



Recruitment Pack

Lead Practitioner of Science (Secondary) Permanent

Faith ⁱⁿ
Learning...

...Belief ⁱⁿ
Achievement.



Our Mission

‘To provide high quality education for all children based on clearly established Christian values and principles’



Mission Statement

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Job Title:	Lead Practitioner of Science
Salary:	Leadership
Start Date:	Summer 2017 (Negotiable)
Academy:	St George's School – Cherry Tree Road, Marton, Blackpool, FY4 4PH
Responsible to:	Headteacher

St George's School, a member of Cidari Multi Academy Trust

St George's School (N.O.R.991) is a thriving Secondary School located in South Blackpool and a member of Cidari Multi Academy Trust since 2014. A Christian school is one in which the atmosphere has that kind of openness about it, that sense that people are worth spending time with, that people need time to grow, need loving attention.

As you are aware St George's is a Church school and more recently a member of the CIDARI Multi Academy Trust. Our Christian ethos underpins our pursuit of academic excellence and is a defining feature of our continued success. When parents, pupils and visitors walk around the school they comment on the feel, the ethos and the values. A statement that defines the work we do is *'Modern ambition built on traditional values'*.

At St George's we set our standards very high in relation to academic and pastoral support and have core non-negotiables that help everyone thrive. The School has been oversubscribed in recent years with 540 applications this year. The pace of change continues to accelerate *'under the clear vision, drive and determination of the new headteacher'* as noted by Ofsted. CIDARI, staff and pupils are determined to hold fast to the principles which have brought the school to its present success and popularity. Those principles are a belief in the worth of each child and the worth of our work as educators in a Christian school.

Our recent Ofsted commented on these Christian principles, *'spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is of the highest quality highlighting the impact of Christian values on a whole school ethos'* At St George's this is not a bolt on, it is interleaved into the fabric of the school, through every system and in our vision for the future.

As headteacher of a Church school, pupils feeling cared for is of paramount importance and a distinguishing feature of St George's. When I meet with or deliver key messages to parents I want them to feel confident in their choice and always say that a guiding principle is that I want pupil's to say 'I loved school today and I felt loved' Again this was reflected in Ofsted *'the school is harmonious and pupils relate well to each other, pupil's behaviour is good, they are courteous polite and feel safe and pupils know their voice is valued by teacher, leaders and the Cidari Trust.'*

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the post of Lead Practitioner at St George's School.

For this exciting position, I am determined to recruit a talented individual who shares the school's vision to provide exceptional holistic education. You will show the drive, tenacity and ability to realise this ambition. You will need to demonstrate a commitment to your own education and to yours and others' professional development. This role is one where you must provide clear leadership, challenge and support to others and you must have the capacity to do this in a way that is professional, based on evidence and motivates your colleagues.

I firmly believe that our distinct ethos gives those who work at St George's the competitive edge. Ours is a culture of enthusiasm for high performance plus continuous improvement; and one of teamwork and open communication. By working together, we are afforded a distinct advantage in what we are able to offer new staff to St George's School. The opportunity for you to advance your career with us is first class and something we take seriously.

Attracting and keeping the best talent is the most effective way to grow a successful school, which is particularly important for us now as we push our pupils to greater GCSE success. You will also have the opportunity to work with colleagues across the Trust and with the schools strategic partners whilst working in partnership with the Teacher Development Trust and CUREE (centre for the use of research and evidence in education) in action research, some of which we hope to publish.

I am therefore looking for a talented leader who will use their proven experience, knowledge and vision to join our high performing, successful leadership team. Whilst your direct strategic responsibility will not be for the quality of teaching, or the behaviour and safety of pupils, you will help quality assure these as part of the senior leadership team. You will provide evidence of this by contributing to our self-evaluation and the preparation and monitoring of the school development plan. You will be an excellent communicator and have the ability to manage key meetings within the school attended by a variety of stakeholders, including parents, governors and staff.

Working alongside the leadership team you will make a real impact, achieving outstanding outcomes for our pupils and ensuring as soon as possible that the area on which you will lead within the school on our journey towards 'outstanding' This key role is a central part of St George's School achieving these ambitions by addressing some of our development priorities and an exciting opportunity to join our extended leadership team in which the SLT have been described in the recent Ofsted as having 'a clear vision, drive and determination to move the school forward'. You will contribute to provide outstanding pupil outcomes so that the pupils love the challenge of learning and demonstrate a thirst for knowledge.

I hope my determination to take the school to the next level is evident. I recognise that this is by no means easy and demands a relentless focus on standards and improvement to get there and stay there. The successful candidate will be someone who is genuinely up for the challenge. In return, we can promise an investment in you and your future, providing first class professional development and career opportunities. We are working with children from all backgrounds, aged 11 to 16 and of all abilities, raising expectations of them and working hard to prepare them for life beyond the school. This job offers you an opportunity to showcase your talent and demonstrate your capacity to make a real impact in education.

Applying for a new role is a decision which comes with much thought and reflection and I hope that we have given you all the detail and information that supports you in making the decision to proceed with your application. If you are seeking a career move, where high standards and expectations are the norm, within a supportive and outward facing environment, then I should be really delighted to hear from you.

Good luck with your application.

Mr G Warnock
Headteacher

Visions and Values Statement

St George's vision is to provide the highest quality education to all pupils with the context of Christian belief and practices enabling St George's to be recognised for consistent academic excellence and caring spiritual development. A school at the heart of the Blackburn Diocese, the local Blackpool community, a central part of the town's education system, helping meet the diverse needs of pupils both locally and town-wide, with strong support and participation from all our stakeholders, especially parents.

Our purpose is to inspire learners and equip them with the education that provides, skills, confidence, resilience and qualifications required to succeed in life academically and become responsible local and global citizens. We want everyone to have a clear sense of where they are now, their aspirations for the future and the journey needed to get there.

We aim to instill in all our pupils six key characteristics that will stand them in good stead whilst they are here and in whatever future path they choose:

- Confidence – self-belief and an ability to communicate clearly in any situation
- Consideration – respect for the views and values of others
- Determination – commitment to hard work, to achieve the highest standards possible
- Resilience – a willingness to learn from mistakes and maintain a positive outlook
- Independence – taking responsibility for themselves and their own learning
- Stewardship - accepting responsibility to shepherd and safeguard the values of others.

Our philosophy

Spiritual, moral, cultural and social development underpins the academic. Our philosophy can be summed up as "Believe, Achieve, Care".

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Job Description

Core purpose of the Role

We require a Lead Practitioner in Science (accredited or aspiring) who is not only an outstanding teacher but has the potential and ambition to lead aspects of teaching and learning across the whole school. This is integral to how we will achieve the highest standards in teaching and learning in every classroom.

As a Lead Practitioner you will be a consistently good or outstanding teacher with proven results in raising the achievement and progress of pupils. The successful candidate will need to be able to teach to GCSE level.

You will be required to develop and implement Teaching and Learning initiatives and strategies throughout the school which raise the teaching practice of all members of staff and therefore raise pupils' standards and progress

The Lead Practitioner is responsible for:

1. To provide and lead on whole school teaching & learning
2. To support the Head of Department (HoD) in raising standards of teaching and learning across the department and in monitoring progress towards agreed aims.
3. To provide specialist subject expertise to assist whole school departmental staff.
4. To take the strategic lead of an agreed whole school responsibility.
5. To support and hold to account other staff through associated training programmes and observation schedules.
6. To support the Assistant Headteacher in the implementation of agreed whole school policies and initiatives
7. To contribute to the development of CEITT – Centre for Evidence Informed Teaching Team and development of the CUREE pathway.

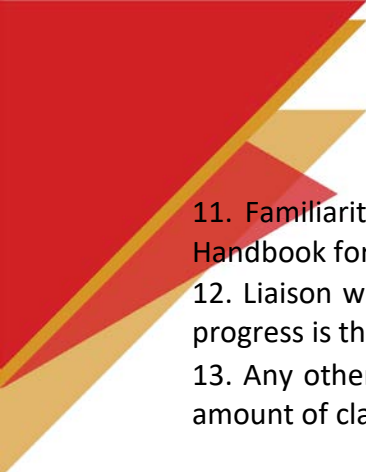
Additional Responsibilities:

- Raise the quality of learning and attainment of pupils within the department and across the school; working to ensure that your teaching specifically and the whole school teaching generally is as effective as it can be
- Your lessons are an example of model practice within your area and they will engage pupils and ensure that all pupils make exceptional progress. You will have an open door policy for observation at all times
- Leading, developing and enhancing the teaching practice of others within your area and across the school
- Produce high quality teaching and learning resources and materials for use across the department.
- Plan lessons independently and collaboratively with colleagues
- Work alongside the HoD to coach/mentor staff in order to develop their teaching
- Observe lessons across the school informally and formally, providing feedback to teachers and set appropriate targets; hold staff to account for those targets
- Participate and lead in the mentoring of newly qualified teachers within your area,

- Work with the HoD to take a lead role in intervention across the department as appropriate
- Support the HoD with regard to schemes of work, policies, performance management and the implementation of national subject strategies
- Advise and train teachers on classroom management and organisation, lesson planning and appropriate pedagogy
- Provide advice and training on positive behaviours for learning
- Deliver CPD to groups of all sizes including whole staff inset on training days/mornings
- Lead groups of staff in continual professional development activities in areas of expertise and evaluate outcomes
- To support whole school priorities and targets for the department
- Provide subject specific advice, drawing on up-to-date research and developments
- Support the performance management process as required
- Produce and maintain records of work within your area and across the school
- To support the Assistant Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team in all aspects of teaching & learning
- Engage in outreach activities on a local and national level as needed
- Develop a vision, create an action plan and build momentum around an agreed whole school responsibility
- To take on any additional duties as requested by the Headteacher, and appropriate to a member of staff on the leadership scale.

All staff will have a teaching responsibility

1. The detailed knowledge and understanding of the Schemes of Work and Assessment Criteria for all classes for whom they have responsibility.
2. An awareness of the general requirements and standards of work required by their classes in the years before and after the year in question, thus ensuring a professional sensitivity to matters of progression, development and preparedness for future study.
3. Detailed record of the prior attainment and target levels / grades / outcomes for each child in each class for which they are responsible, and the on-going recording of performance against these measures.
4. The effective teaching, setting, assessment and marking of appropriate class work and homework in line with the Schemes of Work provided by their Line Manager / Head of Department.
5. The planning and delivery of differentiated work suitable to stretch all pupils in their teaching group(s), with particular reference to pupils with Individual Education Plans (IEPs).
6. The planning and delivery of appropriate opportunities to contribute to pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
7. Clear, accurate and informative reporting to parents, whether oral or written, on pupils' progress as directed by their Line Manager / Head of Department.
8. The proper preparation of pupils, including revision advice, for internal and external examinations.
9. A full account of the attendance / absence of all pupils in all lessons for which they have a responsibility.
10. The good order, appearance and discipline of all pupils within and beyond the classroom.

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11. Familiarity with and adherence to, School policies as detailed within the Professional Handbook for staff.
 12. Liaison with their Line Manager / Head of Department with regard to any pupil whose progress is the cause of some concern.
 13. Any other duties as reasonably required by the Headteacher, including an appropriate amount of classroom teaching.