



Washington
Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

RECRUITMENT PACK

Head of MFL



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Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for expressing your interest in working at Washington Academy. Washington is proud to be part of the Consilium Academies, read on to find out more about trust. Once you have read this application pack, if you would like to visit us, please get in touch.

As our school continues to grow, we have a clear aim. That aim is to ensure our students have access to a dynamic and progressive learning environment. Our exemplary standards of behaviour and respect makes this possible.

Washington is an inclusive school and we are all committed to the following aims:

- Providing students with an exciting, engaging, and rich education;
- Recognising and celebrating the unique nature of every child in our community;
- Celebrating the successes of our Academy and our community to the full

We are seeking to appoint a candidate who shares our commitment to inclusivity and can ensure that all of our students can excel. We want someone who will ensure our students leave Washington Academy with an education that allows them to progress onto the next stage of their journey when they leave us and that they also have the skills needed for daily life.

We are looking for candidates who share our commitment to inclusive education and who would contribute to the genuine warmth of our school. We can offer robust career development opportunities. This includes unrivalled CPD delivered by lead educationalists live from our trust's centre for professional development.

The right candidate will be qualified, creative and vibrant. They will be fully committed to our aims. Moreover, they will be personable and therefore will contribute positively to the welcoming environment we are so proud that Washington has.

I cannot think of a better time to join our team.

I look forward to receiving your application.



Vicky Carter
Head Teacher



About the Academy

Washington Academy offers excellent learning experiences to all its students through a very diverse curriculum which caters for the needs of all. The academy opened new state of the art buildings in 2009 and endeavours to ensure all our young people enjoy their lessons in an inspiring learning environment.

Students, parents, staff and governors are proud of recent achievements here and, as well as helping students achieve the results they need to follow chosen career paths, has a huge and varied programme of activities and extra-curricular opportunities on offer.

Washington Academy is fully committed to each individual in our academy, recognising their uniqueness and individual potential. We have high expectations of all students in terms of behaviour and commitment to learning and of our parents in working with us as partners to support individual progress.

Our very strong links with partner primary schools ensures smooth transition from primary to secondary school, allowing a strategic approach to raising aspirations and generating further success.

Washington Academy is a place where all members of its community feel welcome, safe and experience a sense of belonging. We believe that only where this exists can learning and personal development progress successfully. Washington Academy is seeking to develop the whole person.

About the Trust

The Consilium Mission

“Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions”

We are proud to be Consilium Academies, a Trust that believes in the unique value of each individual. Our vision, actions, and purpose are guided by this principle and a dedication to do all we can for the communities we serve.

We never put a ceiling on potential. Instead, we work with our Academies to provide high-quality education that is truly inclusive, giving every student the same opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in life beyond the classroom.

We are committed to enriching the lives of all those involved in our Trust through an ambitious, student-centred approach to education.

Consilium Academies is a Multi-Academy Trust consisting of nine schools based across three hubs in Salford, South Yorkshire, and the North East of England.

We believe in inclusivity, both in the schools and communities we serve and are committed to working with our Academies to ensure our ethos is realised on a daily basis.

- The lives of our young people should be enriched by care, experience, and opportunity. This is achieved by;
- helping children and young people to succeed to their potential academically, socially, and emotionally;
- instilling a passion for lifelong love of learning and continued improvement so that our academies, staff, and students achieve their aspirations and ambitions;
- creating a family of academies that are inclusive and embrace diversity, where all members of the community feel supported, inspired, and empowered to succeed;
- ensuring all stakeholders are seen as partners in our work within the communities we serve.

The Trust operates a Central Team led by our Interim Chief Executive, Tracey Greenough. The team provide direct services to our schools as well as Trust-level accountability, leadership, and management. We operate a strong partnership model and our partner schools are instrumental in the continual growth and development of our Trust. We work with our schools in a supportive way that does not detract from the individual identity of a school, instead allows them to grow and focus on student achievement and success.

WE ARE PROUD TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING STAFF BENEFITS:

- Pension with the Local Government Pension Scheme and Teachers Pension Scheme
- 34 days annual leave plus bank holidays for all support staff (pro-rated for part-time employees)
- 36 hour working week for all full-time support staff
- Automatic pay progression for all staff in line with their current grading structure
- Enhanced contractual sick pay in line with the Burgundy Book and Green Book
- Employee Assistance Program with access to counselling and CBT 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Access to an Occupational Health Provider
- Free membership to Vivup. with hundreds of exclusive offers and discounts available online and in store at many shops, gyms, and restaurants
- An excellent CPD offer for every member of staff; to help you perform as well as you can in your role, provide you with a sense of wellbeing at work and to help you reach your career aspirations

About the Role

Job Title: Head of MFL

Start date: Monday 1st January 2024

Hours: 32.5 hours

Contract: Permanent

Salary: M1 UPS3 TLR2c plus a 3 year retention payment of £2,000 per year (paid as a one off bonus at the end of each school year).

Are you passionate about MFL and determined to make a real difference? We are seeking to appoint a committed and inspirational Head of MFL who is able to obtain the best outcomes for their pupils.

We are looking for someone who is passionate about their subject and determined to impart knowledge, skills and understanding to all our young people, whilst exciting and engaging them in their learning. Candidates will have the drive and motivation to continually improve the department, whilst understanding the importance of developing a positive culture.

We are looking for:

- An inclusive individual, with high expectations of their students, who is committed to maximising rates of progress and has innovative ideas to support all pupils
- Someone with a sense of humour, who understands the importance of developing a positive culture in our organisation.

If you feel you share our values, have the vision and drive for excellence and want to be part of an enthusiastic and dedicated team, committed to ensuring that students fulfil their potential, then we would like to hear from you.

The successful candidate will present the best possible example of professional standards to colleagues.

To apply please download and complete the attached application form. Please note we do not accept CV's. We ask that all completed application forms are sent to David Gilboy-Dodds at David.Gilboydodds@consilium-at.com

Please ensure that within your application you provide the names, addresses, and contact details for two referees, one of whom should be your current or most recent employer.

The closing date for applications is Thursday 26th October 2023 at 9AM.

Interviews will take place on Monday 30th October.

Consilium Academies is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointments are made subject to an Enhanced DBS Check, and where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check will be completed for all applicants.

In accordance with our statutory obligations under Keeping Children Safe in Education Consilium Academies is required to conduct an online search as part of our due diligence on shortlisted candidates. This may help identify any incidents or issues that have happened, and are publicly available online, which Consilium Academies might want to explore with you. Further information on online searches can be found in paragraph 221 of Keeping Children Safe in Education.

The Trust is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

Under Part 7 of the Immigration Act 2016, the Public Sector fluency duty requires state funded schools to ensure candidates for their customer facing roles have the necessary standard of spoken English.

Please note: If you have not been contacted within one week of the closing date please assume that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion. We are unable to provide feedback on individual applications. Applications received after the closing time stated will not be considered.



Job Description

Job Title:	Head of MFL
Reports to:	Leadership Team
Based at:	Washington Academy
Grade:	M1 UPS3 TLR2c + 3 year retention bonus of £2000.00

Main purpose of the Role

The assurance of high standards of teaching, learning and attainment within the curriculum area.

Core Responsibilities & Tasks

Statement of general duties

- To carry out the duties of a teacher in accordance with the provisions of the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and within the range of teachers' duties set out in that document and in the school documents entitled "Role of Teacher" and "Conditions of Service".
- To carry out such duties within the framework of the Academy's agreed aims, objectives and policies.

Additional responsibilities

- To be accountable for leading, managing and developing the curriculum area.
- To ensure the provision of an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for pupils studying in the curriculum area in accordance with the aims of the Academy.
- To be accountable for pupil progress and development within the curriculum area.
- To raise standards of pupil attainment and achievement within the whole curriculum area and to monitor and support pupil progress.
- To develop and enhance the teaching practice of others.
- To effectively manage and deploy teaching/support staff, financial and physical resources within the curriculum area.

Knowledge and Understanding

- Demonstrate that they have a thorough and up-to-date knowledge of their subject.
- In conjunction with their line manager, take responsibility for personal professional development.
- To actively monitor and respond to curriculum development and initiatives at national, regional and local levels.

General Leadership and Management

- Promote the academy's ethos and culture amongst their department, the wider school and the public.
- Set the agenda for department meetings, which should include time for the development of staff.
- Monitor staff, both informally and formally, to inform the academy's appraisal process.
- To produce, monitor and evaluate the departmental SEF and to create departmental improvement plans as appropriate.
- Devise, implement and monitor a strategic plan for the continuous improvement of the department.

- As part of the middle leadership team of the school, make and implement strategic improvements as required.
- Ensure that examination administration is carried out and that all students are prepared for external and internal exams.
- Organise a framework for administrative tasks. This includes both day to day administrative tasks (signing reports, checking absences) and subject specific tasks (preparation for exams, resource management, quality assurance).
- Coordinate events such as Parents' Evening, Open Evenings and Exhibitions.
- Have an involvement in policy development and decision making across the school through Academic Board and SLT Link meetings.
- To manage the available resources (for example space, staff, money and equipment) efficiently and keep appropriate records.
- To work with SLT in order to ensure that the curriculum area's teaching commitments are effectively and efficiently time-tabled and roomed.
- To maintain accreditation with the relevant examination and validating bodies.

Leading Teaching and Learning

- To be accountable for the development and delivery of all subjects delivered through your curriculum area.
- To ensure that the development of the curriculum area is in line with national developments and Academy aims.
- To lead and be accountable for the development and implementation of the curriculum area intent, including appropriate specifications, resources, schemes of work, marking and assessment policies etc
- To monitor the quality of learning experienced by students through discussions with staff and students.
- To ensure that the departmental procedures and Academy policy are applied consistently across the department.
- To regularly visit lessons to ensure that learning is effective for all pupils and that staff are supported in their professional development.
- To monitor and assess the quality and quantity of homework.
- Ensure all schemes of work are robust and effective and meet the needs of all pupils at all key stages.
- To ensure that all lessons within the department are well-planned and meet the needs of all pupils; lessons should be tailored to meet the learning requirements of the group with sufficient opportunities for group and individual challenge.

Leading Progress and Outcomes

- Ensure that procedures are in place for the accurate reporting of current and predicted grades.
- Monitor and track academic progress to inform teaching and sustain effective learning.
- Analyse a range of data to evaluate progress and inform both individual pupil progress, collective progress across different groups.
- To actively monitor pupil progress being aware, and taking appropriate actions, for specific groups of pupils.
- Monitor the quality and effectiveness of classroom interventions as a result.
- To report to SLT and Governors on the progress of students.

Leading Learning Behaviours

- To promote positive behaviours for learning with staff and pupils.
- Use the academy's behaviour system consistently within the department to ensure fairness and to support restorative approaches.
- Use the academy's rewards system to promote student achievement and self-esteem.

- Monitor pupil behaviour, attendance and achievement within the department in consultation with key staff if necessary, decide on an appropriate sanction, intervention and reward.
- Oversee pupils on supervision and contact parents when necessary.

Leading Staff Development

- To identify strengths and areas of development of staff within the curriculum area and work with staff to achieve the highest levels of teaching and learning within the department.
- To work with SLT to ensure that staff development needs are identified and that appropriate support is designed to meet such needs.
- To make appropriate arrangements for classes when staff are absent, ensuring appropriate cover within the curriculum.
- To participate in the interview process for teaching posts when required and to ensure effective induction of new staff in line with Academy procedures.
- To promote teamwork and to motivate staff to ensure effective working relations, leading by example.
- To participate in the Academy's ITT programme.
- To be responsible for the day-to-day management of staff within the designated curriculum area and act as a positive role model.

Quality Assurance

- To effectively implement the Academy's quality assurance procedures and to ensure adherence to those within the curriculum area.
- To discuss and evaluate the quality of education with SLT on a regular basis.
- To contribute to the Academy's procedures for lesson observation.
- To monitor the work of staff within the department according to school policy.
- To monitor and evaluate the curriculum area in line with agreed Academy procedures including evaluation against quality standards and performance criteria.
- To establish the process of the setting of targets within the curriculum area and to work towards their achievement.
- To seek/implement modification and improvement where required.

Guidance Duties

- To be accountable for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of students.
- To monitor and support the overall progress and development of pupils within the curriculum area.
- To monitor pupil attendance together with pupils' 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.
- To act as a Tutor and to carry out the duties associated with that role
- To contribute to guidance; including citizenship, CEIAG, SMSC according to Academy policy.
- To provide opportunities for pupil voice to be considered.

Communication

- Lead the team; giving a clear vision and direction to work, identifying key areas for improvements and planning appropriate actions to meet them.
- To ensure effective communication/consultation as appropriate with the parents of pupils.
- To represent the curriculum areas views and interests.
- To contribute to the School liaison and marketing activities, e.g. the collection of material for press releases.
- To actively promote the development of effective subject links with external agencies.

- To lead the development of effective subject links with Trust schools and the community, attendance where necessary at liaison events in partner schools and the effective promotion of subjects at Open Evenings and other events.
- To liaise with partner schools, higher education, Industry, Examination Boards, Awarding Bodies and other relevant external bodies.

Health & Safety

- To comply with the Academy's Health and Safety policy and undertake any necessary risk assessments as appropriate.
- Ensure that teachers are aware of Health and Safety issues including the process for reporting. Be aware of the responsibility for personal Health, Safety and Welfare and that of others who may be affected by your actions or inactions.
- Co-operate with the employer on all issues to do with Health, Safety & Welfare.

Corporate Responsibilities

- The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment
- To pursue and promote the achievement and integration of diversity and equality of opportunity throughout the Trust
- To plan, monitor and review health and safety within areas of personal control
- To participate in the Trust's Professional Development Review process and engage in continuous professional development and networking to ensure that professional skills and knowledge are up to date
- To maintain high professional standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance, conduct and positive, courteous relations with students, parents, and colleagues

Additional Notes

- The job purpose and key statements remain indicative and by no means exclusive. Given the evolving needs of the Trust, flexibility among staff is very important. All staff may be required to undertake other such reasonable duties as may be required from time to time in line with the grade of their post.
- An Enhanced DBS Check will be requested on successful application to a position at the Trust.

Person Specification

Qualifications and CPD	Essential	Desirable
Qualified Teacher Status; degree level or higher	X	
Ongoing CPD such as middle leader/senior leader course		X
Experience, Knowledge and Skills	Essential	Desirable
Management experience in a similar role		X
Experience of having designed, implemented and evaluated effective, imaginative and stimulating schemes of work	X	
A willingness to participate fully as part of a faculty team, being an effective team member and leader who demonstrates resilience, motivation and commitment to drive up standards of achievement		X
Ability to lead on assessment, evaluation and attainment of all pupils. Understands and interprets pupil data to drive lesson planning	X	
A good working knowledge of teaching and learning reflected in own practice, including experience of raising attainment.	X	
Previous experience in a school or equivalent environment with an appreciation for a distinctive and creative offering	X	
Able to set and deliver high expectations for accountability and consistency and embed a culture of learning amongst staff and pupils that creates an ambitious, purposeful and highly motivating environment		X
Excellent classroom practitioner of MFL who has a proven track record of improving student outcomes	X	
A commitment to student support and guidance.	X	
A knowledge of and enthusiasm for your subject; the desire and ability to convey this to the students of the school.	X	
Permitted to work in the UK	X	
A firm commitment to comprehensive education, with a willingness to teach more than one subject across all abilities.		X
Evidence of teaching at an outstanding level along with the ability to reflect on lessons and continually improve own practice	X	
Personal Attributes	Essential	Desirable
Suitability to work with young children	X	
Able to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people	X	
Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours	X	
Positive attitude and authority in maintaining discipline within both the practical and classroom environment	X	
English Fluency		
Possessing a relevant qualification for the role attained as part of education in the UK or full taught in English by a recognized institution abroad	X	

Passing an English or Welsh spoken language competency test or possessing a relevant spoken English or Welsh qualification at CEFR Level B1 or above, taught in English by a recognized institution abroad.

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