



# WINDERMERE SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1863

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION

*Teaching Assistant*



## ABOUT WINDERMERE SCHOOL

Windermere School is nestled on a hillside within 45 acres of the National Park landscape that has been the inspiration for world-famous artists, poets, and authors, a sanctuary and the antidote to congested city life, a fascination to scientists, a home for adventurers as well as part of the masterpiece of human creative genius that affords us World Heritage status. It is a daily inspiration to every one of us fortunate enough to call it our school.

If you are looking for somewhere which is determined, friendly, adventurous and hard working; which has a strong sense of community and a clear drive; which seeks an ambitious future through its actions today; and most importantly a place with the pupils at its heart, then you may just be looking in the right place.

But that is only the start of the experience, our progressive boarding approach and dynamic curriculum rooted firmly in the shared values of the International Baccalaureate and Round Square combine for a unique and powerful offer.

This is a confident, kind, compassionate place to live and work. It is a busy, thriving community, with an excellent, committed and skilled staff, both teaching and support.

“Windermere School is unique. Set amidst the stunningly beautiful mountains and lakes of Cumbria, it delivers an exciting and forward-thinking curriculum, shaping the hearts and minds of the next generation. We aim to educate children to be capable and thoughtful, resourceful, courageous and caring. This is a school where young people can enjoy their schooldays and parents can be confident that their children are following the very best pathways to university and to adult life.”

- Frank Thompson, Head of Windermere School

# LOCATION

## Air

Windermere is just a 90 minute drive from Manchester and Liverpool international airports. Transfers to/from these airports are included on the designated course arrival and departure dates. Transfers to/from other airports can be arranged at an additional cost.

## Rail

The school is a five minute taxi ride from Windermere railway station. High speed rail services connect London Euston to Oxenholme (Lake District) in under 3 hours. From Oxenholme (Lake District) there are connections to Windermere station which take approximately 20 minutes. A transfer service can be arranged from Windermere or Oxenholme (Lake District) railway stations with prior arrangement.

## Road

The school is easily accessible by road. From the M6, leave the motorway at Junction 36 and join the A590 towards Kendal which becomes the A591 just before Kendal. Continue on to the A591 into Windermere. Turn right at the mini roundabout on to the A592 towards Penrith and Windermere School (Senior Campus) is located about a mile along this road on the right-hand side. The town of Windermere is approximately a mile from the School's Senior campus.



# SUMMARY OF THE ROLE

## **Job Title**

Teaching Assistant

## **Job Type**

Up to 37.5 hours a week, however we will also consider candidates seeking part-time hours.

## **Salary**

£11.92-£13.48 per hour depending on qualifications and experience. (Pay will be reviewed in September 2024 with the potential of an increase)

## **Closing Date**

16 August 2024

## **Interview Date**

Week beginning 19 August 2024. Early applications are encouraged and early applicants may be interviewed sooner.

## **Ability to commute/relocate**

Windermere: reliably commute or plan to relocate before starting work (required)

## **Overview**

We are pleased to announce a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant to work as part of our Learning Support Team ideally from August 27 2024. Windermere School is non-selective. We are fully committed to providing an inclusive environment for our learners to thrive and grow.

This is a term time only position with an additional requirement to attend all INSET days, usually five per year, which fall outside of the School terms and to work any Public Holidays when the School is operational.

Applicants need to have good literacy and numeracy skills and be prepared to support pupils across our Senior School Campus Years 7 to 11.

Knowledge and experience of SEND and familiarity of working with and implementing interventions for individuals with Communication and Interaction, Sensory, Cognition and SEMH difficulties would be advantageous.

The successful candidate will have a relevant Teaching Assistant qualification Level 3 or above (Support for Learning in Education), although consideration will be given to those working towards relevant qualifications, have a professional and committed attitude to work at all times and be able to adopt flexible teaching styles and approaches.

We are looking for applicants with a calm, approachable personality, team spirit and an interest in extending their professional development, and keen to keep up to date with new research and changes within the field of SEND.

It is expected that the successful applicant will be fully committed to the demands of a coeducational boarding and day school and would be able to enhance the School's extracurricular programme.

## **CHILD PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITIES**

The post-holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people for whom s/ he is responsible, or with whom s/he comes into contact, will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's Child Protection Policy Statement at all times. If in the course of carrying out the duties of the post the post-holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the school s/he must report any concerns to the school's Child Protection Officer.

Windermere 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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