



Ark Isaac Newton Academy

Teacher of English





About Isaac Newton Academy

INA is based in new buildings between Ilford High Road and Green Lane in Ilford. The school's learning community is based upon the core values of mutual respect, personal discipline, and an unwavering commitment on the part of all community members to do whatever it takes to excel.



Isaac Newton Academy Secondary is a non-denominational, non-selective school, welcoming girls and boys from all backgrounds from the local community. The school opened with just 180 Year 7 students in September 2012. The secondary school has grown year on year and we now have 1200 11-18 year olds (including 250 students in the Sixth Form). In September 2014, Isaac Newton Academy opened a three-form entry primary school in purpose-built accommodation right next to the secondary academy. There are 90 children in each year group and, like the secondary school, it has grown a year group at a time. From September 2020, we now have children in Reception through to Year 6.

The London Borough of Redbridge forecasts a significant deficit in secondary school places over the coming years. The new Academy will thus serve a critical, long term need for the community. Although the local area encompasses considerable economic disadvantage, its young people achieve some of the best results in London schools. Ark was chosen to sponsor the academy because of the success of our educational model and the alignment of our educational vision with the Redbridge context.

Dear Candidate,

I am delighted to introduce you to Ark Isaac Newton Academy, a brand new, purpose-built, all-through school for students aged 4-18 in Ilford.

Our staff work tirelessly to ensure that each and every student is supported and stretched to reach their full potential. We focus on working towards achieving our vision **'Together, we build a kind, safe and inclusive environment that instills the knowledge and character necessary to reach transformational destinations'**. Commitment to this has already delivered a series of great successes highlighted in October 2018 when the academy was judged by Ofsted to be outstanding in all areas.

Joining Ark Isaac Newton Academy in September 2020, I have spent more than a decade as a senior leader, a large portion of this within an all-through school. There is something incredibly special about working in an all-through school, which makes me committed to delivering the highest quality education to all the students at Isaac Newton Academy and will build on the successes already enjoyed by the school, especially highlighted with our amazing year 6, 11 and 13 academic outcomes in 2022 and 2023.

Our academy aims to be a 'home from home' for both staff and students. My belief is all students deserve a great school and staff a great place to work. Therefore, we are very clear with the culture that we wish to cultivate for our community. Central to this is being a mission led organisation, which is at the heart of everything we do and outlines our ambition, that goes beyond ensuring our students have excellent academic outcomes. Ultimately, working for Ark Isaac Newton Academy is about being part of something unique where aspirations for all people are incredibly high. We certainly want like minded people to join our organisation and live our mission each day, every day: ***Striving together to be pioneers whose legacy makes a positive difference for our world.***

I wish you the best with your application.



Morgan Haines
Principal



Our Mission

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Our vision

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Our Values & Beliefs

- **Integrity** – We are true to our values, doing what we say; we always do the right thing, even when it's hard and nobody is watching.
- **Kindness** – We always support each other, show genuine care and consider the feelings of others in all our actions and words.
- **Professionalism** - We model pride and positivity in all that we do; we are always respectful and take responsibility for our actions.
- **Growth mindset** – We work hard; we are resilient in adversity and unafraid of failure, always embracing our mistakes and celebrating our growth.
- **Excellence** – We are highly ambitious, doing the best in all we do to become the greatest version of ourselves.
- **Community** – We are unified, valuing relationships that create an environment where everybody is accepted and belongs.



About Ark

Ark is an education charity set up in 2004 to create a network of high achieving, non-selective, inner city schools where all pupils, regardless of their background or prior attainment, achieve highly enough by age 18 to have real choices: to go on to university or the career of their choice. Ark has no faith affiliations.

All ARK schools are situated in areas of high deprivation or educational need and our pupil profile reflects this: over half of our pupils are eligible for free school meals compared to 18% nationally.

The ARK network operates 38 schools in the UK across London, Portsmouth, Birmingham and Hastings. Each of our schools has its own distinctive character, reflecting its local community.

All Ark Schools prioritise six key principles:

- High expectations
- Excellent teaching
- More time for learning
- Knowing every student
- Exemplary behaviour
- Depth before breadth

A Commitment to Encourage Diversity

Ark is committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity amongst our employees. Our aim is that our workforce will be truly representative of all sections of society and that each employee feels respected and able to give their best. To that end we are committed to provide equality and fairness for all in our recruitment and employment practices and not to discriminate on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation. We oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.

Job Description – Teacher of English

Reports to: Head of English
Start date: April 2024
Location: Isaac Newton Academy, 1 Cricklefield Pl, Ilford IG1 1FY
Salary: Ark MPS/UPS (£35,368-£53,230), depending on experience
Interviews: Candidates will be contacted once shortlisted

The Role – key responsibilities

- To plan, resource and deliver imaginative, interactive and inspiring lessons that ensure that effective learning takes place and students make excellent progress
- To provide a nurturing and stimulating classroom and academy environment that helps students to develop as learners
- To maintain/establish positive behaviour for learning across the whole academy
- To contribute to the effective working of the academy
- To support students in the acquisition and development of learning dispositions and positive character traits
- To provide stimulating and enriching extra-curricular opportunities for students and potentially for members of the wider school community
- To be accountable for student progress and attainment levels in their own classes.

Teaching and Learning

- With direction from the Head of Department, to plan and prepare effective teaching modules and lessons
- To teach engaging and effective lessons that motivate, inspire and involve students and improve student attainment
- To use regular assessments to monitor progress and set targets
- To respond accordingly to the results of such monitoring to differentiate intervention
- To utilise a full range of AfL strategies
- To maintain regular and productive communication with parents, to report on progress, sanctions and achievements
- To promote reading and teach literacy skills

Development of the Ark Network

- Value and support practices driving continued progress across the network of Ark schools
- Participate actively throughout the network, by attending relevant meetings, and, as appropriate, delivering network-wide training and initiatives

Other

- To act as a tutor /co-tutor

- To meet the expectations of all INA staff as laid out in the Staff Code of Conduct and Ways of Working together policy.
- To uphold all Academy policies with consistency and diligence
- To undertake any other professional duties as set down in the Ark Schools pay and conditions of service document, and as directed by the Principal.

Person Specification: Teacher of English

Qualification criteria

- Qualified to at least degree level
- Qualified to teach in the UK
- Qualified to work in the UK

Knowledge

- In-depth knowledge of the English National Curriculum and KS4 GCSE specifications and/or KS5 A level specifications
- Understanding of the strategies needed to establish consistently high aspirations and standards of results and behaviour.

Experience

- Experience of raising attainment in a challenging classroom environment
- Evidence of continually improving the teaching and learning of their subject through schemes of work and extra-curricular activities.
- Experience of line managing colleagues desirable
- Experience of successfully teaching GCSE or A Level English.

Skills, Behaviours and Qualities

- Vision aligned with Ark and the academy's high aspirations and high expectations of self and others
- Demonstrate the ability to be an outstanding teacher
- An understanding of the strategies needed to establish consistently high aspirations and standards of results and behaviour in an urban school setting and commitment to relentlessly implementing these strategies
- A confident use of data to inform planning to raise academic outcomes
- An understanding of what outstanding teaching practice looks like and how to diagnose and implement effective strategies to raise learning standards
- A passion for the subject
- The ability to work in close harmony with all staff
- Excellent listening skills
- Strong interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Passion, resilience and optimism to lead through day-to-day challenges of a high performing team
- A firm and constant belief in the unlimited potential of every student and a commitment to inclusive educational provision
- The ability to skillfully manage and maintain effective working relationships with parents, community members and other stakeholders
- A commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all students
- The ability to develop positive relationships with all young people

- The ability to take personal responsibility, a readiness to reflect and self-evaluate and the ability to change, improve and develop
- Confidence and self-motivation
- The ability to work well under pressure
- A commitment to modelling BRIDGES every day and contribute to a unique culture

Other

- This post is subject to an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure.
- The post holder must be committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and to providing equality of opportunity.

Ark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in our academies. In order to meet this responsibility, we follow a rigorous selection process. This process is outlined [here](#), but can be provided in more detail if requested. All successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.