



**ATHENA**  
LEARNING TRUST

# ARB Learning Support Assistant

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Applicant Pack

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**Closing date:**

22 April 2026

**Interview date:**

TBC

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## Join Athena - Inspiring World-Class Education Together!

At Athena, we are a passionate and forward-looking educational organisation committed to providing world-class education and helping individuals **lead great lives**. Our core values of "**dream big, take responsibility, and be kind**" guide our mission to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment where everyone can excel and grow.

<b>Job Title:</b>	ARb LSA
<b>School Base:</b>	Launceston College
<b>Closing Date:</b>	22 April 2026
<b>Interview Date:</b>	TBC
<b>Vacancy Start Date:</b>	ASAP
<b>Contract Type:</b>	Permanent
<b>Salary:</b>	£13.45ph



**Launceston College**  
of the Athena Learning Trust

## Being an Athenian

At Athena, we believe in the power of education to transform lives and shape a brighter future. We are dedicated to fostering a strong sense of community, where students, educators, and parents collaborate to achieve academic excellence and personal growth. Our commitment to "**dream big, take responsibility, and be kind**" underpins everything we do, inspiring our students to aim high, take ownership of their learning, and treat each other with respect and compassion.

We are inspired by wisdom, creativity and learning. Determined to create a world where all children get to go to great schools, our mission is to provide the knowledge and education to bring opportunities, choices and freedom.

If you want to be part of an inspirational team of big thinkers who will support you to develop your full potential and value your knowledge, passion, wellbeing and commitment, it sounds like you could be on your way to joining us and becoming an Athenian.



# What makes Athena different

## Our Commitment to you

We recognise that all of our people have a role to play in ensuring our students have access to world-class education and so each one is valued. We are committed to creating an inclusive and supportive work environment that promotes both personal and professional growth. We put staff wellbeing first and here are some of the benefits and perks you can enjoy as a member of our team:

**Impact:** positive outcomes for our students

**Leaders:** we see everyone as a school leader

**Wellbeing:** ensuring your time off is for you

**Generous pension:** the local government pension scheme

**Employee Wellbeing Initiatives:** support your physical, mental, and emotional health

**Benefits:** Enjoy access to various discounts, benefits, and rewards to enhance your lifestyle.

*Join us on this journey to inspire greatness in ourselves and others. Together, we can create a brighter future and make a lasting difference in the lives of our students and the communities we serve.*

## People

passionate about making a difference in the lives of each other and our students

## Development

investing in our employee's growth and development

## No burn out

cut low-impact workload and champion staff wellbeing

## Support

valuing our employee time and impact by investing it well and providing wrap around support

## Flexibility

flexible working to promote work-life balance where possible



## Role Summary

You will primarily be supporting students with special educational needs (SEN) based within our ARB unit, a remarkable facility designed to provide students a more individually tailored, specialist provision. Within this unit, students can benefit from small group instruction and access to specialist resources and services. You will ensure that students have access to parts of the mainstream school while receiving additional support for their unique needs.

In this role you will take a proactive stance in supporting the educational and social needs of our students; to support the curriculum and the College through the provision of assistance to the teacher in the practical organisation of class activities and small group work.



## What you will be doing

### Build Knowledge

- To assist individuals and groups of children in developing knowledge, skills and attitudes.
- To take into account the learning support involved to aid the children to learn as effectively as possible.
- To assist in preparing, using and maintaining relevant teaching resources, including wall displays and cleaning up classrooms after activities. To ensure that basic classroom materials are available for use.
- To supervise an individual or small group of children within a class under the overall control of the teacher.
- The post holder is responsible for his/her own self-development on a continuous basis.
- To encourage social integration and individual development of students. To develop methods of promoting and reinforcing students' self-esteem.

### Build Trust

- To establish supportive relationships with the student/s concerned and to encourage acceptance and inclusion of all students.
- To be aware of confidential issues linked to home/student/teacher/school work and to ensure the confidentiality of such sensitive information.
- To meet the needs of students with emotional and behavioural difficulties and to control the student to prevent them from harm and disruption to themselves or others, within the limits of the post holder's training and school policies and procedures.
- To administer minor first aid (as trained), assist in the dispensing of medically prescribed controlled drugs (as per the approved procedure) and to assist with the personal hygiene and physical needs of children with regard to health and safety as required.

### Prioritisation

- To assist with lunch and break time supervision of children.

### Clarity and Energy

- To develop methods of promoting/reinforcing the student's self-esteem and to promote independence through the development of self-help skills.
- To carry out administrative tasks associated with all of the above duties as directed by the teacher.
- To accompany children on educational visits and outings as supervised by the Teacher.

### Follow Up

- To assist with the assessment, monitoring and recording of children's progress, health, behaviour and general wellbeing. To feedback any information (including concerns) regarding the well-being and educational needs of children to the teacher or Principal as appropriate.
- To meet with the Student Support Centre Manager, Head of Individual Needs and/or other appropriate staff.

## How you will be doing it

### **Dream Big**

- Adopt a problem solving approach to support the innovation of approaches.
- Deliver value opportunities for world class education for all students

### **Take Responsibility**

- To maintain confidentiality of information acquired in the course of undertaking duties for the department.
- Uphold the highest ethical standards when dealing with sensitive information and people cases.
- Ensure Health and Safety and Safeguarding are at the centre of your approach.
- Take accountability for your own development and aspire to deliver the very best practice across all areas of your role.
- To attend staff meetings and school-based CPD days as required.

### **Be Kind**

- Approach people cases with empathy and fairness for all parties involved.
- Foster a culture where employees feel valued, heard and supported.
- To encourage acceptance and inclusion of all students.
- Support positive strategies for promoting equality and for challenging racial and other prejudice.

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main 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 a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

You could reasonably be asked to work out of our partner sites to support where required.





## Qualifications

- GCSE's or equivalent to include Maths & English at a C grade or above
- Good levels of literacy and numeracy

## Experience

- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written
- Strong organisational and time management skills, strong ability to maintain confidentiality and professionalism
- A high level of accuracy and attention to detail
- Flexible, adaptable and able to handle unexpected changes in schedules.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks, set priorities and meet deadlines
- Self-motivated and able to work in a team to collaborate with teachers, other support staff and parent to deliver effective support to students

### *Desirable*

- Previous experience of working with children with complex needs/challenging behaviours within a classroom environment or similar
- Experience working with students with diverse backgrounds and learning needs
- Strong ability to work with technology and educational software
- Knowledge of issues relevant to education and child development
- Team Teach training

## How to Apply

If you are passionate about our values and dedicated to making a meaningful impact on education, we invite you to apply. **Please complete the application form on My New Term** and tell us about how you connect with our values of "**dream big, take responsibility, and be kind**" and what you feel you can contribute to our team and our goal to deliver world class education.

Athena Learning Trust is committed to **safeguarding** and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to Enhanced DBS clearance and appropriate pre-employment checks.

We reserve the right to close this advert and interview and appoint earlier than the advertised closing date should there be a good response to the advert, so early applications are advised.

## Apply now

and experience the difference in a rewarding and meaningful career in education.