



Pix Brook Academy Application Pack

Teacher of Psychology & English (Maternity Cover)





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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Pix Brook Academy and the Bedfordshire Schools Trust. Thank you for expressing an interest in our current vacancy.

We have collated this application pack to provide you with all the information you should need to enable you to apply for this role.

However, if you would like any further information or would like to make a visit to our Academy, please contact:

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ABOUT BEST

The Bedfordshire Schools Trust (BEST) is a multi-academy trust providing exceptional education across our community of 11 schools and five nurseries.

Since forming in 2016, we have grown significantly into one of the largest trusts in the county. We now educate 8,000 children across the area, from nursery age to advanced level study, and have over 1,000 members of staff.

It is our aim to grow the BEST in everyone, and everything we do is driven by our values.

We will:

- Always put children first
- Collaborate to support and compete to challenge
- Provide community-based provision
- Have the courage to be compassionate

Our aims can only be achieved if we recruit, retain and develop the highest quality workforce – and we want those we employ to be valued in the workplace.

As a single employer, we are able to offer all our staff a fantastic range of benefits, including an excellent working environment, opportunities for career development and training, and discounts and deals that will help save you money.

Full details can be found in our BEST People staff benefits brochure, available for download from our MyNewTerm careers page, or on our website at www.bestacademies.org.uk/jobs

The formative years of BEST have been a real success story – and we are looking forward to an exciting future, too.



ABOUT PIX BROOK ACADEMY

Pix Brook Academy is an extended secondary school with approximately 1000 pupils located on the edge of the town of Stotfold.

We opened as a new free school in September 2019, and currently have cohorts from Year 5 up to Year 11. At our core is the moral purpose to educate the socially responsible citizens of the future.

Working at Pix Brook Academy is an unprecedented opportunity to be involved in a genuinely exciting and innovative growth programme and have real influence and input into shaping the future development and success of this creative and rural community school. Visits to the school are welcomed.

We understand the hard work associated with working at a new school. In recognition of this, we are committed to providing all staff with the support and resources to deliver outstanding lessons and develop your career, including:

- Fantastic learning environment in new facilities
- All classrooms have 21st century technology including Clevertouch interactive screens. All teachers receive a lap top
- Supportive parents and fantastically well-behaved pupils allowing you to focus on teaching and learning
- Supportive, experienced team with fully planned and resourced curriculum
- Opportunity to join a growing school and influence the culture and ethos of a new school with associated career progression
- Rural location with extensive parking yet only 35 minutes from London King's Cross



HOW TO APPLY

We use an application form, rather than asking for CVs, for most vacancies. This ensures all applicants present their information in the same standardised format and tell us only what we need to know.

Apply online via the MyNewTerm website at www.mynewterm.com before the closing date.

Closing date: Midnight, Sunday 4th October 2026.

Interview date: W/b Monday 5th October 2026

BEST is an equal opportunities employer and we are committed to encouraging equality, diversity and inclusion among our workforce.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All offers of employment will be subject to satisfactory pre-employment checks and references, including enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance.

Strictly no agencies.

We look forward to receiving your application.



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title	Teacher of Psychology & English
Based at	Pix Brook Academy
Salary/Grade Range	MPS & UPS
Responsible to	Head of Department / Senior Leadership Team
Hours	Full-time or part time (0.8)

Purpose of Role

- To provide a full learning experience and support for students.
- To implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for students and to support a designated curriculum area as appropriate.
- To monitor and support the overall progress and development of students as a teacher and tutor.
- To facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides students with the opportunity to achieve their individual potential.
- To contribute to raising standards of student attainment.
- To share and support each Academy's responsibility to provide and monitor opportunities for spiritual, personal and academic growth.

Main Responsibilities

- To assist in the development of resources, schemes of learning, assessment policies and teaching strategies.
- To contribute to the relevant department's improvement plan and its implementation.
- To plan and prepare engaging course and lesson materials appropriate to student needs.



- To use data on pupil performance to inform target setting, lesson planning and to identify underachieving students.
- Implement targeted intervention and monitor the progress.
- To support the BEST and Academy's monitoring procedures.
- To support the review of teaching strategies and programmes of work.
- To attend all department and staff meetings & briefings.
- Coordinating and managing work as a form tutor.
- Contribute to the review, development and management of curriculum and assessment functions, including the Academy Improvement Plan and working towards individual Academy and BEST aims.
- Improve and monitor the effectiveness of the BEST and Academy's assessment policy.
- Ensure all pupil and student data is held centrally and is used effectively.
- Provide the data team and other staff with relevant information about teaching and tutor groups, to help their planning and ensure all staff have high expectations of pupils and students.
- Review teaching methods and programmes of work including schemes of learning.
- Participate in arrangements for training and continuing professional development.
- Contribute to the review, development and management of curriculum and assessment functions, including the School Improvement Plan and working towards individual Academy and BEST aims.
- Ensure the role of the Form Tutor is carried out, as stated within the staff handbook.

Specific Duties & Responsibilities

- To undertake a designated programme of teaching.
- To ensure a high-quality learning experience for all students that will stimulate learning appropriate to pupil and student needs.
- Monitoring the objectives and tasks identified within the school improvement plan and the BEST improvement plan.



- Liaising with colleagues to ensure a smooth transfer of information.
- To assess, record and report on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of students and to keep such records as are required.
- Write reports and providing data for parents to inform them about pupils' and students' progress.
- To provide, or contribute to, oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual students and groups of students.
- Interpreting comparative data regarding pupil and student performance and using this to differentiate and assess.
- Take responsibility for professional development, keeping abreast of subject developments and reviews, locally and nationally.
- To prepare and update subject materials.
- Contribute to the whole-Academy and BEST ethos, with due regard to wider professional effectiveness.
- To teach students according to their educational needs, including the setting and marking of work to be carried out by the student in school and elsewhere in accordance with the department assessment policy.
- To ensure that ICT, literacy and numeracy are reflected in the teaching/learning experience of students.
- To maintain discipline in accordance within BEST and individual Academy's procedures, and to encourage good practice with regard to punctuality, standards of work and homework.

Please note, while every effort has been made to explain the duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from the line manager/Principal to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.



PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title: Teacher of Psychology & English

Attributes	Essential	Desirable
Education and Qualifications	• Qualified teacher status • Relevant first degree • Understanding of child safeguarding issues and successful measures that promote and ensure safeguarding of children • Knowledge of current legislation, guidance and developments relating to the subject area	• CPD • Willingness and desire to undertake further professional development and training
Skills and Experience	• The ability to demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge • Successful experience in teaching (including teaching practices) • The ability to manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment • An understanding of the principles of good classroom management and planning • Ability to challenge and support all students to do their best • Having an extensive knowledge and well-informed understanding of a range of learning, teaching and behaviour management strategies • A genuine desire to ensure all children are supported to achieve their best • A passion for working with young people • Holding positive values and attributes and adopt high standards of behaviour in a professional role • An understanding of, and commitment to, equal opportunities for all students • Genuine commitment to high quality teaching Developing, supporting and leading other members of staff • Highly effective communication skills with both children and adults • Effective time management skills and an ability to meet deadlines and work under sustained pressure • Commitment to implementing whole school policies relating to the safeguarding of children	• Knowledge of recent initiatives and issues in education • Use of IT as a curriculum tool to improve standards • Involvement in and organisation of wider school activities, including extra-curricular activities • A willingness to participate actively in the life and work of the school to support its ethos and culture • Proven track record of successful teamwork • Raising standards in conjunction with other members of staff • Evidence of making a wider contribution within the Humanities team

We are committed to the safeguarding and promotion of children's welfare and offers of employment are subject to DBS clearance

