counselling fees, hypnotherapy and sports massage.

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**Employee Assistance Programme**

Provides up to 8 face to face counselling sessions and includes a Serious Illness and Accident Support service.

**Fitness and Exercise**

Access to offers and discounts on a wide range of fitness clubs and gyms via Health Shield’s reward website PERKS.

**Online Health Assessment and Personal Coaching**

Instant access to online health assessments and personal coaching tools including videos, factsheets and questionnaires.

**GP Anytime including Private Prescriptions**

GP consultation service via phone or webcam, where a GP can also prescribe a private prescription to be delivered to a member’s home or workplace.

**Pension Schemes**

Pension scheme (Local Government Pension Scheme for Support Staff and Teachers Pension Scheme for Teachers) - both schemes include 3 x salary life assurance cover whilst you remain in service. You don’t pay tax or national insurance on your contributions and North Star Community Trust adds a generous employer contribution. All staff are entitled to opt-out of the pension scheme should they wish to do so.

**Holiday Entitlement**

Our support staff on 52 weeks a year contracts benefit from a holiday allowance of a minimum of 24 days. This entitlement is in addition to any Bank or Public holidays. Teaching staff and term time only support staff receive the standard school holiday allowance.

**Training and Development**

North Star Community Trust believes in training and developing people to achieve their potential. Whatever your aspirations, our training provision offers a range of courses and qualifications. These courses include a suite of National Professional Qualifications (NPQML, NPQSL, NPQH and NPQEL) and apprenticeship opportunities (in disciplines including IT, HR, Business Administration). North Star Community Trust have formed a partnership with The Skills Network, one of the most successful providers of online learning. As part of the partnership several FREE courses are available including: Childcare, education, enhancing skills, digital and wellbeing.

Continued professional development and opportunities across the Trust, including Masters Degrees through our partnership with Warwick University.

**Affordable Accommodation**

Access to affordable North Star key worker accommodation from £550 per month all inclusive of rent, utilities, internet access and maintenance.

**Advice Services**

Our Employee Assistance Programme offers free and confidential advice which is available 24hrs, 7 days a week to you and your immediate family. You will also have access to structured counselling of up to six sessions available either face-to-face or over the phone. The service covers, but is not limited to, Family Issues, Financial Information, Legal Information, Stress & Anxiety and Bereavement.

**PERKS**

Members have access to Health Shield PERKS, a website with a large range of discounted retail products and services, offers on travel, cash back on purchases and much more. Discounts for the brands you love, all year round. Unlike voucher and flash sale sites, you’ll always get great deals from brands like Apple, M&S, Virgin Media, GAP & more!
Stronger Together

We look forward to receiving your application, and hopefully be part of our wonderful team at North Star Community Trust.
Job Title: Head of Maths

Reports to: Headteacher / SLT

Location: Heron Hall Academy

Hours: 36 hours, 52 weeks

Contract Type: Permanent

Salary: M1 – UPS 3 (£34,513.46– £51,177.83) + Management Allowance £10,000 gross per annum + Generous Benefits.

Purpose of this Post
The core purpose of the Head of Maths at Heron Hall is to provide professional leadership and management of a curriculum area. This involves providing a vision, achieving a commitment to a set of values, and guiding and inspiring colleagues to secure high standards of teaching and learning, the effective use of resources and improvement in standards of learning and achievement for all pupils.

Securing high standard of teaching and learning. To achieve this, you will:

- Provide a role model for colleagues
- Develop and maintain high expectations of pupils and staff
- Take a clear lead on pedagogy/methodology
- Monitor and evaluate teaching and learning in their curriculum area, including self-evaluation
- Carry out lesson observations and work scrutinies
- Create a climate for learning
- Carry out data analysis to provide information for the leadership teams and other agencies
- Have oversight of marking and assessment in their subject area
- Ensure reporting is timely and appropriate by all their team members
- Plan and develop schemes of work
- Support the professional development of staff within their subject area
- Meet the needs of all pupils, including the management of behaviour and its impact on learning
- Organise educational enhancement (e.g., booster classes, trips/visits)

a) Personnel. To achieve this, you will need to:
- Communicate to, delegate to, and organise staff well
- Support, guide and motivate team members and support staff
- Heighten a common purpose and shared vision, and secure commitment from the team and so develop teamwork

b) Performance Management. To ensure the most effective leadership and management of staff, you will need to:
- Line manages team members
- Take responsibility for the totality of performance by all (designated) team members
• Set challenging objectives for their team members
• Reflect school, departmental, and individual needs and aspirations
• Ensure the capability of the teaching within their curriculum area, and hence learning
• Foster an open equitable culture and manage conflict

c) Other resources to achieve this they will:
• Develop accommodation and provide an ambience conducive to learning
• Carry out risk assessments where required
• Manage effective deployment of all resources and ensure value for money
• Ensure safety

The knowledge, skills and expertise required. This will require the ability to:
• Be able to use comparative data
• Maintain and update knowledge – subject, national, pedagogy, classroom, management, research, and inspection findings
• Keep abreast of statutory requirements
• Have a commitment to own professional development particularly in relation to school improvement priorities

At School Level This will require:
• Support of the school ethos and policies
• Contributions to the development of school policy
• Participation in whole school literacy and numeracy dimensions
• Participation in whole school citizenship
• Supporting the school’s policies on attendance, behaviour, and rewards in recognition of their strong role in raising pupil achievement
• Contribution to the achievement of high standards in relation to every child matters.
• Representing team views, concerns, and interests
• Giving strategic direction and developing the subject area, including planning in line with the School Development Plan
• Liaison with parents
• Liaison with Governors

This is to ensure improved pupil outcomes
• To raise achievement at Key Stage 3
• To raise achievement at Key Stage 4
• To maximise pupil potential at all levels

Specific Task
• Responsibility for the organisation of all testing and assessments at KS3 and 4
• Updating Schemes of Work and Department Handbook as appropriate
• Attendance at the Middle Managers meetings
• Responsibility for co-ordinating the extra-curricular provision offered by the
Department.

All staff are responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of students at Heron Hall Academy by ensuring compliance with the school’s Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy at all times. It is a requirement of all staff to report any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of students through the Safeguarding My School platform.

This document summarises the main responsibilities of the post. The above duties are neither exclusive nor exhaustive and the post holder may be required to carry out such other appropriate duties as may be required by the Headteacher within the grading level of the post, the competence of the post holder and the context of the duties of the post holder.

This job description is subject to annual review.
# Person Specification: Head of Maths

## Qualifications and other required experience and skills

### Qualifications
- Right to work in the UK.
- Qualified to at least degree level.
- Qualified to teach and work in the UK.
- Ability to teach subject to A Level standard.

### Experience
- Evidence of being, or having the potential to be, an outstanding teacher of the subject.

### Knowledge
- Up to date knowledge in the curriculum area.
- An understanding of what an outstanding education looks like in the classroom.
- An understanding of the strategies needed to establish consistently high expectations.

### Behaviours
- Leadership.
- Effective team worker.
- High expectations for accountability and consistency.
- Vision aligned with NSCT’s high aspirations, high expectations of self and others.
- Genuine passion and a belief in the potential of every pupil.
- Motivation to continually improve standards and achieve excellence.
- Effective listening skills that lead to a strong understanding of others.
- Commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils.

### Teaching and learning
- Excellent classroom teacher, or potential to be one, with the ability to reflect on lessons and continually improve their own practice.
- Effective and systematic behaviour management, with clear boundaries, sanctions, praise and rewards.
- Thinks strategically about classroom practice and tailoring lessons to pupils’ needs.
- Understands and interprets complex pupil data to drive lesson planning and pupil attainment.
- Good inter-personal, communication, planning and organisational skills.
- Demonstrates resilience, motivation and commitment to driving up standards of achievement.
- Acts as a role model to staff and pupils.
- Commitment to regular and on-going professional development and training to establish outstanding classroom practice.

### Safeguarding
- Commitment to equality of opportunity and the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils.
- Adhere to the Academy’s data protection procedures.
- Willingness to undertake in person and online safeguarding training.
Next Steps

To apply please visit TES via the green quick apply button shown on the advert. You can view the roles available at the school and apply via the TES by clicking on the link here: https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/-1956573.

Closing date for applications is 10 December 2023.

We are dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to enhanced clearance through the Disclosure and Barring Service.

In line with KCSIE updates, an online search will be conducted as part of our due diligence checks on shortlisted candidates.

We reserve the right to close this vacancy early if we receive sufficient applications for the role. Therefore, if you are interested, please submit your application as early as possible.