



Assistant Headteacher

Recruitment Pack

Kirkby High School



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Welcome

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Assistant Headteacher position at Kirkby High School to start January 2025.

The specific roles and responsibilities will be determined based on the skills, knowledge and experience of the successful candidate.

We are proud of our school's success and are committed to providing an ambitious and inclusive environment with a strong pastoral care system that values every member of our community.

To help you decide if the job would suit you, please find enclosed some details, which we hope will give you a flavour of what Kirkby High School and The Rowan Learning Trust are about.

If your values and ambitions mirror ours and you believe you can deliver that vision, then we would be delighted to receive an application from you.

Visits to our school are welcome and can be arranged by contacting my PA, Jo Barrett on 0151 477 8710 or email j.barrett@kirkbyhighschool.net

We are committed to safeguarding all members of our community; therefore, all posts are subject to enhanced disclosure procedures and pre-employment checks.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Dobson
Headteacher
Kirkby High School



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The Rowan Learning Trust

The Rowan Learning Trust (RLT) was established as a Multi-Academy Trust in 2012 to maximise potential of all children, students and adults in our schools.

We are an education charity. Our schools are working in collaboration, as one entity, to improve and maintain high educational standards across the group. We have a single legal and moral purpose: to advance education for the public benefit.

Currently the RLT family comprises nine schools: three high schools, an all-through alternative provision academy and five primary schools. Together we share a set of common values:

- Respect
- Kindness
- Integrity

Our strategic aim is to provide a world class education by:

- Attracting, developing and retaining people
- Embodying the values of the Trust
- Expanding our reach
- Optimising resources

The Trust in Numbers:

- 4250+ students
- 9 schools
- 10 sites
- 675+ employees
- 5 local authorities
- £37,000,000 annual budget
- 80+ governors

- ❖ Development
- ❖ Career opportunity
- ❖ Personal growth
- ❖ Thrive



- ❖ Nationally negotiated salaries
- ❖ Childcare vouchers
- ❖ Cycle to work scheme
- ❖ Generous pension
(Teachers Pension or Local Government)

- ❖ Organisational support
- ❖ Collaboration
- ❖ Quality of co-workers
- ❖ Work-life balance

- ❖ Variety
- ❖ Challenge
- ❖ Autonomy
- ❖ Feedback

Kirkby High School

Kirkby High School is an Ofsted rated 'Good' 11-16 mixed comprehensive. All staff at Kirkby High School fully embrace our vision: *“A community driven by high expectations and mutual respect providing all individuals with the belief and opportunities to succeed now and in the future”*.

Kirkby High School stands at the centre of our local community and we believe that we offer our young people guidance and aspiration to be the best they can be in all aspects of life. Quality teaching and learning, supported by reliable pastoral systems, ensure that students are preparing well for later life.

We believe in building a culture of resilience and tolerance in which our students can thrive. Our aim is to increase our students' self-belief and to show them that they can be what they want to be.

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Continued Professional Development Framework

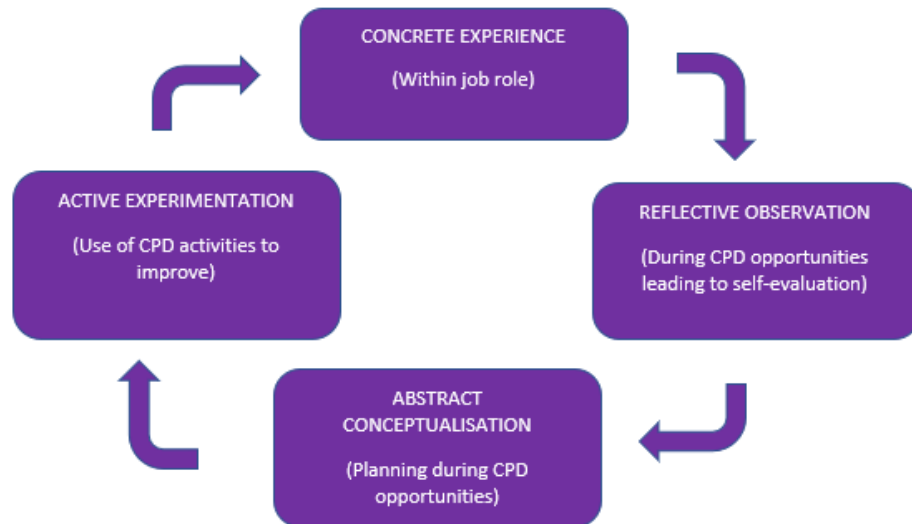
Intent

Our Vision: A community driven by high expectations and mutual respect providing all individuals with the belief and opportunities to succeed now and in the future.

Linked to our vision is Kirkby High School's mantra 'Maximising our Potential' and the Rowan Learning Trust's aim 'Maximising Potential'. We are a learning community. Continued Professional Development is at the heart of our organisations to ensure that excellence and potential grows within all staff and students. We are committed to providing high quality, Continued Professional Development through:

- A structured programme of events and opportunities
- For teaching staff, a seamless link from ITT to Early Career Teachers induction, including access to the Iris reflection tool
- For support staff, bespoke CPD offered depending on role
- A focus on leadership development through structured line-management and external reflection opportunities
- A Performance Management structure in which career progression is a focus, leading to bespoke CPD opportunities, talent management and succession planning
- Clear CPD pathways for progression implemented by the Rowan Learning Trust (e.g. Teacher, Finance, Human Resources, Administration, ICT service, Inclusion / SEND)

Continued Professional Development at Kirkby High School is a process which links directly to Kolb's Experiential Learning Cycle (1984)



Fredrick Herzberg (1959) referred to specific motivator factors leading to high motivation and strong commitment such as recognition, challenging work, responsibility, opportunities for advancement promotion and growth. CPD opportunities within Kirkby High School (KHS) and the Rowan Learning Trust (RLT) have these aspects at their core.

Our offer

CPD Programme

- A Continued Professional Development calendar is produced at the start of each academic year; priorities are driven by school and faculty self-evaluation and development planning.
- Twilights are centred around FACE (Feedback, Autonomy, Challenge and Engagement) for teaching and relevant support staff
- Opportunities for reflection are present in all CPD sessions (e.g. golden nugget)
- Faculty CPD is planned by HoFs and quality assured by the Deputy Headteacher
- Induction for all new staff

Bespoke Opportunities

- A record is kept of all CPD undertaken, for teaching staff, support staff and governors
- Quality Assurance processes linked to CPD opportunities
- Hogan Leadership Profiling Tool utilised for leaders, both teaching and support
- Opportunities for mentoring and shadowing across school
- Exposure to SLT and governing body meetings
- Development planning leads to responsibilities for all staff
- Bespoke development of early years teachers through our Embedding Excellent Teaching programme, developing the potential and leadership skills of teachers in years three and four of their career
- Coaching culture across line-management meetings
- A culture of 'seeking opportunities' through external CPD offer (NPQ opportunities, National College subscription)

Talent Management

- Performance management (PM) – all staff have entitlement to career progression conversations
- Identification of potential during PM planning, interim and review meetings
- Use of RLT Career CPD Pathways in PM meetings
- Discussed in line-management structure after each PM window (in calendar three times per year)

Succession Planning

- Discussed termly in line-management structure following the talent management process
- Critical roles identified
- Identify capabilities for key positions
- Identify potential employees through talent management PM process
- Develop knowledge transfer plans
- Evaluate effectiveness

Job Description

Assistant Headteacher

Reports to: Headteacher

Location: Kirkby High School, Bracknell Avenue, Kirkby L32 9PP

Salary: Leadership Pay Scale L12-16

Hours: Full time as specified within STPCD

Overall purpose of post

- Carry out the professional duties of a school teacher as set out in the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD).
- Help to formulate and review the aims and objectives of the school.
- Establish policies to promote high standards.
- Manage staff and resources.
- Monitor and evaluate the progress of policies.
- Undertake professional duties of the Headteacher as delegated.
- Provide leadership to ensure high quality education for all and improved standards of learning and achievement.
- Support the aims and objectives of the school

Teaching

- Undertake an appropriate programme of teaching in accordance with the duties of a standard scale teacher.

Strategic / Operational Planning

- Assist the Headteacher in leading and managing the creation and implementation of a strategic plan for securing school improvement which identifies priorities and targets for ensuring that students achieve high standards and make progress.
- Create a positive ethos and provide educational vision and direction, which secures effective teaching, successful learning, achievement by students and sustained improvement in their development, to maximise their value added attainment.
- Ensure that students have access to a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum, which contributes to their development and provides appropriate preparation for adult life.

- Develop, implement and review the school's policies appropriate to the delegated areas of responsibility
- Ensure that effective systems are in place to meet the needs of the students and that they are co-ordinated, monitored, evaluated and reviewed.
- Lead by example, provide inspiration and motivation, vision and purpose in line with the aims of the school.
- Support the Headteacher in ensuring that all those involved in the school are committed to its aims and are accountable in meeting objectives and targets which secure the educational success of the school.
- Lead on the day-to-day management within school, including the effective deployment of staff and physical resources.
- Analyse and interpret relevant data, research and inspection evidence to inform the Headteacher and other audiences.
- Provide information, objective advice and support to the Headteacher and Local Governing Body.

Curriculum Provision

- Liaise with managers to ensure the delivery of appropriate, comprehensive, high quality and cost-effective curriculum programmes which complement the School Development Plan.
- Ensure opportunities to promote students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Be accountable for the development and delivery of curriculum areas as delegated by the Headteacher.

Curriculum Development

- Create and maintain a climate to secure good teaching, effective learning, high standards of achievement, good behaviour and enable teachers and other staff to meet standards.
- Assist the Headteacher in determining, organising and implementing the curriculum and its assessment as well as monitoring and evaluating them.
- Monitor and evaluate the quality of teaching and standards achieved by all students, within delegated areas and meet challenging and realistic targets for improvement.
- Create and promote strategies for developing inclusion practice, including those relating to equality and diversity.
- Ensure that students develop study skills in order to learn more effectively and with increasing independence.



Staffing

- Lead professional development of staff through example.
- Motivate and enable all staff to carry out their roles to the highest standard through high quality continuing professional development based on assessment of needs.
- Lead, support and co-ordinate the provision of high quality professional development, drawing on other sources of expertise as appropriate.
- Assist the Headteacher in ensuring that trainee and newly qualified teachers are appropriately trained, monitored, supported and assessed in relation to the standards for QTS and Induction.
- Promote teamwork and motivate staff to ensure constructive working relationships.
- Implement performance management arrangements in line with school policy.
- Participate in the interview process for posts when required and ensure effective induction of new staff in line with the school's policy.
- Support the Headteacher in ensuring that professional duties and conditions of employment of teachers and support staff are fulfilled.
- Take responsibility for own professional development, including time management issues.

Quality Assurance

- Assist the Headteacher in monitoring, evaluating and reviewing the effects of policies, priorities and targets of the school in practice, and take action as necessary.
- Assist the Headteacher in monitoring, evaluating and reviewing the effects of the school improvement plan to secure progress and school improvement.
- Ensure the effective operation of quality control systems.
- Contribute to the school procedures for lesson observation.
- Implement school quality assurance procedures and to ensure adherence to those as delegated by the Headteacher.
- Assist the Headteacher in developing, implementing and reviewing the monitoring and evaluation of the curriculum in line with agreed school procedures including evaluation against quality standards and performance criteria.
- Support the Headteacher in ensuring that resourcing and staffing are dedicated to promoting the highest standards of achievement for all students.
- Think creatively and imaginatively to anticipate and solve problems, identify opportunities and implement modification and improvement where required.

Management Information

- Make explicit to all stakeholders the school's high expectations that all students can succeed.
- Seek and use national, local and school data, OfSTED evidence and research findings in professional and school development.
- Provide information to support the school's SEF.
- Ensure the maintenance of accurate and up-to-date information on the management information system.
- Ensure and monitor the use of comparative data about students' prior attainment, to establish benchmarks and set targets for improvement.
- Assist in the use of performance data analyses and evaluations.
- Produce reports on examination performance, including the use of value-added data.
- Provide the Headteacher and the Local Governing Body with information relating to delegated areas of responsibility concerning performance and developments.
- Account for the efficiency and effectiveness of the delegated areas of responsibility to the Headteacher, Local Governing Body and other relevant stakeholders

Communications and Liaison

- Develop and maintain effective partnerships between parents and the wider community to support and improve student development and achievement.
- Develop and maintain effective relationships with the community, including business and industry, to enhance the curriculum and teaching and learning.
- Liaise with partner schools, further education and external agencies related to student welfare and achievement.
- Chair reviews, case conferences and meetings, as delegated.
- Judge when to make decisions, and when to consult with others, including external agencies.
- Assist the Headteacher in presenting an account of the school's performance in a form appropriate to a range of audiences, including the Governing Body.
- Support the Headteacher in ensuring that parents and students are well-informed about curriculum, attainment and progress, and about their contribution to achieving the school's targets for improvement.
- Contribute to communication and liaison events.



Management of Resources

- Assist the Headteacher to recruit staff of the highest quality.
- Work with senior colleagues to deploy all staff effectively in order to improve the quality of education provided.
- Advise the Headteacher and Local Governing Body of likely priorities for expenditure.
- Support the Headteacher in managing and organising accommodation efficiently and effectively to ensure that it meets the needs of the curriculum and health and safety regulations.
- Manage, monitor and review the range, quality and quantity and use of all available resources, within the delegated areas of responsibility, to meet the policies and objectives of the school, maximise students' achievements and ensure value for money.
- Maintain existing resources and explore opportunities to develop or incorporate new resources from sources inside and outside the school.

Pastoral Systems

- Support the Headteacher in ensuring that effective mentoring systems are in place to support student progress and achievement.
- Support the monitoring of student attendance together with students' progress and performance in relation to targets set for each individual, ensuring that follow-up procedures are adhered to and that appropriate action is taken where necessary.
- As delegated by the Headteacher, lead and manage teams of managers to develop and implement pastoral systems.
- Contribute to the Personal Development Curriculum according to the school policy.
- Implement the behaviour management policy so that effective learning can take place.

School Ethos

- Play a full part in the life of the school community, supporting its distinctive mission and ethos and encouraging staff and students to follow this example.
- Support the school in meeting its legal requirements for worship.
- Promote actively the school's corporate policies.
- Comply with the school's health and safety policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate.



Person Specification

Essential

- Evidence of successful middle leadership experience
- Evidence of further professional development in education management
- Evidence of effective pastoral leadership

It is essential that applicants should have been involved in the following whole school issues:

- Self-evaluation and improvement planning
- Staff development
- Directing and co-ordinating the work of others
- Establishing and developing successful policies and procedures
- Improving the quality of teaching and learning

The successful candidate will also demonstrate:

- A commitment to safeguarding and equality
- An empathy with children
- Outstanding teaching
- The ability to establish effective working relationships at all levels
- The ability to motivate colleagues and promote the development of an effective working team
- An understanding of students' educational development, learning and teaching methodologies
- Appropriate management skills

Finally, short-listed candidates will be able to demonstrate at interview that they:

- Possess high level leadership qualities
- Possess high levels of motivation and commitment
- Can think analytically and innovatively
- Have an awareness of current educational development and the implications of relevant educational legislation

How to Apply

Please submit the enclosed application form and a supporting statement of no more than two sides of A4 outlining why you are interested in the opportunity and how your application addresses the requirements for the role.

Applications should be returned electronically to j.barrett@kirkbyhighschool.net

Alternatively, send a hard copy to:

Mrs A Dobson
Headteacher
Kirkby High School
Bracknell Avenue
Kirkby
L32 9PP

Closing Date: 12noon on Friday 11th October 2024

Interviews: Thursday 17th October 2024





The Trust will make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.

All appointments are subject to satisfactory references, proof of qualifications and eligibility to work in the UK.

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check will be required.



The Rowan Learning Trust

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KIRKBY HIGH SCHOOL



JOB APPLICATION FORM FOR TEACHING STAFF IN SCHOOLS

The School and Governing Body are committed to equal opportunities in employment and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

BRACKNELL AVENUE,

KIRKBY, MERSEYSIDE, L32 9PP

TELEPHONE: 0151 477 8710

FACSIMILE: 0151 477 8715

EMAIL: admin@kirkbyhighschool.net

1. POST APPLIED FOR

Post Applied For:			
School:	Kirkby High School		
As advertised in:		On date:	

2. PERSONAL DETAILS

SURNAME:		FORENAME:	
TITLE: (Optional)		Date of Birth: (Optional)	
Address:			
POSTCODE:		Email:	
Telephone No:		Mobile No:	
Email:		DfE No:	



3. CURRENT POST

SCHOOL/SERVICE:			
LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY:			
JOB TITLE:			
DATE OF APPOINTMENT:		SALARY:	
TLR/ Recruitment and Retention Allowance (please specify as applicable)			
MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES			
Reason for this application			

4. PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Name of school, type of school and number on roll	Dates of employment		Post(s) held indicating salary points / allowances	Reasons for leaving
	From	To		



5. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Post	Dates		Employer	Grade/Salary	Reason for Leaving
	From	To			

6. GENERAL EDUCATION

School	From	To	Qualifications – Grades, awarding bodies and dates



7. FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Name of College/ University	From	To	Qualifications – Grades, awarding bodies & dates

8. ANY OTHER RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS

Please give details of any other relevant qualifications you have for this post.

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9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(i)	Are you related to, or a close friend of, any member of the Board of Trustees? If yes, please state relationship.
(ii)	Have you left any previous job for the reason of redundancy or are you in receipt of an occupational pension? YES/NO. If yes, please give details, including dates, post held and employer.
(iii)	Have you ever been dismissed from any previous employment on the grounds of misconduct or incapability? YES/NO If yes, please give details of dates and resources.



(i)	Do you hold a current and valid driving licence? YES/NO Please state category.....
(ii)	The Rowan Learning Trust is committed to providing equal opportunities and supporting all applicants. If you require any reasonable adjustments to allow you to participate in the application process, please let us know. Do you require any reasonable adjustments? YES/NO
Do you have any unspent conditional cautions or convictions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974? YES/NO	
Do you have any adult cautions (simple or conditional) or spent convictions that are not protected as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2020? YES/NO	
<p>In line with Keeping Children Safe in Education, The Rowan Learning Trust will undertake general online searches for all shortlisted candidates which may include social media and video platforms. Online searches will only examine data which is publicly available, and the aim is to identify any incidents or issues. Any areas of concern will be discussed during the interview process.</p> <p>The information provided by you will be used for pre-employment recruitment monitoring and checks only and will supplement or form part of your application.</p> <p>To enable the check to be undertaken, it would assist if you could detail your username for the relevant social media platforms below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facebook - Instagram - Twitter - LinkedIn - TikTok - Youtube 	

10. STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

Please attach a supporting statement, indicating any matters which you feel may be relevant to this application. Please head additional documentation with your name and post applied for.

11. REFERENCES

Please state the names and addresses and telephone numbers of two persons from whom references may be obtained. **One must be your current or most recent employer.** In the absence of previous employment experience, a reference from your last place of full-time education will be a suitable alternative.

REFEREE 1		REFEREE 2	
TELEPHONE NO:		TELEPHONE NO:	
EMAIL:		EMAIL:	
Can this reference be taken up immediately YES/NO		Can this reference be taken up immediately YES/NO	



12. FURTHER INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- i) In the interests of the protection of children, all posts are subject to enhanced criminal record and other relevant disclosures through the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS). A criminal record will not necessarily prevent you from obtaining a position.
- ii) Please note that it is the policy of the Trust and the Governing Body to preclude employment of persons over the age of 65.
- iii) You will receive no further communication unless selected for interview. If you have therefore not been contacted within three weeks of the closing date for applications, you should conclude that, unfortunately, you have been unsuccessful on this occasion.
- iv) Under the Data Protection Act, the Trust and the Governing Body will use the information given for the purpose of recruitment and selection. Strict confidentiality will be observed and if you become an employee, the information will be used for personnel, pay and pensions administrative purposes only.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST SHOWN IN THIS APPOINTMENT

13. DECLARATION

To the best of my knowledge and belief all the particulars I have given are true. I understand that any false statements may disqualify me from employment or render me liable for dismissal. I also understand that no offer of employment made to me will be binding unless confirmed in writing.

I also understand that this post is subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service Disclosure, to satisfactory medical clearance and the provision of documentary evidence (e.g. NI Number) that shows I am entitled to work in the U.K.

Signature:.....Date:.....

