



Teaching Assistant



Job Title: Teaching Assistant

Terms: 30 Hours per Week / 38.4 Weeks per Year / Permanent

Grade/Salary: Devon NJC Grade B4 (£25,185 pro rata)
Actual <5 years' service £17,231
Actual >5 years' service £17,607

Start Date: 01 September 2026

Location: South Dartmoor Community College, Balland Lane, Ashburton, Devon, TQ13 7EW.



This is an exciting opportunity to join our Trust at South Dartmoor Community College recently inspected as 'Good in all Areas'. We are seeking to appoint a teaching assistant who shares our passion, vision and drive, and who is prepared to go that extra mile to support our students. You would be joining a committed team of teaching assistants who play an important role in our school. The role involves supporting students with Special Educational Needs within the classroom. This could involve facilitating student's emotional regulation; working with those on the autistic spectrum, or supporting students with low levels of Literacy and Numeracy to access the secondary curriculum. Developing excellent relationships with the students is essential. You will be a hard-working individual; with high expectations and an unwavering determination to get the best outcomes for students.

The College has in recent years secured some of the best results in the South West for student progress. It has a strong staff team in place to ensure every child is enabled to fulfil their potential including specialist teachers at all levels. We have an excellent academic record, and our pastoral support is second to none. Our students report that they feel very happy and safe at the school. We are proud of our students, and they are proud of their school. The relationships between staff and students are strong. Community engagement is also an important feature; we have an active Parent/Teacher Association (FOSDA—Friends of South Dartmoor Academy).

If you want to work in an inspiring, fully inclusive environment with students who want to succeed, and friendly, supportive staff, then we want to hear from you! You will join a passionate and dedicated team, and a Trust who is committed to providing professional development and opportunities for all colleagues. Part of the WeST Trust, we are an 11-18 College situated in Ashburton on the edge of Dartmoor. With impressive facilities, the college currently caters for approximately 800 students. Devon is a lovely place to live with the stunning Dartmoor and the beautiful Devon and Cornwall Coastline on your doorstep.

Westcountry Schools Trust is a multi-academy trust of 31 schools and growing. We are a dynamic organisation with our students and staff at our heart. Our values inform our work, and we hope you agree these are key to success: Collaboration, Aspiration, Integrity, Compassion, Respect.



Collaboration



Aspiration



Integrity



Compassion



Respect

Working for the Trust includes some key benefits, please see our website for full details.

If you would like to discuss the position please contact: Ian Squires, SENDCo
Email: isquires@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

If you believe you can demonstrate the dedication, skills and passion required, we look forward to receiving your application. Application form, full job description, and person specification are available from MyNewTerm <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/136569/EDV-2026-SDCC-45477>

Completed applications should be submitted to Mrs Cleo Perry, PA to the Executive Head Teacher and HR Administrator via MyNewTerm,

Closing Date: Friday 19 June 2026 at 8.00 am

Interviews: w/c 22 June 2026

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure is required for this post.

Information about our key policies is available at: <https://www.westst.org.uk/our-policies> (this includes our DBS Policy, Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, and Recruitment and Selection Policy).