



Job Application Pack Teacher of Religious Studies

Required From: 1st September 2019
Permanent, Full time
Salary: MPS

Welcome from the CEO



Archway Learning Trust is a vibrant learning community where students are cared for, receive a high quality education and experience every opportunity to be successful.

School years are amongst the most important in our lives, helping us to develop the knowledge, skills and characteristics we need to succeed. At Archway Learning Trust, we are committed to giving every child the very best start that we can. We offer outstanding teaching and learning and exceptional personal support in an inclusive, faith based environment. I became a teacher because I believe in equal opportunities for everyone.

I also believe that every child has the right to an excellent education. Learning is at the heart of any good society and the opportunity to learn from teachers who are committed, enthusiastic and innovative is a right that all children should have.

Our mission is to help children to understand and believe in themselves, respect and care for others and to develop a wide understanding of faith, the world around them and their place within it. The determination of our youngsters to succeed, and the passion of our teachers to make a difference, makes me proud to be Chief Executive Officer of this diverse and dynamic family of academies.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Hampton".

Sian Hampton

About the Trust

Archway Learning Trust, previously Bluecoat Academies Trust was formed in April 2014 as a result of the very long and successful history of Bluecoat Academy. The Trust comprises of Bluecoat Aspley Academy which includes the Sixth Form, Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, Bluecoat Beechdale Academy, Bluecoat Primary Academy and The Nottingham Emmanuel School.

Our aim as a Trust is to be recognised nationally and internationally as we develop our innovative approach to inclusive, enriching and balanced cross curricular teaching, preparing young people for lifelong learning based firmly on our Christian principles.

The growth of the Trust is a truly exciting time for prospective candidates who are looking to further their careers in a dynamic learning community that has opportunity at every point to share and learn from each other in order to become the best that we can be.



Bluecoat Aspley Academy



Bluecoat Beechdale Academy



Bluecoat Primary Academy



Bluecoat Wollaton Academy



Nottingham Emmanuel School

Bluecoat Aspley Academy

Bluecoat Aspley Academy has over 1500 students, including over 550 in the Sixth Form. Bluecoat Academy Aspley is the largest school in the Trust and was the founder of Archway Learning Trust (previously known as Bluecoat Academies Trust). The Academy is both distinctively Christian and inclusive with all students being part of the large, diverse and multi ethnic family that we are very proud to be a part of. Bluecoat Aspley Academy holds a strong and positive reputation within the city benefitting from its long history, success and prominent position in the city.



Bluecoat Aspley
believe in yourself, in others, in God



Bluecoat Wollaton
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Bluecoat Wollaton Academy

Bluecoat Wollaton Academy has over 780 learners aged 11-16 and is both distinctively Christian and inclusive with a relentless ambition to enable every member of our Academy 'family' to be the best they can be. Bluecoat Wollaton was recently graded as 'Outstanding' in all categories in its recent Ofsted inspection in 2018 and has a strong pastoral and academic reputation across the city. It is also pioneering some new approaches to curriculum and the celebration of knowledge at the heart of that. The school's outcomes place it in the top 10% in the country and visitors frequently comment on how the children are polite and keen to learn.

Bluecoat Beechdale Academy

Bluecoat Beechdale Academy is a growing school, with over 800 students on roll. The numbers have increased each year since our sponsorship began and we are delighted with the growing confidence that local families are expressing by making Beechdale their first choice school in increasing numbers. Bluecoat Beechdale Academy is not formally designated as a Church of England Academy, but shares the ethos and many of the Archway values.



**Bluecoat Beechdale
Academy**
Believe, Belong, Achieve



Bluecoat Primary
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Bluecoat Primary Academy

Bluecoat Primary Academy opened in January 2015. The primary school is located nearer our Bluecoat Beechdale Academy in a brand new; state of the art building on Harvey Road and this new accommodation will be home to 420 primary aged children; 26 three year olds and like Bluecoat Aspley and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy is both distinctively Christian and inclusive.

The Nottingham Emmanuel School

The Nottingham Emmanuel School is a Church of England secondary and Sixth Form, with 1,000 students, including over 140 in the Sixth Form. The £25 million site is located near the banks of the river Trent in West Bridgford. The School is a diverse community, serving families and students from every academic, social, faith and ethnic background. Emmanuel has been praised nationally for its outstanding work as an effective, inclusive Church school.



Bluecoat SCITT Alliance
Nottingham

Bluecoat SCITT

Based at Sherwood Rise, the Bluecoat SCITT offers school based Primary and Secondary Teacher training in a range of schools and subjects. As an accredited provider of school based teacher training, we are committed to training OUTSTANDING teachers to work within the East Midlands region. Our comprehensive one year School Direct Training Programme is offered for both Primary and Secondary trainees, as well as a salaried option in certain subjects.

The Nottingham Emmanuel School – Welcome from the Principal



At The Nottingham Emmanuel School, we strive for excellence. We are entirely focused on delivering the highest standards of teaching and insist on the highest standards of conduct amongst our students. As a result, we can be confident of the very best outcomes for our students: excellent examination results which enable them to take their next step in life.

We also believe, that education today is something more than academic success alone. Just as important as children's vital academic development is the development of values and character, on which so much in life really depends. Many parents are looking for a school which develops values of service, compassion, humanity, community, thankfulness, courage, hope and forgiveness. They want their children to grow up to be open-minded, outward-looking and generous spirited – ready to make a difference to the world around them. They want their children to develop in a truly rounded way: academically, physically, socially, culturally, and crucially, morally and spiritually.

What sets The Nottingham Emmanuel School apart is its determination to achieve both: to set the highest academic standards alongside strong, inclusive Christian values and ethos. I am delighted to lead a school which exemplifies such high standards and high ideals, and I look forward to welcoming you here.



Derek Hobbs

The Vacancy

The Trust invites applications for the post of Teacher of Religious Studies from enthusiastic, committed and successful Religious Studies teachers with proven ability to lead and manage the teaching and learning of students of all abilities in a comprehensive school environment.



The post offers opportunities for continued professional development and provides an excellent platform for further career development into leadership and management. The post would suit an experienced or newly qualified teacher and the successful candidate will be an integral part of the department and can expect the support needed to develop his/her career.

You will be interested in developing your practice, and trying out new strategies in your teaching. You will love working with young people, and you will relish the satisfaction that comes from helping them to develop and to learn.

This is an exciting time to join the Trust and we would be delighted to hear from forward-thinking, enthusiastic and committed colleagues looking for the opportunity to help shape the learning experiences of our students in order to meet and beat their potential.

Whilst employed to work predominantly at the Trust's Nottingham Emmanuel School there may be a requirement for the post holder to work across any of the sites that comprise Archway Learning Trust in accordance with the needs of the Trust.

Vision & Ethos of the Trust

The vision statement of the Trust demonstrates its Christian ethos and faith foundation. The Trust believes in the transformational power of education for each individual and that this is enhanced through collaborative working between the academies.

We believe:

- That a Christian ethos underpins and informs all that we do
- That the focus of the Trust is to promote collaboration between schools within a strategic locality in order to secure mutual improvement
- That through managed collaboration between academies there will be increased and improved opportunities for the development of all staff, students/children, parents and community
- In the development of a broad and balanced curriculum that supports young people's personal development and preparation for life
- That the family of academies within the Trust, working together, will secure continuity and progression for all
- That there should be high expectation for all children/students and young people whatever their circumstances or starting point and addressing disadvantage
- That, through its structures and work, the Trust can create and support effective Governance for all members
- That, through the Trust's work across its academies, expertise and capacity will be developed so that they can be supported with their development needs and economies of scale achieved

Safeguarding Children and Young People

Archway Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are therefore expected to behave in such a way that supports this commitment. Appointment to this post will be subject to the following satisfactory pre-employment checks:

- Health
- Identity
- Relevant work qualifications
- Right to work in the UK
- Barred List Check (previously List 99)
- Disclosure & Barring Service Check (for all staff and volunteers)
- References
- Childcare Disqualification Declaration Check (relevant Primary School posts only)

Applications

For more information about the academy, please visit www.emmanuel.nottingham.sch.uk . To apply for the role please download the 'Teacher Application Form' from the 'Vacancies' section on our website and submit to recruitmentnes@archwaytrust.co.uk clearly demonstrating your suitability for the role.

Closing Date: 9am, Friday 22nd February 2019

Provisional Interview Date: w/c 4th March 2019

If you have any queries, wish to discuss the role informally or undertake a visit to Nottingham Emmanuel School, please do not hesitate to contact us via email recruitmentnes@archwaytrust.co.uk or telephone 0115 977 5380.

Job Description

POST TITLE:	TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
GRADE:	MPS
MAIN PURPOSE:	Teaching Promoting the highest standards of behaviour in order to promote a calm working environment in the Academy, and to create an atmosphere conducive to learning
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Director of Learning
RELATIONSHIPS WITH:	Senior Leadership Team Head of Humanities Lead Teacher of Religious Studies Year Leaders Local community and educational providers SENCo / Teaching Assistants Support Staff Other teachers Parents

Introduction

Each teacher is responsible for all aspects of teaching and learning for those classes and students assigned to them. This involves the organisation and administration of classes, the preparation of lesson plans and teaching within faculty guidelines and schemes of work. Each member of staff has a responsibility to promote high quality throughout their work and that of the faculty, Academy and Trust as a whole. In particular it is important to maintain high standards of achievement and to encourage all students to fulfil their potential through effective teaching and high expectations.

In teaching at Archway Learning Trust importance is attached to:

- Team work
- Open consultation and participation in decision making
- Good communication
- A mutually supportive approach - sharing responsibility, success and problems
- Exercising positive leadership with students
- Maintaining high personal and professional standards
- Being forward looking and anticipating change

Main Responsibilities

- Teach students of the full range of age and ability;
- Contribute to the development of the Department's curriculum;
- Attend and contribute to school assemblies and acts of worship, as applicable;
- Follow Academy and departmental procedures on assessment, recording and reporting, including communication with parents at consultation evenings;
- Take part in departmental activities such as field trips;
- Undertake such departmental responsibilities as are delegated by the Head of Humanities;
- Act as form tutor to a group of students
- Carry out a share of supervisory duties in accordance with published rotas;
- Set and mark home learning in accordance with Academy and departmental policies;

- Participate in meetings with colleagues and/or parents/carers with regard to the above responsibilities.

Teacher Responsibilities

- Have a thorough and up to date knowledge of their subject(s) and should take account of wider curriculum developments that are relevant to their work;
- Consistently and effectively plan lessons and sequences of lessons to meet students' individual learning needs, including students with special educational needs, and gifted or talented students. They should be aware of, and take proper account of the strategies agreed in IEPs (Individual Education Plans) and IBPs (Individual Behaviour Plans);
- Keep an attendance register of students in every lesson and following up absence when necessary;
- Consistently and effectively use a range of appropriate strategies for teaching and classroom management;
- Consistently and effectively use information about prior attainment to set well-grounded expectations for students, and monitor progress to give clear and constructive feedback;
- Be able to make use of the performance data available in the Academy in order to determine how much progress their students are making;
- Take responsibility for their own professional development and use the outcomes to improve their teaching and students' learning;
- Make an active contribution to implementing the policies and aspirations of the Academy and Trust;
- Be effective professionals who challenge and support all students to do their best;
- Set and maintain high expectations for student behaviour;
- Set a good example to students, for example in terms of appropriate dress, standards of punctuality and attendance;

General Notes

- The aforementioned responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and the Conditions of Service ("Burgundy Book") and are additional to the general duties and responsibilities of a Teacher;
- These accountabilities do not direct the particular amount of time to be spent on carrying them out and no part of it may be so construed;
- These accountabilities are not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed at least once per year and it may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the holder of the post.

Staff Conduct

- All employees are expected to familiarise themselves and follow the Trust vision and ethos during their working lives with Archway Learning Trust.
- We are professional people and expect professional conduct (behaviour and language) based on mutual respect, good manners, politeness and common courtesies for all members of our community. We expect that at all times employees behave in a manner that role models positive behaviours for our students to follow.
- Physical violence, verbal abuse and swearing are unacceptable and not tolerated.
- Employees are expected to maintain a professional relationship with students.
- Staff will be fully supported by the Trust at all times in carrying out the behaviour policy.

Dress Code

- The Trust expect staff to wear professional business dress mirroring our high expectations of our student dress code.
- Some functions within the Trust are required to wear uniform that will be supplied by the Trust.

Personal Specification – Teacher of Religious Studies		
	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Desirable</u>
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant 'A' Levels (or equivalent) and degree; Qualified Teacher Status. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good honours degree (2:1 or better); Able to teach Key Stage 5.
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant teaching experience or teaching practice; Experience of working with students of a wide range of abilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently working or training in UK secondary school or FE College; Relevant 'life experience' e.g. time working in business or industry.
Knowledge and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An understanding of current educational developments and a clear grasp of issues relating to education in general and their subject specialism(s) The theory and practice of providing effectively for the individual needs of all children (e.g. classroom organisation and learning strategies); Statutory National Curriculum requirements at the appropriate key stage; The monitoring, assessment, recording and reporting of pupils' progress; The statutory requirements of legislation concerning Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, SEN and Child Protection; The positive links necessary within the Academy and with all its stakeholders; Effective teaching and learning styles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The integration of ICT into RS courses Raising achievement in RS EAL
Skills and Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to use innovative, active teaching methods; Ability to use ICT as a learning/admin tool; An ability to work in collaborative partnership with the full range of people associated with the Trust - staff, parents, governors, community, business, Diocese and LA; Effective communication skills, written and verbal; Good organisational skills; Ability to work with students with special needs or who are Gifted and Talented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to offering effective extra-curricular activities
Personal Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An empathy for children from a wide variety of social and cultural backgrounds; Ability to support the important Christian values of the Trust; A willingness to work hard with enthusiasm and vision; Tact and sensitivity; Integrity and good judgement; Confidence, independence and flexibility; Able to motivate self and others; Calm under pressure. 	