



STONAR



Teaching Assistant (TA)

Candidate Pack

About Stonar



Stonar School is a co-educational day and boarding school located in the picturesque Wiltshire countryside in Atworth, near Bath. We welcome pupils aged 2-18, offering a well-rounded education, with a broad, balanced curriculum, which sees our pupils thrive and achieve both academically and personally.

Key features:

Academically ambitious: Consistently impressive GCSE and A Level results, with a focus on value-added education and preparation for the future.

Strong emphasis on character development: We want our pupils to enjoy their time at school. To have positive relationships with peers and teachers alike, and feel comfortable to be themselves. We foster qualities like resilience, leadership, and teamwork for all ages.

Thriving boarding community: Stonar has a welcoming and supportive environment for boarders, with four boarding houses on site accommodating 135 full boarders.

Diverse curriculum: Stonar offers a wide range of subjects in both the Prep and Senior School, with over 20 subjects to choose from at GCSE and A Level, as well as an impressive selection of over 30 co-curricular clubs.

State-of-the-art Equestrian Centre: A dream come true for horse enthusiasts, Stonar offers an immersive riding experience with over 70 horses and ponies on site.

A global perspective: Stonar is part of Globeducate, an international group of schools, which give pupils the opportunities for international experiences and collaborations, in addition to developing a global mindset.

Modern facilities: Top quality facilities including well-equipped classrooms, laboratories, art studios, Design & Technology workshop and sports facilities, with an indoor swimming pool.

Key entry points: Pupils join us from 2 years old in our Nursery, with entry accepted into all year groups in the Prep School. The key entry points for the Senior School are Years 7, 9 and the Sixth Form.

Find out more by watching our video 'Achieve with joy' here: www.stonarschool.com

Job Description

Position Title: Teaching Assistant (TA)

Location: Stonar Prep School

Reports to: Head of Learning Support in Prep school/SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator)

Hours: 40 Hours - Full time (part time applicants will be considered)

Contract Type: Permanent

Job Purpose: The Teaching Assistant (TA) will work closely with class teachers and the Prep School Head of Learning Support to support the learning and development of students, both within the classroom and in small group interventions. The TA will focus on supporting students with additional learning needs, particularly in literacy, ensuring they access the curriculum effectively and make progress in their educational journey.

Key Responsibilities:

Support for Pupils:

- Assist the teacher in the delivery of lessons and activities to ensure all pupils can engage with and benefit from the curriculum.
- Provide one-to-one or small group support to pupils, particularly those requiring additional help in literacy.
- Lead activity in before and after school provision.
- Support the development of individual learning plans for students who need extra literacy interventions.
- Help manage classroom behaviour, ensuring a positive and productive learning environment.

Intervention Support:

- Deliver small group or one-to-one interventions under the guidance of the teacher or SENCO.
- Use specific intervention programs to support pupils
- Monitor progress and track the effectiveness of interventions, providing feedback to the teacher or SENCO.

Assessment and Reporting:

- Observe and assess student progress, particularly in literacy, providing feedback to the teacher.
- Keep accurate records of pupil progress

General Classroom Support:

- Support the classroom teacher with classroom preparation, organization of resources, and the delivery of lessons.
- Assist in the preparation of learning materials and resources for lessons or interventions.
- Help maintain a clean and organized classroom environment conducive to learning.

Collaboration and Communication:

- Work closely with other teaching assistants and staff to share ideas and strategies for supporting students.
- Communicate effectively with parents and guardians as required.
- Attend professional development sessions as directed.

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Person Specification

Essential Qualifications and Skills:

- GCSEs (or equivalent) in English and Mathematics
- Experience working with children, particularly in a classroom or educational setting.
- Strong literacy skills, including reading, writing, and spelling.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team and independently.
- Patience, flexibility, and a positive attitude to working with children.
- Understanding of safeguarding and child protection procedures.

Desirable Experience:

- Knowledge of different literacy interventions and strategies for supporting students with literacy difficulties.
- Experience working with children with additional learning needs (e.g., dyslexia, speech and language difficulties).
- Knowledge of specific literacy programs such as Nessy, Read Write Inc., or similar.
- Experience working with children in early years or primary education.
- Training in supporting students with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), including literacy-focused needs.

Personal Attributes:

- Passion for supporting children's learning and development.
- Empathy and understanding towards students with additional learning needs.
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to manage multiple tasks.
- Ability to adapt quickly to different learning environments and teaching strategies.
- Committed to professional development and learning new skills.

Working at Stonar

Terms and Conditions

- Salary: Dependent on qualifications and experience. The school has its own salary scale
- A meal while on duty during term time
- Contributory pension scheme
- Free parking
- Use of swimming pool and gym

Safer Recruitment Policy

The Directors and staff of Stonar are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The selection of employees is therefore conducted in a manner that is legal, systematic, efficient and effective and which promotes equality of opportunity.

Safeguarding Statement

Stonar is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

You can find all our recruiting policies, including our Safer Recruitment Policy here:

www.stonarschool.com/about-us/useful-information.

STAFF BENEFITS



Social Events



Freshly prepared school lunches



Staff Wellbeing & Representative Committees



Staff training



Within easy reach of the M4 corridor, 20 minutes from Bath



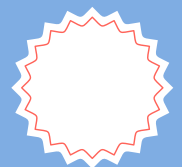
Pension Scheme



On-site parking



Discount on school fees



Stonar At A Glance



Established 1895



'Excellent' - ISI Rating



Day and Boarding,
135 full boarders



Impressive value added at
GCSE and A Level results



Welcoming 460 pupils from
over 15 different countries,
80% British pupils



Academically ambitious
for all pupils



Outstanding pastoral care
tailored to the individual



World-class on-site
equestrian provision



A broad and
progressive curriculum





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