



## Candidate Recruitment Pack

# Teaching Assistant Kings Oak Academy

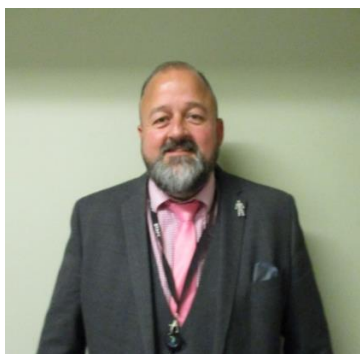
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## A welcome from the CEO

Dear Applicant,



Thank you for your interest in our vacancy at Unity Education Trust (UET).

As Chief Executive of the UET, I am delighted to offer you a warm welcome to our Trust. These are exciting times for all those associated to Unity Education Trust. A Multi-Academy built on developing like-minded schools to be outstanding education providers through collaborative working that develops a 'unity of purpose' in all that we do.

UET has expanded its family of schools and education professionals. Our collaborative work over the last 6 months has ensured a measured evolution into our new formal Trust arrangements. We're welcoming outstanding teachers, subject specialists, tutors, support staff and experienced leaders with a record of transformation in education.

Teachers, and support staff now number 795. All of our staff share the ethos of raising aspirations, unlocking potential and securing the best possible future for the 2700 young people attending our schools.

Our school's range in size from 20 to 1200 students and effective collaboration, across our schools, is an important part of who we are.

I am proud that we are working in 'Unity' to meet the challenges in education head on and spearheading new developments for the benefit of all the children in our care.

We look forward to receiving your application

Best wishes

Glyn Hambling

CEO

## Our Story



UET was established in March 2017. As of 2021, its family of schools have expanded providing education for 3 -19-year olds across mainstream and alternative provision settings and now comprises the following:

### Mainstream

- Northgate High School and Dereham Sixth Form College
- Grove House Nursery and Infant School
- Kings Park Infant School
- Beeston Primary School
- Garvestone Primary School
- Great Dunham School
- Greyfriars Academy
- Highgate Infant School
- Kings Oak Academy
- Magdalen Academy
- St Germans Academy
- Wimbotsham & Stow Academy

### Specialist

Pathfinder School –  
Brooklands, Locksley, Douglas Bader,  
Hooper Lane, Brooklands, Rosebery

Compass –  
Belton, Lingwood, Pott Row

- Earthsea School
- Churchill Park Academy
- The Pinetree School

The Trust sets high expectations in every aspect of our work, providing pupils with the best opportunities through outstanding teaching, the development of 21st century facilities, inspirational leadership and a growth mindset approach.

We will ensure that each of our academies maintains its unique identities at the heart of their communities and engaging with all partners and stakeholders and other high performing educational organisations.

An unrelenting belief and focus that all students can achieve high standards, whatever their background and life experiences when given a positive climate of support, challenge and the development of Growth Mindset through outstanding teaching.

Committed to the notion of 'raising aspirations to fulfil potential' Ensuring our learners are encouraged to build confidence, expand their leadership qualities and embrace British Values that enable all to thrive in an ever-changing society.

## Our School – Kings Oak Academy



At King's Oak Academy we work hard to provide a stimulating, supportive and challenging learning environment in which children feel confident and want to learn and do their best. Through our engaging and creative curriculum, we ensure that children develop a passion for learning that will help to develop high aspirations which can be carried forward to the next stage of their educational journey. We believe every child wants to succeed and has the potential to achieve great things. We aim to meet the needs of everyone, by ensuring we provide them with the opportunities, support and encouragement needed to develop their social, emotional, creative, academic and physical abilities to the full. We use our value 'SHINE' in everything we do.

We believe it is essential that your child feels happy, secure and makes good progress in their learning. We value the contribution parents and carers make in helping children achieve this. We work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure every child does the best they can. All of the adults at King's Oak Academy, whether they are staff members, parents, carers, governors, support workers or specialist providers, are role models to our children. By respecting each other and by valuing each child as an active and important member of our school and local community we will encourage children to develop a sense of responsibility for themselves and a respect for others.

We want your child to flourish and feel happy and secure during their time with us in order that they realise King's Oak Academy is a place where aspirations and ambitions come true. We want every child to be their own success story and look forward to working in partnership with you, to give your child the best start possible to their education and lifelong learning.



# Underpinning principles



## Supporting Our Staff

Unity Education Trust is committed to supporting all staff in their personal, professional and career aspirations by providing a range of development opportunities. We foster a culture which encourages you to develop your talent and strengths throughout your journey with us.

We are committed to providing the highest quality support to ensure our schools excel and give our students the education they deserve. Our Headteachers have a good deal of autonomy as school leaders within a framework developed collaboratively with our Director of Education and the Education Directorate.

Each Unity Education Trust school benefits from a comprehensive programme of support and challenge, including a strong emphasis on CPD, regular programme of training events to improve performance across all sectors within our schools.

We believe it is very important that each of our academies plans in such a way that financial and human resources are deployed to support their educational strategies fully. This is supported by our experienced Central Service team, who are available to advise on financial planning, audit, HR, legal and property matters.

# Job Description

## Teaching Assistant

Job Title	Teaching Assistant
Location	Kings Oak Academy
Grade	Grade D
Responsible to	Headteacher
Responsible for	Provide direct learning support to pupils with a focus on those children with EHCPs.

Role and Context	
<b>Job Purpose</b>	Under the instruction/guidance of teaching or other senior staff and within the overall ethos of the school, undertake care and learning programmes and activities to support individuals or groups of pupils, including more specialised support for those with special education needs, enable access to learning for pupils and assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom. Work may be carried out in the classroom or in other areas.
<b>Context</b>	Job family: Classroom and pastoral

Principal Accountabilities
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To attend to the personal and social needs of pupils and any other special requirements depending on the nature of a pupil's special needs and, wherever possible, making these part of the learning experience.</li> <li>2. Supervise and provide particular support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities.</li> <li>3. Plan and deliver structured and agreed learning activities, adjusting activities according to pupil responses, including undertaking literacy and numeracy programmes, recording achievement and progress and feeding back to the teacher, pupils and parents/carers in relation to progress, achievement and behaviour in both 1:1 and group environments.</li> <li>4. Assist with the development and implementation of Individual Education/Behaviour Plans and Personal Care programmes</li> <li>5. Promote inclusion and acceptance of pupils while encouraging constructive relationships within the classroom and with parents.</li> <li>6. Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times and accompany teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required and take responsibility for a group under the supervision of the teacher.</li> <li>7. Provide direct learning support for vulnerable pupils supported by the short stay school using strategies, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupils to achieve learning goals.</li> </ol>



8. Supervising and providing particular support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities.
9. Monitor pupils' responses to learning activities and accurately record achievement/progress as directed and provide detailed and regular feedback to teachers on pupils' achievement, progress, problems, etc.
10. Promote good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their behaviour
11. Prepare, maintain and use equipment/resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity and assist pupils in their use, including supporting the use of ICT in learning activities and developing pupils' competence in its use.
12. Undertake structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses, including undertaking literacy and numeracy programmes, recording achievement and progress and feeding back to the teacher.
13. Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required and participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
14. Under agreed school procedures and in line with statutory guidance on supporting pupils at school with medical conditions, to give first aid/medicine and accompany sick pupils home, or to a health centre or hospital as necessary, or assist with programmes of special care such as physiotherapy, hydrotherapy or speech therapy, under the direction of the appropriate specialist.
15. To undertake all duties with an over-riding regard for the Safeguarding of children and young people and in accordance with all current guidance and best practice in this area.

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications	
<p><b>Essential</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Previous experience working with children with SEND.</li> <li>▪ Education to secondary school level at least.</li> <li>▪ Knowledge and understanding of child development and children's and families' needs.</li> <li>▪ NVQ level 2 or equivalent in teaching assistant or experience</li> </ul>	<p><b>Desirable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Previous experience working in a school setting.</li> <li>▪ Relevant qualification with regard to working with children, such as NVQ 3.</li> <li>▪ Teaching Assistant Qualification</li> <li>▪ First Aid qualification</li> <li>▪ Experience working with children with communication difficulties</li> </ul>
Experience	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Experience of working in an education setting</li> <li>▪ Good numeracy and literacy skills, preferably to GCSE Grade C minimum</li> <li>▪ Experience of supporting pupils with SEN</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Norfolk STEPs training</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ability to effectively use IT to support learning</li> </ul>	
<b>Skills/Knowledge</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Basic understanding of principles of child development and learning processes and in particular barriers to learning</li> <li>▪ Working knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practice/legislation</li> <li>▪ Working knowledge of National Curriculum and Early Years Foundation Stage</li> <li>▪ Work constructively as part of a team, understanding classroom roles and responsibilities and own position within these</li> <li>▪ Ability to relate well to children and adults</li> </ul>	
<b>Physical attributes and other circumstances</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ability to physically fulfil the responsibilities of the post.</li> <li>▪ Willingness and ability to attend appropriate meetings and training.</li> <li>▪ Reasonable personal presentation.</li> <li>▪ Excellent punctuality</li> </ul>	

**General Information**

- The job descriptions detail the main outcomes required and should only be updated to reflect **major changes** that impact on the outcomes of the job
- All work performed/duties undertaken must be carried out in accordance with relevant Academy policies and procedures, within legislation, and with regard to the needs of our customers and the diverse community we serve.
- Job holders will be expected to be flexible in their duties and carry out any other duties commensurate with the grade and falling within the general scope of the job, as requested by management.



## Joining Us

### LOCATION

The post will be located at Kings Oak Academy. The Unity Education Trust reserves the right to transfer staff to alternative posts appropriate to the grade and/or alternative work places as is considered reasonable.

### PROBATIONARY PERIOD

New employees of The Unity Education Trust will be required to serve a probationary period of six months.

### REMUNERATION

The current salary for the post is within the range:

Salary: £12.18 - £12.38/hr

This post is Scale D. Point 5 – Point 6. Subject to satisfactory service, salaries will rise within the scale by annual increments up to the maximum of the scale. Salary is paid in 12 equal instalments on or just before the 19th of each month. Payment is by credit transfer

### HOURS OF WORK

The normal working week is one of 30 hours, Term Time + 1 week (8:30am – 3pm). This could be a single post or a job share could be considered for the right applicants. The post is currently a fixed term contract until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025, this will be reviewed subject to funding arrangements.

### DRESS CODE

The post-holder will be expected to wear appropriate attire and will be supplied with appropriate Staff ID. This must be worn at all times to ensure that students, staff and visitors are able to identify UET colleagues.

## **BENEFITS**

- Comprehensive induction
- Commitment to your ongoing training and career progression
- Pension scheme
- Eye care vouchers
- Paid for enhanced DBS
- Wellbeing support
- FastTrack treatment service including physiotherapy

## **Terms and Conditions**

### **PRE-EMPLOYMENT CHECKS**

All staff must be prepared to undergo a number of checks to confirm their suitability to work with children and young people. The Trust reserves the right to withdraw offers of employment where checks or references are deemed to be unsatisfactory.

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

UET has a policy that seeks to ensure that all employees are selected, trained and promoted on the basis of ability, the requirements of the post and other similar and objective criteria. The gender, marital status, ethnic origin, age, religion or sexual orientation of an applicant or employee does not affect the employment opportunities made available except as permitted by legislation. UET also requires full and fair consideration to be given to people with disabilities in the recruitment process. Applicants declaring a disability who meet the minimum (essential) criteria for the vacancy will be invited for interview.

### **DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE CHECK**

This post is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service Check. Disclosure and Barring Service and Disclosure of Convictions Policy for employment of persons with criminal convictions – refer to our website [www.unityeducationtrust.uk](http://www.unityeducationtrust.uk)

Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act Information – refer to our website [www.unityeducationtrust.uk](http://www.unityeducationtrust.uk)

## How to apply

Click on the **Apply Now** button. You can save your application and return to it later. Please ensure you have completed your application before the end date.

No CVs accepted – Please complete an application form if you wish to be considered for this role.

Candidates are advised that they may be subject to an online check from information in the public domain.

We aim to be an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications irrespective of race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation and/or age. We value the individuality and creativity that every worker potentially brings to the workforce.

This post will come under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulations and the successful applicant will be required to complete a declaration form to establish whether they are disqualified under these regulations.

Unity Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All applicants must be willing to undergo safeguarding screening appropriate to the post, including checks with Disclosure & Barring Service and at least 2 references which cover the last 3 years; for all our services we will request references from where you have worked with either Children or Vulnerable Adults. Please be advised that references may be requested prior to interview for roles within our Schools.

This post is covered by Part 7 of the Immigration Act (2016) and therefore the ability to speak fluent English is an essential requirement for this role.

We reserve the right to withdraw this vacancy at any time ahead of the closing date if there is a good level of response. Therefore, we recommend you submit your application as early as possible.

We also reserve to right to interview shortlisted candidates ahead of the closing date.

## Interview process

**Application will be considered upon receipt.**

Interview process

- Candidates will be shortlisted
- References will be requested

The interview process will include:

- Tour and Task
- Interview
- Classroom Familiarisation

If you would like an informal discussion. Please contact the Kings Oak Academy, by emailing [office@kgo.unity-ed.uk](mailto:office@kgo.unity-ed.uk) and a member of staff will contact you.



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