



Teacher of Psychology

(Potential for a TLR payment)

MPS/UPS

Full Time - permanent

September 2026 start date



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Tadcaster
Grammar School

Be your best self

Dear potential applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in applying for the post of **Psychology teacher**.

This advert runs in parallel with our recruitment process for a Curriculum Team Leader, Social Sciences: There is one post, teaching predominantly Psychology, and applicants may choose to apply for the teaching role detailed below, rather than the post with responsibility.

At Tadcaster Grammar School [TGS] we put the needs of students at the forefront of our decision making and practice. Our curricular and co-curricular offer responds to the aims and aspirations of individuals and we structure this as a 7-year experience. The school is fortunate to have a highly committed and talented staff and governing body and our students are motivated, articulate and keen to learn. TGS is a larger than average school, but we organise our pastoral systems so everyone is seen, heard and valued.

Our ambition for the school focuses on developing a culture where all students achieve highly whatever their background or ability. This relies on providing learning and teaching of the highest possible quality to engage, enthuse and motivate. At TGS we do not limit our definition of achievement simply to traditionally academic pursuits; we believe in developing well rounded individuals and, as such, we make a significant investment in the areas of sport, creative and performing arts.

The Social Sciences are a vibrant and highly successful part of the curriculum at TGS, with a large uptake in our Sixth Form. Students tell us that they enjoy their learning and achieve highly. As such, we wish to recruit someone who will contribute something really special to our team. We are looking for a proven and skilled classroom practitioner who can offer **Psychology**, and potentially **Sociology** and/or **Criminology**.

If you feel you are ready for the challenge and would like to know more about the school and its activities please take a look at our website at www.tgs.starmat.uk. If you would like to speak with a member of the Social Sciences team, or arrange to visit during a school day, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01937 833466 or email k.mitchell@tgs.starmat.uk

If you choose to take your interest in the post further, I would encourage you to pay attention to the following whilst assembling your application:

- The School Vision and Values Statement
- Job description and person specification
- School performance data about the school available in the public domain

I hope the following information shapes your thinking and gives the guidance to help you apply.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

I look forward to the possibility of meeting you soon.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Vernon
Acting Headteacher

The Selection Process

The Yorkshire Learning Trust is committed to equality and to making fair and equitable treatment an integral part of everything we do. The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The post is subject to a successful DBS check and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before an appointment is confirmed. For further details about the school visit our website: [Tadcaster Grammar School](#).

If you wish to apply for the post of Curriculum Team Leader; Social Sciences, fully complete the online application form on our careers website [HERE](#), ensuring all details are accurate and all declarations are signed. Please ensure you include details of two professional referees with one being your current employer (with email addresses).

Your Supporting Statement within the application form should be 2 sides A4 Ariel 12 point, 1.15 spacing maximum, addressing the following:

How your experience to date best fits you to the requirements of the following sections of the person specification:

- Experience
- Training
- Knowledge and skills

Please use *relevant* examples and impact measures from your practice during the last 3 years.

Please provide a 5-7-point action plan detailing the key qualities and characteristics that make an effective Curriculum Team Leader, and what outline actions you would be likely to prioritise during the first 6 weeks of the Autumn term 2026. (in tabular format).

The short-listing process will, in part, assess your ability to communicate effectively and accurately in the written word. Your audience for your written work will be school staff and governors.

Remember when addressing the above, ***less is sometimes more.***

Timeline for the selection process

Post advertised	Wednesday 6th May 2026
Closing time/date for applications:	9am Monday 11th May 2026
Invitation to interview by telephone/ Confirmation by email:	Tuesday 12th May 2026
Selection day:	Friday 15th May 2026

Please address all return mail to Mrs R Evans (HR Advisor): tgs.recruitment@tgs.starmat.uk

Appendices

1	The School Vision and Values Statement
2	Job Description for the role of Teacher (Psychology), and Form Tutor
3	Person Specification
4	Social Sciences Curriculum Team Information

Appendix 1: The School Vision and Values Statement

OUR VISION *(Our cause; our key belief)*

Be your best self	<p>During their 7 years with us at the school, we want all students to maximise their potential through excellent academic and personal development.</p> <p>Each individual should also be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● aware of the needs of others in their thoughts and actions; ● empowered to control their own well-being; ● able to achieve fulfilment in their current and future lives.
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OUR CORE VALUES *(These should be seen, experienced & lived)*

All staff and governors at Tadcaster Grammar School are expected to recognise and uphold the Yorkshire Learning Trust **values** of trust, openness and service. In addition:

All **staff** are expected to consistently model the following **values** which underpin everything we do, every day:

Students considered first	All of our decisions should put the needs of students first. All students will be known well, included, valued and heard.
High expectations - no limitations	We do not prejudice potential by preconceptions about individuals or groups of students.
The right curriculum experience for each student	We respond to the aspirations and needs of individual students with a broad and balanced curriculum and diverse co-curricular offer.
The best support for each student	Students are individuals with their own needs and requirements; our care and pastoral support systems need to reflect this.

All **students** are expected and supported to show the following **values** in everything they do in school, every day:

Ambition	To show a desire to achieve success.
Resilience	To show a determination to achieve success.
Responsibility	To take ownership for their actions and work in and out of school.
Respect	To be considerate to themselves and others.

Appendix 2: Job Description: Teacher of Psychology

Job Description

Teacher of Psychology

Post Title: Teacher of Psychology
 Pay Range: MPS/UPR
 Line Manager: Curriculum Team Leader; Social Sciences

Rationale

To secure and account for effective learning, appropriate achievement and educational, social and personal progress of all students in the assigned area of responsibility, consistent with the aims of the school and the unique needs of each individual learner.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND KEY TASKS	
Specific Responsibilities – All Teaching Staff	<p>Teachers should work with their Curriculum Team Leader, whilst taking direct responsibility for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To uphold the aims, policies, procedures and ethos of the school. ● Work in accordance with the Teacher Standards (2012) Teachers' standards. ● Work within the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document ● Teach as directed throughout the school subject to appropriate training. ● To be accountable for students' attainment and achievement. ● Contribute to and implement the annual School Improvement Plan and agreed policies. ● Monitor, expect and improve progress in student learning. ● Participate in the pastoral management of the school as requested. ● Take part in appraisal procedures outlined in an agreed school policy. ● Take responsibility for their own professional development. ● Plan and deliver lessons using a range of strategies to meet students' individual learning needs. ● Have a thorough knowledge and understanding of their subject, its teaching and place in the National Curriculum and that of the school. ● Set and mark homework according to the school and subject policies. ● Mark, assess, record and report on students' achievements, setting appropriate targets for improvement. ● Meet deadlines for reporting, marking, submission of assessment data, coursework, marks and forecast grades. ● Prepare students for examinations, taking part in standardisation and moderation activities required within the subject and by examination boards. ● Contribute to the development of schemes of learning, school and subject policies as appropriate. ● Attend and contribute to appropriate meetings and professional development activities. ● Contribute to the process of subject self-evaluation and improvement planning. ● Undertake whatever other duties might reasonably be requested by the Headteacher or Curriculum Team Leader.

Specific Responsibilities – Form Tutors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Take responsibility for day to day discipline routines and attendance in the form group. ● Review and discuss students’ work and welfare, setting targets as necessary. ● Promote good behaviour and positive attitudes at all times. ● Support form, year, and house activities as appropriate.
Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children/Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of pupils in line with policy and legislation, raising concerns as appropriate ● This Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils and young people. We have a robust Child Protection Policy and all staff will receive training relevant to their role at induction and throughout employment at the School. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records check for work with children.
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be aware of and implement your health and safety responsibilities as an employee and where appropriate any additional specialist or managerial health and safety responsibilities as defined in the Health and Safety policy and procedure. ● To work with colleagues and others to maintain health, safety and welfare within the working environment.
Data Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Know about data protection issues in the context of your role. ● To comply with the YLT’s policies and supporting documentation in relation to Information Governance this includes Data Protection, Information Security and Confidentiality
Equalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Within own area of responsibility work in accordance with the aims of the Equality policy, treating people with respect for their diversity, culture and values ● The YLT is committed to equality and to making fair and equitable treatment an integral part of everything we do. The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The post is subject to a successful DBS check and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before an appointment is confirmed.
Customer Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The YLT requires a commitment to equity of access and outcomes, this will include due regard to equality, diversity, dignity, respect and human rights and working with others to keep vulnerable people safe from abuse and mistreatment ● The YLT requires that staff offer the best level of service to their stakeholders and behave in a way that gives them confidence. Stakeholders will be treated as individuals, with respect for their diversity, culture and values



This job description is not your contract of employment, or any part of it. It has been prepared only for the purpose of school organisation and may change either as your contract changes or as the organisation of the school is changed. Whilst this job outline provides a summary of the post, it is not a comprehensive list or description and the job will evolve to meet changing circumstances. Such changes would be commensurate with the grading and conditions of service of the post and would be subject to discussion and consultation. All staff are required to comply with the school's policies, procedures and ethos.

Elements of the Job Description may be re-negotiated at the request of either party and with the agreement of both. The post holder may, in addition, be asked to carry out other reasonable duties within the MAT, (which could involve working at other schools), as may be required for the benefit of the school and the students' education and well-being.

In relation to Data Protection, Information Security and Confidentiality, all staff are required to comply with the school's policies and supporting documentation in respect of these issues.

As part of the Yorkshire Learning Trust (YLT) we pride ourselves on the work that we do supporting young people and welcome all applications. Visit the [website](#) for access to our recruitment policies.

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More information can be found on the YLT website [HERE](#)

Appendix 3: Person Specification

Essential upon appointment	Desirable on appointment
<p>Knowledge & Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thorough knowledge and understanding of the subject and how it can be effectively taught across the spectrum of age and ability. ● Good knowledge of curriculum development and improvement in your subject area, together with a willingness to contribute to schemes of learning. ● Confident about using data systematically to evaluate performance, together with an ability to monitor and assess progress and provide feedback to students. ● Proven, excellent teaching and classroom management skills and an ability to relate well to and motivate <i>all</i> students. ● An understanding of how students learn and improve their skills, knowledge and understanding. ● Excellent verbal, written and communication skills ● Understanding of current research into teaching and learning, and can demonstrate how this has been used in the classroom 	
<p>Qualifications & Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Qualified teacher, with a proven track record of good or better teaching ● Excellent classroom practitioner with a relevant degree (or equivalent) and experienced subject specialist to the 11-18 age group. ● Understanding of the importance of the planning, delivery, assessment cycle. ● Able to demonstrate a variety of approaches to teaching and learning. ● To have a clear understanding of the National Curriculum and its application. 	

<p>Personal Qualities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A professional approach to all aspects of the role as per the Teachers' standards ● A willingness to model the core staff values of the school. ● Demonstrates enthusiasm, drive and energy to achieve results. ● Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school, including extracurricular activities. ● Commitment to work as part of a team. ● Ability to filter, judge and act decisively. ● Ability to work in a way that promotes the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. ● Flexible, able to cope with change. 	
<p>Other Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enhanced DBS Clearance. ● Ability to use initiative and take responsibility for own Continuing Professional Development. ● Motivation to work with children and young people. ● Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people. ● Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours and attitudes. ● Ability to use authority and maintain discipline. ● An empathy for equality & diversity. ● The ability to converse at ease with stakeholders and provide advice in accurate spoken English. 	

Appendix 4: Additional information about the Social Sciences Department

Job Title: Teacher of Psychology (Social Sciences)

Staffing

Katie Mitchell	Curriculum Team Leader for Social Sciences
Hazel Brooksby	Teacher of Psychology
Louise Bland	Teacher of Sociology / History
Ros Knapton	Teacher of Criminology

Accommodation & Resources

- Social Sciences are based within the Sixth Form Block with bespoke teaching rooms equipped with projectors and teaching resources.

Curriculum Intent Statement

Our Social Sciences curriculum aims to develop critical, informed learners who can understand and evaluate the social world. Through subjects such as psychology, sociology and criminology, students explore how individuals, groups, and institutions shape society.

Students build secure theoretical knowledge while developing the ability to analyse evidence, construct arguments, and engage with contemporary issues such as inequality, crime, and social change. The curriculum promotes independent thinking, resilience, and respect for diverse perspectives.

Ultimately, we prepare students for higher education and careers in fields such as psychology, education, law, and public services, while fostering a lasting interest in society and human behaviour.

Key Stage 5 Curriculum Details

We currently offer students Psychology, Sociology and Criminology

- Edexcel Psychology A level
- AQA Sociology A level
- WJEC / Eduqas Criminology Level 3 Diploma

Full curriculum details can be found on the school website [HERE](#)