Headteacher, Ashington High School

Salary Range: L27 – L33 £73 876 - £85 579

Job Description

Responsible to: Trust CEO and Executive Head

Main Purpose:

To carry out the duties of the Headteacher in accordance with the current conditions of employment for Headteachers contained in the Academy Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Document, the 1998 Academy Standards Framework, the required standard for Qualified Teacher Status and any other current educational legislation as required in various Education Acts.

Key Responsibilities:

**Promoting improvement and shaping the future**

The Headteacher will in collaboration with the Trust:

* promote a constant focus on raising achievement, improving teaching, promoting the highest standards of behaviour and safety, and developing the leadership skills of self and others;
* work with the local academy council, staff and parents/carers to create a shared vision and strategic plan;
* ensure that the vision for the academy is clearly articulated, shared, understood and acted upon effectively by all;
* work with the academy community to translate the vision into agreed objectives and operational plans which will promote and sustain academy improvement;
* demonstrate the vision and values in everyday work and practice;
* inspire and motivate others;
* create a shared culture and positive climate;
* challenge any form of prejudice and inequality, and promote the richness of cultural and religious diversity;
* ensure creativity, innovation and the use of appropriate new technologies to achieve excellence;
* where appropriate contribute to the leadership of the Trust;
* promote innovation which improves outcomes for young people.

**Leading teaching and learning**

The Headteacher will in collaboration with the Trust:

* take the leading role in improving students’ learning through a constant drive to raise the standards of teaching throughout the academy;
* use data and other benchmarks to monitor the quality of teaching through evaluating students’ progress;
* ensure that learning is at the centre of strategic planning and resource management;
* establish creative, responsive and effective approaches to teaching and learning;
* ensure a culture and ethos of challenge and support where all students can achieve success and become engaged in their own learning;
* demonstrate and articulate high expectations and set challenging targets for staff and students;
* implement strategies which secure high standards of behaviour and safety, and attendance;
* determine, organise and implement a diverse, flexible curriculum and an effective assessment framework;
* take a strategic role in the development of new and emerging technologies to enhance and extend students’ learning experiences;
* monitor, evaluate and review classroom practice and promote improvement strategies;
* challenge underperformance at all levels and ensure rapid improvement;
* establish a culture which is aspirational, applauds success and celebrates high achievement.

**Promoting continuing professional development and working with others**

The Headteacher will in collaboration with the Trust:

* promote and provide opportunities for the continuing professional development of all staff;
* ensure effective communication systems and relationships within the academy, and between the academy and all external support agencies and the wider community;
* treat people fairly, equitably and with dignity and respect, creating and maintaining a positive academy culture in which people are happy to come to work and feel valued and respected;
* build a collaborative learning culture and actively engage with other academies to build effective learning communities with and beyond the Trust;
* develop and maintain effective strategies and procedures for staff induction, professional development and performance review;
* ensure effective planning, allocation, support and evaluation of work undertaken by teams and individuals;
* ensure clear delegation of tasks and devolution of responsibilities;
* acknowledge the responsibilities of individuals and teams, and celebrate their achievements;
* develop and maintain a culture of high expectations for self and others and take appropriate swift action when performance requires improvement or is inadequate;
* regularly review own practice, set personal targets and take responsibility for own professional development;
* manage their own workload and that of others to allow an appropriate work/life balance.

**Management of the academy**

The Headteacher will in collaboration with the Trust:

* provide effective academy management and continuously seek to improve organisational policies and structures based on effective self-evaluation;
* ensure that all safeguarding policies and procedures are in place and are acted upon by all staff and governors;
* create an organisational structure which reflects the academy’s values, and enables the management systems, structures and processes to work effectively in line with legal requirements and the academy’s aims and objectives;
* ensure that policies and practices take account of national and local circumstances, policies and initiatives;
* manage the academy’s financial and human resources effectively and efficiently to achieve the academy’s educational aims and objectives;
* recruit, retain and deploy staff appropriately and manage their workload to achieve the vision and goals of the academy;
* implement successful performance management processes for all staff;
* manage and organise the academy environment efficiently and effectively to ensure that it meets the needs of the curriculum, and health and safety regulations;
* ensure that the range, quality and use of all available resources is monitored, evaluated and reviewed to improve the quality of education for all students and provide value for money;
* use and integrate a range of technologies effectively and efficiently to manage the academy.

**Securing Accountability**

The Headteacher will in collaboration with the Trust:

* effectively fulfil commitments arising from contractual accountability to the Trust;
* work with the local academy council (providing information, objective advice and support) to enable it to meet its responsibilities;
* develop an academy ethos which enables everyone to work collaboratively, share knowledge and understanding, celebrate success and accept responsibility for outcomes;
* ensure individual staff accountabilities are clearly defined, understood and agreed, and are subject to rigorous review and evaluation;
* develop and present a coherent, understandable and accurate account of the academy’s performance to a range of audiences including the Trust, local academy councils, parents/carers;
* reflect on personal contribution to academy achievements and take account of feedback from others;
* ensure a robust quality assurance mechanism is in place in collaboration with the Trust.

**Strengthening Community**

The Headteacher will in collaboration with the Trust:

* build an academy culture and curriculum which takes account of the richness and diversity of the academy’s communities;
* create and promote positive strategies for challenging racial and other prejudice;
* ensure learning experiences for students are linked into and integrated with the wider community;
* collaborate with a range of external agencies to provide effective support for students and their families;
* create and maintain an effective partnership with parents to raise students’ achievement and support their personal development;
* seek opportunities to invite parents and carers, community figures, businesses or other organisations into the academy to promote students’ learning.

**Safeguarding**

The Headteacher will in collaboration with the Trust:

* take overall responsible for promoting the safety and welfare of all students;
* create an organisational culture which is vigilant to and monitors and prioritises the safeguarding of students above all considerations;
* co-operate and work with relevant agencies to protect children;
* ensure all statutory requirements are adhered to including Prevent.

The content of this job description may be amended at any time following discussions between the CEO and the Headteacher, and will be reviewed on an annual basis. This job description is not prescriptive, nor necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post.