

JOB TITLE: Specialist Teacher

Links to: Subject Leader

WHO ARE WE?

Nexus is an empowering, learning-focused community. We are one big family, striving to create an honest and open community with our learners, parents and peers. We believe that we have something unique and special here, we are proud to be different in the way we work; and how we teach and learn.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

At Nexus, we do things differently. We believe each member of staff is equal and recognise the uniqueness of every individual to work in a collaborative and supportive community, to elevate one another with innovative ideas. Our strategies emerge from the collective positive mindsets of our colleagues. You will experience high levels of ownership and empowerment in your role.

JOB DESCRIPTION

A specialist teacher is an informed, reflective practitioner who uses inquiry-based teaching strategies to create positive learning environments that motivate and challenge all learners to become self-regulated, life-long learners and leaders. A specialist teacher will teach a specific subject or discipline to classes from Nursery to Year 13.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Employing effective pedagogy that enables children to become successful and self-regulated learners who achieve personal excellence by:

- Building learning-focused relationships
- Empowering children to become independent learners
- Being clear about what is to be learnt
- Using assessment information to plan progression
- Using appropriate assessment tools for formative and summative assessment
- Providing high quality scaffolding and feedback to learners
- Encouraging children to reflect on their learning
- Engaging children in the co-construction of their learning progression
- Involving parents in their children's learning through learner-led conferences and regular parent – teacher dialogue.
- Employing and integrating ICT as a tool that improves children's learning and assists learners to solve authentic problems related to "real-world" problems or issues.

A TYPICAL DAY

My day starts at 8am, although like my colleagues, I am often in earlier to get set up for the day. This year I have a Homeroom class that I see every day from 8.25am until 8.40am. Today we are using a restorative circle to get to know each other better and share our questions. I am teaching 6 out of a possible 8, 40 minute lessons today. The school really supports me in thinking outside the box to creatively develop new and exciting learning opportunities in different learning environments. As it is the start of the year, I am really working hard to learn all the names, make a connection with every learner and build learning-focused relationships. At lunchtime I have a duty in the cafeteria and talk to the learners about their day. The teaching day finishes at 3.20pm and today I am running an after-school activity with technical lego in the Makerspace as this is a passion of mine! After I return the learners to the cafeteria to be picked up, I head back to my learning area to collaborate on some planning, complete some marking and check my emails. I am looking forward to the forthcoming Year 8 Service Learning trip to Indonesia and will pop in to the nearby shops on the way home to get some waterproof clothing to get ready for the trip.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

- A relevant degree plus teaching qualification (or equivalent)
- Higher degree or recognised professional qualification (preferred)
- Evidence of continued relevant professional development
- Experience in teaching learners with diverse needs
- Experience in an international school environment (preferred)
- Relevant curriculum experience

Nexus International School (Singapore) is committed to the safety and wellbeing of our children and families. Nexus endorses the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which Singapore ratified on 11 December 2008, and establishes a clear policy and guidelines to protect our learners from maltreatment by any person or persons who come in contact with them in any environment.

Nexus International School (Singapore) is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We respect and seek to empower each individual and support the diverse cultures, perspectives, skills and experiences within our school.