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OPTIMISM • AMBITION • ONENESS

Arena Academy
Information Pack
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Thank you for your interest in working for CORE Education Trust. I co-founded the Trust in 2015 and remain very much “hands-on” in my approach to leading the Trust. However, I am very clear that it is not my job to run our schools. We employ dynamic Headteachers and senior leaders and we give them a clear mandate to lead on delivering a CORE education in the local context of each of our schools. These schools are at the heart of the communities they serve. As a sponsor, we are committed to understanding the local contexts and we provide solutions, resources and innovation on that basis.

Our CORE Values inspire everything we do. This is supported by our new long-term vision which is defined through a relentless emphasis on optimism, ambition and oneness. This builds on our strong team ethos and a culture of purpose and belonging. We thrive on diversity and work hard to create school environments that are open, outward facing, creative and dynamic.

You can read much more about our ethos, culture and history through the many archive news stories on the internet. We have had an eventful journey to this point! What I hope you will recognise about that history is that we are a resilient and courageous MAT. We dare to step into situations that are challenging, and we seek bold solutions because that is what we believe our children deserve. Each school we take on has its own distinctive identity and therefore its own distinctive rewards and challenges.

A quick look at our social media profiles will enable you to get a sense of those different contexts. As well as finding out as much as you can about the school at which the role you are applying for is based, I would also encourage you to fully understand the nuanced details of the Trust’s wider work through projects such as Echo Eternal before submitting an application.

We would also ask that you consider how our values chime with your own sense of how schools should be run and how children are best served through our education system. We want all our staff to consider themselves as learners and leaders, regardless of their job role.

CORE Education has become a happy home for many staff who have worked in other environments and perhaps found it difficult to fit in. We embrace individuality of thought and celebrate that we are an employer who cares passionately about its employees, people with an incredibly diverse range of backgrounds and experiences. I have worked at every level from Teaching Assistant to Headteacher and just about every job in between. I have also worked or had experience in almost every sector of education.

I am therefore proud to now be able to lead a Trust in a way that allows me to draw on my direct experiences and go about my day to day business with a strong feeling of empathy for every one of our staff. I wish you every success with your application and hope I am in a position to personally congratulate you and say “welcome home” if you’re successful.



Adrian Packer CBE
CORE Education Trust Founder and CEO





WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF EDUCATION TO INSPIRE, TO ENABLE, AND TO ENRICH EVERY LIFE.

COLLABORATION

We join in and contribute.
We are outward facing and open to new possibilities.



OPPORTUNITY

We combine imagination with daring.
We seek out experiences beyond the ordinary.

RESPECT

We cherish the richness of difference.
We take time to understand each other.



EXCELLENCE

We nurture each other and invest in ourselves. We're proud of our achievements, yet always aiming higher.

OUR SCHOOLS

Based in Birmingham, we are committed to delivering the best possible experiences across our Academy schools. We are here to transform young people's lives and build ambitious futures through Collaboration, Opportunity, Respect and Excellence.

We are proud that each of our schools has its own distinctive character. Our Headteachers lead their schools in the best interests of their students and their families in a local context. However, all our schools are united in their passion and commitment to deliver a CORE Education.



ARENA
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ROCKWOOD
ACADEMY

WE PROMOTE A CULTURALLY RICH COMMUNITY AND LEARNING PROJECTS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS.

- You will have access to a CPD strategy that is designed to support the career aspirations of all staff to help them realise their potential.
- You will be given the opportunity to engage with cross-trust activities that connect students and staff to their wider family of schools/peers across the city.
- You will have access to experienced mentors who have a strong track record of developing staff.
- All employees, regardless of hours worked or length of service, are entitled to up to 52 weeks maternity leave, including paternity and adoption leave.
- We are proud to be a living wage employer, which means fair and competitive wage to all CORE Education Trust Employees.
- All staff are automatically opted in for the award-winning Westfield Health employee assist programme.

OUR BENEFITS



WHICH ELEMENTS OF YOUR JOB GIVE YOU THE MOST SATISFACTION?

“Developing my skills, being able to clarify and perfect these skills and my teaching, being able to teach my subject with progress being made.”

“When I can see the positive impact of the work I have done on both colleagues and students. I very much appreciate the autonomy of my role, and the professional trust I am afforded by my line manager. This makes me feel valued and appreciated as an employee.”

“Seeing the opportunities that arise for both staff and students. To see students totally engaged with learning through the amazing teaching staff.”

I AM PROUD TO BE A PART OF CORE EDUCATION TRUST BECAUSE...

“All CORE values protect and respect students and teachers for their individualities while it provides them with opportunities to improve academically and professionally.”

“I am proud to be a part of an inclusive school that strives towards excellence despite challenging circumstances.”

“We are given good CPD opportunities and extra facilities. For example, the annual Delivering a CORE Education conference which allows connections to be made.”





ARENA ACADEMY

As the Headteacher of Arena Academy it is my purpose and role to ensure that our students learn and develop in a safe, happy, vibrant and welcoming environment. I hold a passionate and strong belief that education has the power to enhance children's lives and that each child has the right to receive the best possible education. I am dedicated to providing opportunities, both within and beyond the classroom, which enable a child to achieve the highest academic standards and leave the academy as a well-rounded individual with respect for all, good manners and the ability to contribute positively within society. At Arena, we put every child at the heart of everything we do. We treat every child with the same consideration, commitment and kindness that we would want for our own children.

Raj Man, Headteacher.

INSIDE THE CLASSROOM



Dedicated to excellence, we pride ourselves on providing an education that inspires our students to achieve their dreams. Inside the classroom at Arena Academy, we provide every student with the tools to achieve. Our curriculum promotes a love of lifelong learning by eliciting in students a sense of awe and wonder. It develops students' cognitive hooks to aid their conceptual understanding; promotes depth of understanding; seeks to enrich the whole child, and readies them for the world of work.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



Committed to opportunities, we seek inspirational ways to engage students outside of the classroom. Over the past two years, our students have seen sporting excellence at Wimbledon, navigated canals, skied the French Alps and toured New York City. We regularly engage with external agencies to enhance the student experience. Recently we have worked with a variety of organisations including UK Active Kids, The Duke of Edinburgh Award, Birmingham Commonwealth Games, The Royal Airforce and Birmingham City Mission.

"I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT ARENA ACADEMY IS AN INSPIRATIONAL, PASSIONATE, SUPPORTIVE, AND WELCOMING SCHOOL. ARENA ACADEMY HAS REALLY BOOSTED MY CONFIDENCE SINCE I FIRST JOINED, AND I AM APPRECIATIVE OF THE SCHOOL I GO TO. THIS IS A HAPPY ENVIRONMENT TO GO TO EVERYDAY"

AMELIA, YEAR 8.

The Computing & Business Department at Arena Academy aims to provide every student with the necessary skills to go onto becoming successful leaders in enterprise and IT.

THE TEAM

Mr F Khan – Assistant Headteacher, School Improvement

Mrs S Ralh – Teacher of Computer Science

Mrs D Sandhu – Teacher of Computer Science

The Computing and Business team is small family. We have a vision to deliver a new and engaging curriculum in all areas of the department; Computing, Business and KS3 Computer Science. We have already created a culture of excitement and positivity around the school:

“I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN I FIRST JOINED IN SEPTEMBER, HOWEVER, I AM SO PLEASED I MADE THE CHOICE TO JOIN ARENA. THE DEPARTMENT ARE SO FRIENDLY AND WE'RE TEACHING A DYNAMIC AND CURRENT SCHEME OF WORK.”

MRS SANDHU, COMPUTER SCIENCE TEACHER.

CURRICULUM AIMS

The aim of our Computing, Business and IT curriculum is to enable children:

- To develop valuable thinking and programming skills that are extremely attractive in the modern workplace.
- To develop a deep understanding of computational thinking and how to apply it through a chosen programming language.
- To enhance their skills in using IT, in order for students to produce effective and innovative digital products.
- Actively engage students in the study of business and to develop them as effective and independent learners, and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds.
- Allow students to develop and apply their business knowledge, understanding and skills to contemporary issues in a range of local, national and global contexts.
- Enable students to appreciate the range of perspectives of different business stakeholders and to enable students to consider the extent to which business activity can be ethical and sustainable.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We regularly provide in house CPD and share best practise amongst the department, be it effective teaching strategies or subject specific training. There are also opportunities to work collaboratively across the Computing & Business faculties within the trust.

“I LOVE HOW FUN AND EXCITING COMPUTER SCIENCE IS NOW, WE GET TO LEARN ABOUT GAMES DESIGN, FLASH ANIMATION AND WE EVEN LEARN ABOUT HOW TO SET UP OUR OWN BUSINESS.”
YEAR 8 STUDENT



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	English Teacher - Maternity Cover	Reporting to:	Head of English
Location:	Arena Academy	Annual salary:	MPS/UPS
Contract type:	Full time, fixed term until November 2021	Hours of work:	Monday – Friday 32.5 hours per week

JOB PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- The main function of the head of is to drive up standards, expectations and aspirations, so that staff and pupils regularly experience success and a sense of progression.
- Act as a role model for staff within English.
- Decide upon the pedagogy and methodology of delivery for all lessons within English.
- Monitor and evaluate the teaching and learning within English within a departmental system of self-evaluation.
- Observe lessons within English and draw up programme to ensure all members of the English team observe other practitioners regularly and draw up programmes to ensure that teaching is of high quality.
- Establish and maintain a good working atmosphere and climate for learning.
- Establish and maintain a culture of high expectations of work and conduct within English.
- Ensure that all learning takes place within a creative and disciplined atmosphere.
- Ensure the systematic use of data and analysis of data to diagnose pupils' needs and to monitor their progress.
- Develop and maintain appropriate assessment and recording procedures in line with school policy.
- Co-ordinate and produce reports to the headteacher reviewing English progress and planning.
- Monitor and review English reporting to parents, in line with school policy.
- Lead the English curriculum planning; setting and monitoring of aims and objectives, through a syllabus and schemes of work, ensuring the department reflects the aims of the school.
- Undertake appropriate training and advise the headteacher on the training needs of English to ensure skills of staff are updated as necessary.
- Manage the teaching of the subject throughout the school.
- Manage the teaching of Numeracy throughout the school.
- Ensure English takes responsibility to meet the needs of all pupils including those with special educational needs and those with challenging behaviour in line with the school's inclusion policy.
- Co-ordinate educational enhancement of the subject (including booster classes and visits).



TEACHING

- Consistently teach high quality lessons.
- Deliver the curriculum in line with the relevant key stage groups.
- Identify individual student capabilities, plan and distinguish teaching methods appropriately to build and develop student learning.
- Contribute to the development of teaching materials and programmes of study
- Maintain discipline in accordance with the academy procedures and to encourage good practice with regards to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and homework.
- To assess accurately and maintain appropriate records.
- Follow academy teaching policies for example with regards to assessment, marking, feedback and homework.
- Be a role model for students, inspiring them to be actively interested in English.

STUDENT SUPPORT

- To be a Form Tutor to an assigned group of students.
- To promote the general personal development and well-being of individual students and the Tutor Group as a whole.
- To liaise with the relevant pastoral leaders to ensure the implementation of the student support system.
- To register students, accompany them to assemblies, encourage their full attendance and their participation in other aspects of academy life.
- To alert the appropriate staff to problems experienced by students in the Tutor Group.
- To be fully aware of all matters of child protection and safeguarding and follow the appropriate policies and procedures as required.

PROFESSIONAL

- Be up to date with the latest developments in teaching practice and methodology, particularly in the curriculum area of Business and Computing.
- Be aware of departmental and academy health and safety measures, including relevant risk assessments.
- To set cover work during any leave of absence.
- To take part in Open Evenings and Parents' Evenings and any other similar event to support students and their families.
- To attend meetings and professional development activities as required.
- Carry out duties in line with published rotas.
- To play a full part in the life of the academy community, to support its distinctive mission and ethos and to encourage staff and students to follow this example.

The above is not exhaustive and maybe amended commensurate with the post holder's salary and grade as required by the Headteacher.



SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ACT 1974

This job is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Appointment to this job is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure being obtained, and any relevant convictions cautions, and reprimands being considered. Any arrests, convictions cautions or reprimands of relevance, obtained by the jobholder after enhanced DBS clearance has been acquired, must be disclosed to the Headteacher by the jobholder. Failure by the jobholder to do so, or the obtaining by the jobholder of a relevant conviction caution or reprimand, may be managed in accordance with CORE Education Trust Disciplinary Procedure.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The jobholder is required to exercise their duty of care by taking responsibility for their own health and safety, and the health and safety of other people who may be affected by their acts or omissions (failure to act). Full guidance regarding health and safety is set out in CORE Education Trust Health and Safety Policy, and in any risk assessments relevant to the jobholder's role or circumstances. Both can be accessed via the jobholder's line manager and must be observed.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

CORE Education Trust is committed to equality and values diversity. As such, it is committed to fulfilling its Equality Duty obligations and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This Duty requires the Trust to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share characteristics, such as age gender, race and faith, and people who do not share them. Staff and volunteers are required to treat all people they encounter with dignity and respect and are entitled to expect this in return.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Academy has a shared responsibility with the jobholder for identifying and satisfying training and development needs. The jobholder is expected to actively contribute to their own continuous professional development and to attend and participate in any training or development activities required to assist them in undertaking their role and meeting their safeguarding and general obligations.



MOBILITY

The jobholder may be required to transfer to any job appropriate to their grade at such a place as in the service of the Trust they may be required, in accordance with legitimate operational requirements and / or facilitating the avoidance of staffing reductions.

This job description may be subject to review and / or amendment at any time to reflect the requirements of the job. Amendments will be made in consultation with any existing jobholder and will be commensurate with the grade for the job. The jobholder is expected to comply with any reasonable management requests.

CORE Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Services) Check is required for all successful applicants.

Job Description Reviewed on:	April 2021
Job Description Reviewed by:	Headteacher



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Salary:	MPS/UPS	Location:	Arena Academy

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The Person Specification outlines the main attributes needed to adequately perform the post specified. It is intended to give prospective candidates a better understanding of the post requirements. It will be used as part of the recruitment process in identifying and shortlisting candidates.

	Essential	Desirable
Education, Training and Qualifications		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified to at least degree level. • Qualified to teach in the UK. • Achieved the National Award for SEN Coordination (or working towards). • Eligible to work in the UK. • Evidence of continuing professional development. • Valid UK driving license. 	X X X X	 X X
Experience, Knowledge, Skills /Competencies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven experience of working with parents, outside agencies and other partners to raise achievement. 	X	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working in an environment with competing deadlines. 	X	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of delivering programmes to support learning and monitoring and evaluating individuals and cohorts of students which has led to increases in levels of progress. 	X	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven experience of leading and managing, or significantly contributing to the success of a department or a team of staff through strong and impactful leadership, including experience of appraising, inducting and training staff. 	X	
Teaching		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan, prepare and deliver stimulating and engaging lessons, which make effective use of cross curricular links and teach children how to learn. 	X	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess and record the progress of students' learning to inform next steps and monitor progress. • Teach using an increasingly wide range of teaching strategies to meet differing learning needs and abilities. • Successfully deploy a wide range of effective behaviour management strategies. 	X	
	X	
		X
Developing Literacy and Numeracy and High Ability Provision		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be committed to developing literacy, oracy, and numeracy skills across the subjects. 	X	
Personal Attributes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate resilience, the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines. • Ability to think strategically, creatively and to prioritise • Excellent communication skills (including written, oral and presentation skills) • Excellent interpersonal skills • A commitment to CORE Education Trust vision, values, aims and the objectives of its academies programme. 	X	
	X	
	X	
	X	
	X	

HOW TO APPLY

For further information about this exciting opportunity, or an informal discussion please contact Martin Newman on mnewman@arena-birmingham.academy

Only those applicants submitting a [CORE Education Trust Application Form](#) will be considered. Please note that we do not accept CVs.

To apply for this role please submit your CORE Application Form to recruitment@core-education.co.uk by Tuesday 25th May 2021.

For more information visit our website, core-education.co.uk/work-with-us

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CORE Education Trust is committed to promoting equality, challenging discrimination, and developing community cohesion. We welcome applications from all sections of the community. We are an Equal Opportunities and Living Wage employer.



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