



Teacher of Geography *Information for Applicants*

Start date : September 2019



Weavers Academy

Striving for success, focusing on learning

Dear Applicant

Thank you for showing an interest in teaching at Weavers Academy.

We aspire to being a school of first choice for our community, a beacon of hope and a provider of not just a 'good' education but a 'world class' one! We want our staff, students, families and governors to judge Weavers Academy to be an outstanding school.

In the last few years we have significantly improved outcomes for our students and the school was judged 'good' by Ofsted in May 2017.

We are passionate about the classroom experience. Our teachers put their 'heart and soul' into delivering excellence within their own teaching and assessment practice and this has driven learning, progress and personal development. This approach has been a key contributor to our success so far.

We now seek to appoint a Teacher of Geography.

We are looking to recruit a colleague who is:

- Full of enthusiasm and able to manifest professional positivity at all times.
- Committed to regular and ongoing CPD.
- Open to coaching and mentoring.
- Constantly striving to improve.

We can offer you:

- A wide range of training and development opportunities, including across different schools within the Creative Education Trust.
- Ongoing CPD through the school's in-house joint-practice development programme.
- A chance to be part of a collaborative learning community.

If you feel that you have the relevant experience and skills together with the professional characteristics that will be needed to drive us forward in our pursuit of excellence we would like to hear from you.

Please submit your application form along with a short supporting statement (no more than 2 sides of A4) demonstrating how you fit the requirements of the person specification which can be found on page 10 of this pack.

The application deadline is **8am on Monday 17 June 2019 with interviews to be held week commencing 17 June 2019** (start date: September 2019)

Yours sincerely



Vivien Swaida
Principal



The Creative Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children as its number one priority. This commitment to robust recruitment, selection and Induction procedures extends to organisations and services linked to the academy on its behalf.

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Creative Education Trust

The Creative Education Trust is a charity and social enterprise set up in 2011 with support from leaders in the creative industries, innovation - based businesses and education.

Their mission is to improve standards of education and skills for children and young people across the UK, equipping them to be successful adults in the competitive, globalised world of the future. The creative, problem solving, innovation and making skills used in design, engineering, high-tech manufacturing and architecture are at the heart of their approach to learning because these skills are at the heart of the UK economy of the future.

They are delivering their mission through exciting innovations in curriculum, teaching and learning which are driving educational improvement and developing students with modern employable skills in their growing number of primary and secondary academies across England.

Their ambition is to be among the very best providers of publicly-funded education in the country. They are achieving their aims through:

- Educational rigour
- Organisational effectiveness
- Financial efficiency
- Partnership and respect for local identity
- Respect for autonomous leadership
- Quality not quantity
- Promoting practical creativity



Humanities Learning Area

Humanities at Weavers Academy

Come and join the Geography team at Weavers Academy! There is a real movement taking place in the Geography and wider Humanities curriculum area.

With the appointment of new leadership in History and Geography together with exciting bespoke, developmental opportunities for pedagogical innovation, learning and progress have rapidly improved. We place great emphasis on developing independent learning.

Colleagues that work within the Humanities areas are intensely collaborative. There are currently 4 full-time Geography specialists. They share lead practice in a variety of ways and provide each other with developmental support through joint-practice development.

Collaboration, joint-planning and team-teaching is at the heart of our ethos and all teachers are involved in these aspects on a regular basis. This is what has led to our growing success.

This is an exciting time to join the Geography team. The school has the confidence of the community and is a first-choice for large numbers of parents. Our roll is expanding and therefore the provision of Geography is increasing, particularly in KS4 and at A level.

Geography Curriculum

Outside the core, Geography is a very popular subject and regularly recruits one of the largest GCSE cohorts.

Students follow the AQA Geography specification which they study in Years 10 and 11. Students have seven 1 hour periods per cycle (2 weeks).

In KS3, all students have 3 Geography lessons per 2 week cycle. These are particularly focused on:

- Acquiring and developing geographical knowledge including how to critique, assess and evaluate sources; and
- Establishing a deep love of learning in the subject and building a firm foundation for further study in KS4 and beyond.
- Students currently study contemporary units including Africa, climate change, physical landscapes in the UK and the Valentine rose trade.

In KS4 we follow the AQA specification and students have 7 lessons per 2 week cycle and these are focussed on:-

- Study an equal mix of human and physical modules including hazards, challenges in the urban world and the living world. We also undertake two field studies as part of paper 3.

At KS5 we also study the AQA specification and students have eight 1 hour lessons per cycle and include:

- Compulsory units of water and carbon cycles, global governance and changing places. Our optional units are coastal environments, hazards and people and the environment.

We are strong practitioners within PiXL and within the CET academy family of schools. We provide school-to-school support and enjoy being part of wider collaboration and national initiatives.



Job Description

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Creative Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake relevant safeguarding checks.

JOB TITLE: Teacher of Geography.

JOB PURPOSE :

1. To contribute to raising standards of student attainment and to ensure outstanding progress.
2. To monitor and support the overall progress and development of students as a teacher/form tutor.
3. To facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides students with the opportunity to achieve their individual potential.
4. To implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for students and to support a designated curriculum area as appropriate.
5. To share and support the school's responsibility to provide and monitor opportunities for personal and academic growth.

RESPONSIBLE TO: Head of Geography.

SAFEGUARDING: Every member of staff has a responsibility to be proactive in securing safeguarding for all students in line with School policies and procedures.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

Strategic Planning:

- To assist in the development of appropriate syllabuses, resources, schemes of work, marking policies and teaching strategies in the Learning Area.
- To contribute to the Learning Area Raising Achievement Plan and its implementation.
- To contribute to the achievement of the academy development plan and its implementation.
- To plan and prepare courses and lessons.

Curriculum Provision:

- To assist the Head of Geography and other TLR holders to ensure that the curriculum area provides a range of teaching which helps to deliver school improvement targets including those that relate to outcomes in geography.

Teaching:

- To teach, students according to their educational needs, including the setting and marking of work.
- To assess, record and report on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of students and to keep such records as are required.
- To provide, or contribute to, oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual students and groups of students.
- To ensure that ICT, Literacy, Numeracy and school subject specialism(s) are reflected in the teaching/learning experience of students.
- To undertake a designated programme of teaching.
- To ensure a high quality learning experience for students which meets internal and external quality standards.
- To prepare and update subject materials.
- To use a variety of delivery methods which will stimulate learning appropriate to student needs and demands of the syllabus.
- To maintain discipline in accordance with the school's procedures, and to encourage good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards or work and homework.
- To undertake assessment of students as requested by external examination bodies, departmental and school procedures.
- To mark, grade and give written/verbal and diagnostic feedback as required and to ensure that students are routinely responding at an appropriate level.

Staffing:

- To take part in the school's staff development programme by participating in arrangements for further training and professional development.
- Staff development – to continue personal development in the relevant areas including subject knowledge and teaching methods.
- To engage actively in the performance management review process.
- To ensure the effective/efficient deployment of other adults to ensure good progress.
- To work as a member of a designated team and to contribute positively to effective working relations within the school.
- To help manage and co-ordinate the work of other staff where appropriate.

Quality Assurance:

- To help to implement school quality procedures and to adhere to those.
- To contribute to the process of monitoring and evaluation of the curriculum area in line with agreed school procedures, including evaluation against quality standards and performance criteria. To seek/implement modification and improvement where required.
- To review from time to time methods of teaching and programmes of work.

Raising Standards: care, guidance and support for learning

- To be a Form Tutor to an assigned group of students.
- To promote the general progress and well-being of individual students and of the Form Tutor Group as a whole.
- To liaise with RSLs to ensure the implementation of the school's pastoral system.
- To register students, accompany them to assemblies, encourage their full attendance at all lessons and their participation in other aspects of school life.
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- To evaluate and monitor the progress of students and keep up-to-date student records as may be required.
- To contribute to the preparation of progress files and other reports.
- To alert the appropriate staff to problems experienced by students and to make recommendations as to how these may be resolved.
- To communicate as appropriate, with the parents/carers of students and with persons or bodies outside the school concerned with the welfare of individual students, after consultation with the appropriate staff.
- To contribute to SMSC according to school policy.
- To apply the behaviour management systems so that effective learning can take place.

Monitoring, evaluation and review

- Undertake regular, systematic monitoring of the quality of teaching, marking and assessment together with attitudes and behaviour to learning and present clear summary findings to a range of staff.
- Utilise findings from monitoring activities to produce clear evaluative reports to a range of staff, utilising recommendations to agree, plan and implement strategic and action plans to drive learning and progress.
- Engage with staff in the Geography learning area to involve them in all aspects of self-evaluation, involving them in decision making and future planning.
- Support whole school ARR under the direction of the Assistant Principal.
- Demonstrating optimistic personal behaviour, positive relationships and attitudes towards all stakeholders with the ability to be constructive under pressure.
- Sustaining wide, current knowledge and understanding of education locally and nationally and pursuing continuous professional development.
- Communicating the academy's vision and empowering all students and staff to excel.

Management Information

- To maintain appropriate records and to provide relevant accurate and up-to-date information for registers, information management systems etc.
- To complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking of students.
- To track student progress and use information to inform teaching and learning.

Other Specific Duties:

- To play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its distinctive aims and ethos and to encourage staff and students to follow this example.
- To promote actively the school's corporate policies.
- To continue personal development as agreed.
- To comply with the school's health and safety policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate.
- To take an equitable part in the cover system of the school according to policy and regulations.
- To undertake any other duty as specified by STPCB not mentioned in the above.

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

This job description is current at the date shown, but following consultation with you, may be changed by Management to reflect or anticipate changes in the job which are commensurate with the salary and job title.



Person Specification

SELECTION CRITERIA (no priority order)			
Qualifications	Essential	Desirable	Assessed by
A degree in a relevant subject.	X		A, R
Qualified Teacher Status or on a programme leading to QTS	X		A, R
High standard of verbal and written communication	X		IT, I, A
Commitment to Safeguarding	Essential	Desirable	
Motivation to work with children and young people	X		A, R
Commitment to, and belief in, the equal value of all students	X		I R
Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people	X		A, R, I, LO
Ability to raise the self-esteem and expectations of children and young people	X		A, I, LO
Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours and attitudes to the use of authority and maintaining discipline	X		A, R, LO
Teaching and Learning	Essential	Desirable	
Expertise in planning the progression of subject skills within individual and across sequences of lessons	X		IT, LO, I, R
Proven track record of good geography teaching including marking and assessment	X		A, R, I
Knowledge and understanding of the National Curriculum requirements in geography	X		A, R, I, IT
Successful experience of teaching geography at Key Stage 3 and 4	X		A, R, I
Experience of teaching geography at KS5		X	A, R, I
Proven track record of good outcomes	X		A, R, I
Proven track record of strong effective behaviour management strategies	X		A, R, LO
Interpersonal Skills	Essential	Desirable	
Ability to communicate effectively and relate well to all stakeholders	X		A, R, I, LO
Willingness to contribute to extra-curricular activities	X		I, A, R
Ability to work as part of a team	X		A, R, I
Personal Qualities / Skills	Essential	Desirable	
Creativity and enthusiasm with a 'can do' and 'will do' attitude	X		A, R, I, LO
Evidence of working effectively under pressure	X		A, R, LO

The selection criteria above will be assessed in the following ways: -

Key:

A = Application

LO = Lesson observation

R = Reference

IT = In tray

I = Interview

How to Apply

To apply for this position please complete a teaching staff application form, and a letter of application of no more than 2 sides of A4.

Please return them by email to HRManager@weaversacademy.org.uk or by post to the HR Manager Weavers Academy, Brickhill Road, Wellingborough, NN8 3JH. CVs are not accepted.

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The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. 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.



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