



Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Library Assistant at The Brian Clarke Church of England Academy (www.brian-clarke.org), a new 11-16 Free School which opened its doors to 240 Year 7 pupils in September 2022.

The school is part of the Cranmer Education Trust which is made up of primary and secondary schools across Oldham and Rochdale. The Trust also incorporates a teacher training school and the East Manchester Teaching Hub and a MFL hub, which support the training and development of new and existing teachers across the North West of England <https://careers.cranmereducationtrust.com/>

The post of Library Assistant at Brian Clarke is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a talented and committed staff that is growing a school from Year 7 up, supporting the development of its ethos and embedding this across the school community and having the added benefit of a brand-new building with all new facilities. As Library Assistant you will work with the Library Manager to facilitate the smooth running of the library and contribute to the strategic direction of the reading and literacy strategy as the school grows. The library and the school approach to reading and literacy are at the heart of the schools development.

We moved to our beautiful, brand-new, purpose-built building in May 2023, situated on an easily accessible, town centre site on Bloom Street, Oldham. Our patron, Sir Brian Clarke, donated a large stained-glass window to the school which adorns the entrance hall, reflecting the multi-cultural nature of the school and shining light into and out of the building and into the community.

The school reflects the community it serves - multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and multi-faith within a Church of England ethos. There is a balance between a 'faith' intake (which includes equally all Christians and members of the other major 5 world faiths which are members of the Interfaith Network) and non-faith intake from 3 concentric circles of 1,2 and 3 miles around the school.

The key elements of the curriculum include:

- A rich, broad Ebacc curriculum up to GCSE. Our Ebacc target is 80% +
- Compulsory RS within the core curriculum up to GCSE
- MFL (German) to GCSE
- A rich KS3 provision which includes the arts, technology, Science, citizenship, Bronze Duke of Edinburgh
- A sequenced pastoral curriculum for 30 minutes per day consisting of dedicated slot for collective and from worship, reading and CEIAG
- An aspirational co-curricula provision built into period 6. This runs Monday to Thursday 2.45 – 3.30. All pupils are expected to take part in two activities per week
- A facility to support literacy and numeracy catch up (7.45-8.10) each morning

The curriculum is underpinned by a consistent pedagogy that understands how pupils learn and a rigorous approach to reading and literacy, building character and resilience.

Our aim is that all our pupils become good human beings - good friends, neighbours, citizens - people we are proud to know. Their social and emotional development, their self-respect and their ability to self-manage are just as important as their cognitive development. Pupils who are happy and secure in their school learn well and become successful people. High quality pastoral care is at the core of the school.

In brief we are looking for:

- A individual committed to ambition, excellence and community who will work with the Library Manager to drive the growth and development of the Brian Clarke CE Academy to become an outstanding provider for young people and a school that staff who are committed and ambitious for young people want to work in.
- Someone who has a clear understanding of what makes an outstanding library for young people and can support the library manager to delivering this provision as the school grows.
- Someone who will inspire pupils and the staff they work with and build strong relationships with our parents, carers and community partners.

This is an exciting opportunity for a dedicated, energetic and enthusiastic individual. The demands of the role will be varied and will put you at the heart of a school where staff and students are growing exponentially year on year. The successful candidate will help shape the totality of the Brian Clarke experience our pupils receive.

Full details about the post and application form are available from <https://careers.cranmereducationtrust.com/vacancies> but if you would like to discuss the position further please contact Vicky Lawton, PA to Headteacher (hr@brian-clarke.org) to arrange a call.

Applications must be received by **9am Thursday 27th June 2024**

Interviews will be held on **Monday 1st July 2024.**

The successful candidate must be available for new staff induction days on **Thursday 29th August and Friday 30th August.**

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



Allison Ash
Headteacher