

Our Purpose

Vision

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Why are we here?

At Sarum Academy, we draw inspiration from the Church of England's vision for education, which emphasises wisdom, hope, community, and dignity. These principles are deeply embedded in our ethos, guiding us to create an environment where every individual can thrive in body, mind, and spirit.

We want all students to be **"WORKING HARD, ACHIEVING MORE"**
"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart." - Colossians 3:23-24

Guided by faith and grounded in respect, our aim is to inspire all individuals to be ambitious, work diligently, and achieve excellence. We foster a culture that equips everyone with the character, knowledge, and skills to **pursue ambitious goals, lead purposeful lives, and make a lasting impact on society.** This is our vision.

Our Commitment to Students

Our staff are dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging, joy, and purpose for every student. We ensure holistic support—academically, emotionally, and spiritually. Our curriculum is enriched with opportunities for creativity, exploration, and reflection, supported by a strong pastoral system that nurtures wellbeing and character development.

As a Church of England academy, we encourage students to explore life's deeper questions, develop moral courage, and grow in faith. Together, we aim to shape individuals who embody wisdom, compassion, and hope, making a positive difference in the world around them.

Job Description

Core Responsibilities:

- **Champion the School Vision and Values:** Embody our collective purpose.
- **Bring to life an Exceptional Curriculum:** Contribute to a top-notch curriculum that ignites curiosity.
- **Deliver Outstanding Lessons:** Teach high-quality, engaging lessons that captivate students.
- **Excellence in Assessment:** Facilitate high-quality assessment for learning to ensure student success.
- **Evaluate and Innovate:** Continuously evaluate the impact of the curriculum and its implementation, and strive for improvement.
- **Lead and develop:** The school's whole-school literacy strategy, supporting colleagues across all subject areas to raise standards in reading, writing, vocabulary and communication.

Personal Qualities:

- **Student-Centered:** Always put pupils first in every decision and action.
- **Ambitious for All:** Hold high aspirations for every student.
- **Optimistic:** Maintain a positive outlook and inspire others with your enthusiasm.
- **Resilient:** Stay strong and adaptable in the face of challenges.
- **Composed:** Keep calm and collected, even in stressful situations.
- **Creative Problem Solver:** Approach challenges with innovative solutions.
- **Analytical Thinker:** Use data and insights to drive decisions and improvements.
- **High Standards:** Set and uphold high standards for yourself and others.
- **Trustworthy:** Build and maintain trust through integrity and reliability.

Person Specification

Qualifications:

- Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).
- Degree in English

Experience:

- Proven experience in teaching English at secondary level.
- Demonstrated ability to use assessment data to inform teaching and improve student outcomes.
- Experience in creating a stimulating and inclusive learning environment.

Professional Skills:

- Strong subject knowledge in English.
- Excellent lesson planning and delivery skills.
- Proficiency in using various assessment methods to track and report student progress.
- Strong organisational and time-management skills.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Familiarity with the latest developments in English education.
- Ability to develop and implement innovative teaching strategies.
- Experience in using digital learning tools and platforms.

Professional Development:

- Commitment to continuous professional development.
- Willingness to engage in school-wide activities and initiatives.
- Openness to feedback and a proactive approach to self-improvement.
- Participation in professional networks or associations related to English education.

Community Engagement:

- Ability to foster positive relationships with parents and the wider community.
- Willingness to participate in extracurricular activities and school events.
- Experience in organising or participating in English outreach programs or/and any involvement in partnerships with local businesses or organisations to enhance the English curriculum.



Safer Recruitment & Equality

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Sarum Academy Safer Recruitment Procedure

Sarum Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) before any appointment is confirmed.

Disclosure

Sarum Academy requires all employees to undertake an enhanced DBS check. You are required, before appointment, to disclose any unspent conviction, cautions, reprimands or warnings under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975. Non-disclosure may lead to termination of employment. However, disclosure of a criminal record will not necessarily debar you from employment - this will depend upon the nature of the offence(s) and when they occurred.

Shortlisting

Only those candidates meeting the requirements of the Person Specification (evidenced in the Application Form) will be taken forward from application.

Interview

Those shortlisted will be invited to attend an interview process which may include (post dependent) lesson observations, tasks or role specific activities; further shortlisting may take place after lesson observations prior to moving forward to formal interviews with the Headteacher. During the interview process candidates will be asked to address any discrepancies, anomalies or gaps in their application form.

Reference checking

References from current employers will be taken up for shortlisted candidates and, where necessary, employers may be contacted to gather further information.

Probation

All staff will be subject to a probation period of four months. The Academy Trust may, at its discretion, extend this period for up to a further two months. During this probationary period your performance and suitability for continued employment will be monitored. At the end of your probationary period you will be informed whether you have successfully completed your probationary period.

A commitment to encourage diversity

Sarum Academy is committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity. Our aim is that our workforce will be truly representative of all sections of society and that each employee feels respected and able to give their best. To that end we are committed to provide equality and fairness for all in our recruitment and employment practices and not to discriminate on any grounds.