



CANDIDATE BRIEF

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT



LETTER FROM THE HEAD TEACHER



Dear Applicant

I am delighted that you are expressing an interest in working at Queensmead. I took up the position of Head Teacher in 2009 and it fills me with pride when I reflect on what we have achieved in this time and how we continue to build on our outstanding work. We are committed to ensuring that every student at Queensmead excels and has the very best start in life. Our standards are high and our expectations are clear and consistent.

During my time I have seen some exceptional teachers and also witnessed remarkable growth in teachers. I am proud that several members of my leadership team started their careers as ECTs in our school. We are committed to your development and providing you with the opportunities and support to progress in your career.

I wish you luck with the application process and invite you to visit us and see the school for yourself. Indeed, it was the students and the team that inspired me and many others to join Queensmead!

If you have any questions on the recruitment process, please email recruitment@qmschool.org.uk or visit our website:- www.queensmeadschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Rhona Johnston
Head Teacher

HOW TO APPLY



Applications must be received by 9am on Thursday 17th September 2026.

Please apply using the MyNewTerm [application form](#).

If you have any questions, please email recruitment@qmschool.org.uk

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



Purpose of Role

To work under the direct instruction / guidance of teaching staff and SENCO / Inclusion Coordinator to undertake work / care / support programmes, to enable access to learning for pupils and to assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom. Work may be carried out in the classroom or outside the main teaching area.

Support for Pupils

- Supervise and provide particular support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities
- Assist with the development and implementation of Individual Education / Behaviour Plans and Personal Care programmes
- Attend to the pupil's personal needs and implement related personal programmes, including social, health, physical, medical, hygiene and welfare matters
- Supervise and support pupils ensuring their safety and access to learning
- Establish good relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and being aware of and responding appropriately to individual needs
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils
- Encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher
- Set challenging and demanding expectations and promote self-esteem and independence
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement under the guidance of the teacher

Support for Teachers

- Create and maintain a purposeful, orderly and supportive environment, in accordance with lesson plans and assist with the display of pupils' work
- Use strategies, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupils to achieve learning goals
- Assist with the planning of learning activities
- Monitor pupils' responses to learning activities and accurately record achievement/progress as directed
- Provide detailed and regular feedback to teachers on pupils' achievement, progress, problems etc

- Promote good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour
- Establish constructive relationships with parents/carers
- Administer routine tests and invigilate exams and undertake routine marking of pupils' work
- Provide clerical/administrative support, e.g., photocopying, word processing, filing. etc

Support for the Curriculum

- Assist in the preparation and development of agreed curriculum activities
- Undertake programmes linked to local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy and numeracy, recording achievement and progress and feeding back to the teacher
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use
- Prepare, maintain and use equipment/resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity and assist pupils in their use

Support for the School

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop
- Contribute to the overall ethos / work / aims of the school
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals
- Attend relevant meetings as required
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required
- Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times
- Accompany teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required and take responsibility for a group under the supervision of a teacher

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential

- 5 GCSE's A*-C or equivalent, including English and Maths
- Experience of dealing with difficult and sensitive situations in a diplomatic confidential and non confrontation- al manner
- Up to date knowledge and skills in dealing with young people
- Effective written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent organisational skills
- Ability to prioritise and delegate
- Sound understanding of Child Protection and Safeguarding procedures

Desirable

- Experience of working with children
- Experience of working with students with learning difficulties



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