

Dear Candidate

Thank you for your interest in Ark Blake Academy. We are a growing and successful academy based in East Croydon. Opened in 2020, we are now consistently over-subscribed in every year group with students currently in Years 7-10. We look forward to our first cohort of students completing their GCSEs in the summer of 2025.

I joined the Academy in September 2023, and we also welcomed a number of senior and middle leaders to the Academy at this time. As we continue to grow and look forward to welcoming our fifth year group in September 2024 we are seeking outstanding candidates to join our brilliant team.

In terms of what drives our school culture, it is based around the simple but powerful belief of **‘working hard, being kind and taking responsibility’**. We aim to become a leading school in London as quickly as possible by living out this day-to-day belief and ensuring our students leave with the ‘master key’ that opens any door for the future progression. We never accept that background determines outcomes, and we work relentlessly to reinforce this with our student community. We also aim to be exceptionally supportive of our fantastic staff body and have a genuine and meaningful approach to staff wellbeing and workload that means they are free to focus on what really matters for the day-to-day student experience.

At our recent Monitoring Visit in February 2024, the huge improvement to the Academy since September 2023 was recognised and this is a testament to the hard work put in by staff and students:

- *This happy and well-functioning school is very securely good*
- *The improvements brought about since September have been remarkable*
- *Students behave very well in lessons and around the school. There is a palpably warm and harmonious atmosphere in lessons*

If you want to further your career and add value to our fantastic team, we look forward to receiving your application!

If you have any questions about working at Ark Blake Academy or wish to speak with a member of our team, please contact Vicky Rouse; v.rouse@arkblake.org or call us on 020 3443 9000.

Yours faithfully



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