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Candidate Information Pack

Teaching Assistant Level 3 – Vocational
Curriculum

Coal Clough Academy



A message from the Headteacher

“Coal Clough Academy gives pupils the support that they need to put the past behind them and to focus on the future. Pupils respond well to the school’s high expectations for their achievement. Pupils thrive and excel as individuals and in their learning. Pupils benefit from the happy family atmosphere in school.” Ofsted 2024

Thank you for expressing an interest in the position of Teaching Assistant Level 3 – Vocational Curriculum at Coal Clough Academy.

This is a fantastic opportunity for an outstanding, ambitious and dynamic Teaching Assistant Level 3 – Vocational Curriculum to join a Good school at an exciting stage of its journey.

We are a successful Pupil Referral Unit for 11-16 year olds situated in the heart of Burnley, with places for up to 140 Key stage 3 and 4 pupils, and part of the Education Partnership Trust (EPT).

Coal Clough Academy is a thriving, ambitious community that places the best interests of young people at the heart of everything we do. As an established, successful school we have grown in size and popularity, with demand for places resulting in the school being oversubscribed. We have a fantastic student cohort and dedicated staff that thrive on a culture of high expectations.

Within our setting, ‘pupils re-engage with learning and make good progress in developing skills, knowledge and understanding across a range of subjects.’ We pride ourselves on supporting and reviewing all pupils on an individual basis, this is supported by our academic and non academic curriculum.

In January 2024, the school was judged as ‘Good’ in all areas by Ofsted. This result epitomised the hard work and school improvements made since joining the Education Partnership Trust. Inspectors found our school to allow “The school has designed a curriculum that considers the wide range of pupils’ needs. This includes the high number of pupils who join the school throughout the academic year. The school identifies and meets the needs of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) effectively.” A copy of the report can be downloaded from the school’s website.

At Coal Clough Academy our vision and values are supported by us working hard to achieve happy and healthy pupils who can achieve well based on their individual performance. We are committed to providing the best educational experiences and opportunities for our students. Our vision is to ensure a world class education, addressing social disadvantage where it exists through high expectations and an ambitious curriculum. At the very heart of the school’s work is a commitment to high quality teaching and learning and achievement for all: for our pupils to be safe, happy and

successful developing as individuals into caring, responsible citizens who participate fully in school life and are proud of their achievements.

We aim high at Coal Clough Academy and expect high standards of behaviour and academic effort. Every student at Coal Clough Academy is encouraged to have ambitious goals and is responsible for creating a culture of high expectations and academic excellence. We support our students to become conscientious, high-achieving individuals, who are able to discover their talents and passions through the opportunities we provide. Our ethos revolves around ensuring that we provide the very best educational experiences and opportunities, both in and out of the classroom environment.

We are proud of our achievements at Coal Clough Academy, our aspirational and exciting curriculum, our examination success, our ambitious opportunities for pupils' personal development, our charity work and our community involvement. We are committed to the pursuit of outstanding teaching and learning alongside the highest possible academic, personal and moral standards. This commitment is built upon a shared belief in hard work, self-reflection and a culture of respect and support for others.

Over the past eight years, Coal Clough Academy has achieved the following:

- Judged as Good across all four areas: Leadership and management, quality of teaching, outcomes and personal development and welfare.
- External outcomes for the school include success in GCSE English, Maths and Science for all pupils.
- Established as the 'school of choice' for alternative provision in the local area.
- The school has successfully achieved the SENDIA Award for additional support and guidance we provide our pupils with to reach their full potential.
- Parental support is welcomed by the school and we have been recognised for transforming lives of pupils who once disengaged with education.

To apply for this post, please follow the instructions on the 'Vacancies' page on our website. For visits to the school or any other information, please contact scarter@coalclough-ept.com



H. Clarke, Headteacher



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I am delighted that you are considering a role within the EPT. The EPT was established in 2012 as a high performing multi academy trust and approved academy sponsor, that delivers the very best educational experience for our pupils within an ethos of collaboration and excellence.

The reduction of workload and the wellbeing of our colleagues are key priorities with Wellbeing Champions in each school and a designated trust lead.

Wishing you all the best with your application.



Sharon Roscoe
Chief Executive

Our Vision

Creating outstanding schools which transform learning, lives and communities

Our Values

High Expectations

of ourselves, our pupils and our school community

Commitment

we are dedicated to raising standards and improving opportunities

Ambition

we constantly strive to improve by setting ourselves challenging goals

Job Advertisement

Teaching Assistant Level 3 – Vocational Curriculum

Hours: 33

Weeks Worked: Term Time Only

Start Date: March 2026

Salary: £22,075 - £25,150

Coal Clough Academy wishes to appoint a hardworking, enthusiastic and committed Teaching Assistant Level 3 – Vocational Curriculum. If you are experienced, enthusiastic, open to new ideas and have a flexible ‘can do’ approach, we would welcome an application from you.

The Job

Coal Clough Academy is excited to offer a fantastic opportunity for a passionate and dedicated Teaching Assistant to join our supportive team. We are seeking an enthusiastic and inspiring individual to support students on a vocational pathway, helping them to achieve their full potential through practical, real-world learning experiences.

What are the job requirements?

- To work under the direction of the class teacher (or HLTA leading the class in the short-term absence of the class teacher), to implement planning and assessment, working with individual or small groups of pupils to achieve high levels of accelerated pupil progress, in vocational subject areas across the school.
- Practical skillset in one or more vocational areas: Motor Vehicle, Construction, or Food Technology
- To support pupils to overcome barriers to learning, promoting the inclusion of all pupils by developing their communication skills, supporting them to manage their behaviour, developing independence and social skills and to take responsibility for monitoring/reporting on the impact of class-based interventions
- Ability to engage and support pupils in hands-on, practical learning environments.
- Flexibility to support multiple curriculum areas as needed.
- To support the promotion of positive relationships with parents, carers and outside agencies
- To work within school policies and procedures
- To take care for their own and other people's health and safety.

Amongst the many benefits of working within the Trust you will receive:

- Healthcare cash back plan provided free by the Trust includes optical, dental, physio, diagnostics, health assessment, NHS prescription charges, hospital cover, discounted gym memberships plus lots more.
- 6 sessions of free counselling including CBT, wellbeing and bereavement.
- Cycle to work scheme.
- Access to government pension schemes.
- Free parking
- Training and development opportunities
- Personal development and promotion opportunities across the Trust
- Trust wide focus on staff wellbeing
- Trust wide Intranet to share knowledge and resources

Closing date: 5/03/2026

Interview date: 09/03/2026

Safeguarding

The Education Partnership Trust is committed to ensuring the highest levels of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and we expect all our staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The post you are applying for is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013). All offers of employment are subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, references, an online search, and where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check will be completed.

Education Partnership Trust is also committed to promoting equality, challenging discrimination and developing community cohesion. We welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Incomplete application forms will not be shortlisted, if you need to discuss a reason for being unable to complete a section, please contact the recruitment team HR@ept-uk.com.

Applications for this exciting post are to be made through <https://ept.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>

Job Description

Teaching Assistant Level 3 – Vocational Curriculum

Reports to: Class Teacher / HLTA

Grade: SCP 11 – 19

Job Purpose

- To work under the direction of the class teacher (or HLTA leading the class in the short-term absence of the class teacher), to implement planning and assessment, working with individual or small groups of pupils to achieve high levels of accelerated pupil progress, in vocational subject areas across the school.
- To support pupils to overcome barriers to learning, promoting the inclusion of all pupils by developing their communication skills, supporting them to manage their behaviour, developing independence and social skills and to take responsibility for monitoring/reporting on the impact of class-based interventions.
- To provide supervision and guidance and learning opportunities in all non-lesson-based activities.
- Working with the teacher on lesson planning, evaluating and adjusting lesson plans as appropriate.
- Administering and assessing routine tests to assess the pupils as needed.

Key Responsibilities and Accountabilities

- To provide ideas, resources and learning strategies for vocational lessons.
- Cover classes in the absence of the Class Teacher / HLTA.
- Working under guidance to provide support with addressing the needs of pupils who need particular help to overcome specific barriers to learning.
- To assist in pupil supervision and the management of pupil behaviour.
- Receiving and supervising pupils excluded from a normal timetable.
- Challenging and motivating pupils and promoting and reinforcing self-esteem.
- Supporting the class teacher or the HLTA covering the class teacher, implement structured learning activities and to assist individual/group of pupils to complete tasks.
- Support the development of pupils' literacy skills in all lessons.
- Support social communication skills always.
- Undertake marking of pupil's work and recording of achievement.
- To undertake activities to assist in monitoring the personal social and emotional needs of pupils.

- Support the development of pupils' independent learning and independence skills.
- To develop positive relationships with pupils to assist pupil progress and attainment.
- Carry out any reasonable duties, which the class teacher deems appropriate and necessary for the benefit and well-being of the pupils.
- Accompany the class teacher and supervise pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required
- Work on displays following consultation with the class teacher/SLT.
- To liaise with parents, carers and outside agencies, where appropriate.
- Attend Parents' Evening.
- To monitor individual pupils' progress and to report on pupils needs, achievements and concerns.
- To undertake classroom administrative tasks including the maintenance of records.
- Assist in the invigilation of exams.
- Work with the class teacher to identify pupils requiring targeted interventions based on pupil progress data and ongoing assessment of progress.
- Lesson planning, evaluating and adjusting lesson plans as appropriate.
- Administering and assessing routine tests to assess the pupils as needed.
- Provide support for pupil's emotional and social needs by encouraging and modelling positive behaviour in line with the School's Behaviour Policy.
- Assist and deliver the general pastoral care of the pupils, following Health Care Plans as necessary.
- Actively engage and supervise pupils during unstructured time and transitions as necessary for their safety.
- Prepare the classroom for lessons, ensuring resources are available and cleared away throughout and at the end of the lesson.
- Prepare and maintain appropriate learning aids, materials and equipment and assist the pupils in their use.
- To assist in providing an atmosphere in which effective learning can take place.
- To support the promotion of positive relationships with parents, carers and outside agencies.
- To work within school policies and procedures.
- To attend staff training as appropriate.
- To take care for their own and other people's health and safety.
- To be aware of the confidential nature of issues related to home/pupil/teacher/schoolwork.

DESIRABLES

- Practical skillset in one or more vocational areas: **Motor Vehicle, Construction, or Food Technology.**

- Demonstrated interest or enthusiasm for vocational subjects such as Motor Vehicle, Construction, and Food Technology.
- Ability to engage and support pupils in hands-on, practical learning environments.
- Experience working in a vocational or technical education setting.
- Flexibility to support multiple curriculum areas as needed.
- Strong communication and teamwork skills to work closely with teaching staff and students.
- Willingness to contribute actively to the development of the vocational curriculum.
- Basic understanding of health and safety in practical workshop or food tech environments (desirable, not essential).

Note

This Job Description forms part of the contract of employment of the person appointed to this post. It reflects the position at the present time only and may be changed at management's discretion in the future. As a general term of employment, the Trust may affect any necessary change in job content or may require the post holder to undertake other duties, at any location in the Trust's service, provided that such changes are appropriate to the employee's remuneration and status.

As a term of your contract of employment, the Trust reserves the right to vary your hours of work and require you to work outside the range of your "typical working arrangements" specified in your Statement of Particulars. The Trust reserves the right at its discretion to affect this condition of your employment. Should this be necessary you will be given reasonable notice of any proposed changes.

Person Specification

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No	CATEGORIES	Essential/ Desirable	App Form	Interview /Task
QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE				
1.	GCSE or Equivalent qualification in English and Mathematics at level 9 – 5.	E	X	
2.	Child Care/NVQ/ other relevant qualification (related to education is desirable) at level 3.	E	X	
3.	Experience of support work with children in an educational setting.	E	X	X
4.	Experience of covering a class in the absence of the teacher	E	X	X
5.	Experience of administering and assessing routine tests	E	X	X
KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING				
6.	Knowledge of The National Curriculum and Schemes of Work in Literacy and Numeracy.	E	X	X
7.	Experience of working with or caring for children of relevant age	E	X	X
8.	How to support the development of social communication and literacy skills, promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and numeracy.	E	X	X
9.	How to support the development of independence.	E	X	X
10.	How to support phonics and reading development including use of cued articulation.	E	X	X
11.	Excellent written communication skills and a high level of ICT literacy.	E	X	X
12.	Knowledge of planning, evaluating and adjusting lesson plans as appropriate	E	X	X
SKILLS				

13.	Experience of supporting pupils with challenging behaviour	E	X	X
14.	Ability to relate well to children	E	X	X
15.	Ability to work as part of a team	E	X	X
16.	Ability to relate well to parents/carers	E	X	X
17.	Ability to supervise and assist pupils, either in a group or on a 1:1 basis	E	X	X
18.	Knowledge of classroom roles and responsibilities	E	X	X
19.	Knowledge of SEND strategies	E	X	X
20.	Good time management and organisational skills	E	X	X
21.	Knowledge of the concept of confidentiality	E	X	X
22.	Flexible attitude to work	E	X	X
23.	Good numeracy and literacy skills	E	X	X
24.	First Aid Certificate	D		X
25.	Is able to work as a member of a class team to support planned lessons.	E	X	X
26.	Is able to build and maintain successful and positive relationships with pupils, treating them equitably with respect and consideration.	E	X	X
27.	Can break down given planned tasks into small steps of learning and can give focused feedback on progress made and next steps.	E	X	X
28.	Can use ICT effectively to support learning and general administrative tasks.	E	X	X
29.	Can self-evaluate effectively to improve own practice.	E	X	X
30.	Hold a UK driving license and, after training is provided, be willing to drive minibuss (desirable).	D	X	X
PERSONAL QUALITIES				
31.	Proven ability to listen to, understand and work effectively with all children, staff and parents/carers.	E	X	X
32.	Ability to work under pressure and to meet deadlines.	E	X	X
33.	The ability to foster an open, transparent and equitable culture, deal effectively with difficult conversations and conflict at every level, and to value and praise good and outstanding practice	E	X	X
PROFESSIONAL VALUES AND PRACTICE				
34.	Be positive and respond to situations in a calm, professional manner at all times.	E	X	X
35.	Be self-motivated, creative, robust and resilient.	E	X	X
36.	Carry out responsibilities while being flexible and adaptable.	E	X	X

37.	At all times model good relationships, attitudes and behaviour	E	X	X
38.	Understand and respect social, cultural, linguistic, religious and ethnic backgrounds	E	X	X
39.	Work collaboratively within a team using own initiative	E	X	X
40.	A high level of commitment to safeguarding, inclusion and equality in all aspects of school life.	E	X	X
41.	Demonstrate a willingness and ability to improve own practices and to act on feedback.	E	X	X
42.	Support the Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher in their duty to ensure that the school meets its educational aims to deliver the best possible educational outcomes for pupils.	E	X	X



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