



BRADFORD ACADEMY
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Application Pack



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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in working at Bradford Academy.

We are clear in our vision:

**Known by God
Valued as unique
Understood and accepted
Guided to be the best we can be
We are a shining light in our community
Using opportunities to change our lives and those of others
"A city on a hill cannot be hidden"
Our mission is to make a difference.**

Are you ready to change your life and those of others? If so, Bradford Academy is an exciting place to make a difference.

When you visit us, you will see the impact our passionate and ambitious staff have on child from age 2 years old to 18. We are rightly proud of the difference we make every day to the lives of over 1800 young people in Bradford.

As a Church of England Academy, we believe that a commitment to developing the faith and spirituality of our learners is of vital importance when working at the academy. Our moral purpose guides us to ensure that every learner can be the best they can be spiritually and personally as well as academically. We believe that we make a difference not only within but out in the local community. This was recognised by being awarded a TES award for Community and Collaboration.

We have two resourced provisions in our Secondary Phase (DSP); one for Physical Disability and one for Autism. This reflects our passion for creating a truly inclusive school that reflects society and develops compassionate, understanding children and young people.

Staff who work at Bradford Academy benefit from support, challenge and investment. We understand how valuable our staff team are and strive to give them all the tools they need to excel in their chosen field. As a member of our team, you will benefit from CPD that was recognised as exemplary, receiving a Platinum level Professional Development Quality Mark from University College London. We value our staff's wellbeing and believe that Bradford Academy is an exciting and worthwhile place to work.

If you feel you share our vision for improving the lives of young people and have the tenacity, resilience and commitment to be a part of our journey then submit your application or contact us to arrange a visit. We would love to get to know you better.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mel Saville
Executive Principal

For more information contact our HR department on 01274 256789 or email recruitment@bradfordacademy.co.uk



JOB DESCRIPTION LEARNING ASSISTANT

Main purpose

The Learning Assistant will:

- Work with class teachers to raise the learning and attainment of pupils
- Promote pupils' independence, self-esteem and social inclusion
- Give support to pupils, individually or in groups, so they can access the curriculum, take part in learning and experience a sense of achievement

Duties and responsibilities

Teaching and learning

- Demonstrate an informed and efficient approach to teaching and learning by adopting relevant strategies to support the work of the teacher and increase achievement of all pupils including, where appropriate, those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Promote, support and facilitate inclusion by encouraging participation of all pupils in learning and extracurricular activities
- Use effective behaviour management strategies consistently in line with the school's policy and procedures
- Support class teachers with maintaining good order and discipline among pupils, managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment
- Organise and manage teaching space and resources to help maintain a stimulating and safe learning environment
- Observe pupil performance and pass observations on to the class teacher
- Supervise a class if the teacher is temporarily unavailable
- Use ICT skills to advance pupils' learning
- Undertake any other relevant duties given by the class teacher

Planning

- Contribute to effective assessment and planning by supporting the monitoring, recording and reporting of pupil performance and progress as appropriate to the level of the role
- Read and understand lesson plans shared prior to lessons, if available
- Prepare the classroom for lessons

Working with colleagues and other relevant professionals

- Communicate effectively with other staff members and pupils, and with parents and carers under the direction of the class teacher
- Communicate their knowledge and understanding of pupils to other school staff and education, health and social care professionals, so that informed decision making can take place on intervention and provision
- With the class teacher, keep other professionals accurately informed of performance and progress or concerns they may have about the pupils they work with
- Understand their role in order to be able to work collaboratively with classroom teachers and other colleagues, including specialist advisory teachers

- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues

Whole-school organisation, strategy and development

- Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the school's policies, practices and procedures, so as to support the school's values and vision
- Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school

Health and safety

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of pupils, and help to safeguard pupils' well-being by following the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education and our school's child protection policy
- Look after children who are upset or have had accidents

Professional development

- Help keep their own knowledge and understanding relevant and up-to-date by reflecting on their own practice, liaising with school leaders, and identifying relevant professional development to improve personal effectiveness
- Take opportunities to build the appropriate skills, qualifications, and/or experience needed for the role, with support from the school
- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures

Personal and professional conduct

- Uphold public trust in the education profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school
- Have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school, and maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality
- Demonstrate positive attitudes, values and behaviours to develop and sustain effective relationships with the school community
- Respect individual differences and cultural diversity

The Learning Assistant will be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people, and follow school policies and the staff code of conduct.

Please note that this is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the role. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the teacher will carry out. The postholder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role, as directed by the headteacher or line manager.

Person specification

| CRITERIA | QUALITIES You may wish to classify these as “essential” or “desirable” depending on your expectations for the role |
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| Qualifications and experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Level 2 or 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education, or other relevant qualification in nursery work or childcare is desirable (or willingness to work towards a qualification if not already held) ➤ GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) including English and maths is essential ➤ Experience of working with children is essential ➤ Experience of planning and leading teaching and learning activities (under supervision) is desirable |
| Skills and knowledge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Good literacy and numeracy skills ➤ Good organisational skills ➤ Ability to build effective working relationships with pupils and adults ➤ Skills and expertise in understanding the needs of all pupils ➤ Knowledge of how to help adapt and deliver support to meet individual needs ➤ Subject and curriculum knowledge relevant to the role, and ability to apply this effectively in supporting teachers and pupils ➤ Excellent verbal communication skills ➤ Active listening skills ➤ The ability to remain calm in stressful situations ➤ Knowledge of guidance and requirements around safeguarding children ➤ Good ICT skills, particularly using ICT to support learning ➤ Understanding of roles and responsibilities within the classroom and whole school context |
| Personal qualities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enjoyment of working with children ➤ Sensitivity and understanding, to help build good relationships with pupils ➤ A commitment to getting the best outcomes for all pupils and promoting the ethos and values of the school ➤ Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times ➤ Commitment to safeguarding pupil’s wellbeing and equality |

Notes:

This job description may be amended at any time in consultation with the postholder.

Last review date: 2nd December 2022

Next review date: December 2023

Information for Applicants

Safeguarding

Bradford Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment. All successful candidates will be expected to undergo an enhanced DBS check and any offer of employment will be subject to its return plus receiving satisfactory references, children's barred list check and section 128 check (where relevant). Please see our DBS Policy in the Academy Info/Policies area for our policy pertaining to the recruitment of ex-offenders.

It is an offence to apply for a role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children.

In accordance with Keeping Children Safe in Education the Academy will carry out an online search as part of due diligence on shortlisted applicants. This will be undertaken in accordance with Data Protection Act and the Equality Act.

Job Description

This tells you the main responsibilities of the post and explains what we are looking for. It tells you about the personal and professional qualities you need for this post. These criteria will be used to make the appointment.

Person Specification

This specification sets out which criteria will be used to shortlist candidates for interview.

Visiting

We welcome informal visits from all Applicants before they apply. If you wish to do so, please contact recruitment@BradfordAcademy.co.uk to arrange an appointment.

Applying

If you decide to apply for this post please complete the enclosed application form. Your formal letter of application (supporting statement) should be no longer than 3 sides of A4 and should address the selection criteria and competences detailed in the person specification. The Academy must receive a **signed** copy of the form.

Please email to;

recruitment@BradfordAcademy.co.uk

Or

Post to HR, Bradford Academy, Teasdale Street, Bradford, BD4 7QJ.

Interviews

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted within two weeks of the closing date.