

Job Description

Job Title: Head of Creative Arts (Dance / Drama Specialism)

Reporting to: The Principal **Grade:** L1 to L5

Overall purpose of the post:

All teachers are subject to the Conditions of Employment set out annually in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document. These details the professional and particular duties required of teachers, together with requirements for management time, working time and guaranteed planning and preparation time. The Academy complies with these requirements in order to make reasonable demands of teachers.

The Head of Department is accountable for:

- The quality of teaching and learning in the department.
- Overall student outcomes in the department in partnership with the teachers concerned.
- Evaluation of relevant assessment information for individuals, groups and cohorts.
- Induction and support of new staff.
- Ensuring good pastoral care and personal development for students.
- Ensuring good behaviour and encouraging good attendance and punctuality.
- Presenting information and evaluation reports to the Senior Leadership Team, parents and Academy Council members, as requested.
- Arranging and promoting activities across the department to foster personal development, commitment and enthusiasm in students.
- Liaison with external agencies as required for students in the department.
- Performance management of teachers in the department as required.
- Ensuring that departmental budgets are deployed effectively and achieve value for money.
- To ensure the Creative Arts curriculum fully meets the needs of all students and effectively delivers in all respects.
- To actively promote the development of Creative Arts across the Academy.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

Drama specialism is essential for this role. Some specific accountabilities may be assigned to other TLR post holders in the department but the Head of Department remains accountable for their overall achievement.

These accountabilities will be delivered through the following strategies.

- Maintaining a focus on teaching and learning.
- Exercising professional skills and judgement.
- Supervision of work of any classroom support staff during times they are allocated to classes.

Develop and sustain DEEP LEADERSHIP across the Academy through:

- To develop and review syllabuses, resources, schemes of work, marking policies, assessment and teaching and learning strategies in the department.
- To oversee day-to-day management, control and operation of course provision within the department, including effective deployment of staff and physical resources.
- To actively monitor and follow up pupil progress
- To work with the Principal to ensure that staff development needs are identified and that appropriate programmes are designed to meet such needs.
- To be responsible for the efficient and effective deployment of the Department's support staff.

- To undertake Performance Management Review(s) and to act as reviewer for a group of staff within the designated department.
- To make appropriate arrangements for classes when staff are absent, ensuring appropriate cover within the department, liaising with the cover supervisor/relevant staff to secure appropriate cover.
- To participate in the interview process for teaching posts when required and to ensure effective induction of new staff in line with school procedures.
- To be responsible for the day-to-day management of staff within the designated department and act as a positive role model.
- To manage the available resources of staff, finance, space and equipment efficiently within the limits, guidelines and procedures laid down; including deploying the department budget.
- Maintain a departmental portfolio with evidence of departmental data, targets and trends.
- Be aware of targets for raising attainment within the Academy context.
- Lead on the development of the Department SEF.
- Champion best practice, demonstrating teaching skills and leadership qualities necessary to command respect, and encourage commitment to raising standards.
- Identify and applaud areas of success for individual teachers and the Department.
- Help create an effective team by promoting collective approaches to problem-solving and curricular development.
- Understanding of English position in terms of progress.

Develop and sustain DEEP LEARNING across the Academy through:

- To liaise with the Vice Principal to ensure the delivery of an appropriate, comprehensive, high quality and cost-effective curriculum programme which complements the Academy Development Plan.
- To be accountable for the development and delivery of the Department's curriculum.
- To keep up to date with and respond to national developments in the subject area and teaching practice and methodology.
- To produce an annual examinations analysis and department review as part of the school's self-evaluation cycle.
- Help devise, implement and monitor SoW to ensure they focus on consistent and effective learning and teaching to produce progression for all.
- Analyse and interpret data on students' attainment and action plan accordingly, reviewing with teachers their assessments of progress for classes, groups and individuals.
- Work to student targets and ensure that progress is monitored and reviewed through a range of strategies.
- Take account and review Academy contextual factors and prior attainment when planning and teaching lessons.
- Reflect on the success of teaching strategies, individual lessons and SoW in meeting the needs of students.
- Apply current guidelines on effective learning and teaching.
- Take part in coaching and mentoring programmes to support colleagues and develop own practice.
- Strive for outstanding lessons.
- Deliver interactive lessons with students.
- Provide good quality assessment using formative and summative methods in conjunction with the Academy's AfL policy.

Develop and sustain DEEP EXPERIENCE across the Academy through:

- To establish the process of the setting of targets within the department and to work towards their achievement.
- To ensure that all members of the department are familiar with departmental aims and objectives within the framework of the Academy Development Plan.
- To disseminate information from HoF/HoD meetings.
- To ensure effective communication/consultation as appropriate with the parents of pupils.
- To liaise with partner schools, higher education, industry, examination boards, awarding bodies and other relevant external bodies.
- To represent the department's views and interests.
- Be responsible for identifying and reporting issues and developing solutions.
- Develop communications and training with staff in Department methodology.
- Develop use of ICT within the curriculum.

- Provide means of gathering information for Self Evaluation: Student Voice, questionnaires, view-points of stakeholders, and use opportunities for co-construction of the curriculum.
- Take responsibility for co-ordination, planning and execution of Immersion Days.
- Adapt lessons and identify next steps in response to evaluation of student progress.
- Set effective homework and extension work to encourage and enliven student learning.
- Ensure differentiation and personalisation of learning for all students.
- Be aware of the KS2 curriculum and the standards of progression and attainment for KS3 students.
- Co-ordinate displays with regards to events, opportunities and work which promote the Department/Academy.

Develop and sustain DEEP SUPPORT across the Academy through:

- To comply with the Academy's Child Safeguarding Procedures and to report concerns to the Designated Child Protection Officer.
- To ensure the Behaviour Management system is implemented in the department so that effective learning can take place.
- Take the leading role in upholding standards of behaviour and classroom management within the classroom and the schools environment.
- Through the role, develop systems which address the social health of students to raise standards.
- Promote the consistent and fair use of the Consequences system within the classroom and the Academy environment.
- Be the first line of contact for parents and carers concerns with regard to their child's performance and well-being.
- Perform the duties of a Vertical Mentor Tutor if required, including the provision of Information, Advice and Guidance for students.
- Ensure that the department supports the Academy's implementation of all current statutory requirements e.g. DDA, SEN, Child Protection, ECM.

This job description will be supported by an Annual Job Plan which will list the key tasks, responsibilities and outcomes sought from the post holder in the Academy year. These will be derived from the Academy Development Plan and other academy priorities

Personal Contacts

External: Contractors, suppliers, parents, external agency professionals, other government and local authority staff, other staff from academies and schools. **Internal:** Students, staff, Board and Academy Council members, parents and any other visitors to the Academy.