

## **LEARNING MENTOR**

# City of Derby Academy Full Time – Fixed Term for 12 Months

## Required to work 37 hours per week 39 weeks per year

QEGSMAT is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and experienced person to work alongside a dedicated team of staff, working with students with social, behavioural and additional needs.

The role combines the mentoring of students alongside the delivery of in class support and delivery vocational and life skills. The ability to offer practical qualifications or experience would be an advantage.

QEGSMAT is a newly formed Multi Academy Trust. The Trust's vision is to 'Question, Explore; Give; Succeed' and our exceptional staff, strong leadership, motivated children and young people, as well as excellent facilities, provide the successful formula for this.

## We offer candidates:

- Support, mentoring and professional learning appropriate to the post.
- A forward looking, hardworking and enthusiastic team of staff with the desire and skills to improve outcomes.
- A location which has excellent transport and enjoys state of the art resources.

You will be working with a team committed to embedding excellence in everything we do.

QEGSMAT is committed to promoting equality, challenging discrimination and developing community cohesion. We welcome applications from all sections of the community. We are committed to the protection of children and vulnerable adults. Appointment is subject to a clear DBS check to an enhanced level.

If you would like to be part of this exciting new project, please visit www.qegsmat.com where you will also find the job description and application forms. Alternately, you can contact us at hr@qegsmat.com.

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 11th April 2018

Interview date: Monday 23rd April 2018

Salary: Scale 5 - 20,417 - 22,393 (pro-rata £17,189 - £18,853)

Start date: As soon as possible



## **Job Description**

Post Title: Learning Mentor

**Responsible to:** SENCO Leader/ SLT

The following information is furnished to assist staff joining City of Derby Academy to understand and appreciate the work contact of their post and the role they play in the Organisation.

## **Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Work closely with teaching staff at the Academy to address the needs of students requiring
  particular help to overcome barriers to learning, and to provide a range of strategies to help
  pupils achieve their full potential by further developing their skills.
- To Support learning and behaviour for individual and for groups, as directed
- Support the corporate life of the Trust and project a positive image of the Trust
- To work collaboratively with the Trust colleagues and to contribute towards the quality of teaching and learning and achievement and behaviour for all students to encourage selfesteem and progress so students can be the best they can be.
- Support the efficient, effective, economic and safe use of resources, having due regard to the policies of the Trust.
- Contribute to the production, monitoring and review of effective resources and action plans in line with the Trust's defined objectives and performance targets.
- Develop skills to meet the requirements of the post and to respond flexibly in order to meet the needs of the Trust and identified students with SEND.
- Act responsibly in order to build mutual confidence and respect and foster effective working relationships with all.
- Act as a role model, challenge and motivate, promote and reinforce self-esteem and establish productive relationships with students.
- Be committed and sensitive in ensuring equality of opportunity for pupils.

- Ensure that the legal, statutory and other relevant provisions governing of affecting the
   Trust are strictly observed.
- Ensure that target groups of students are supported.
- Ensure that senior staff, the line manager, SENCO and relevant teaching staff and year heads are kept informed about each student's progress and that all support is in line with the Trust's expectations, policies and practice.

## **Key Responsibilities**

- Have a clear focus with a target group of pupils of improving their attainment and behaviour.
- Provide senior staff with relevant information about students in order that students needing support can be identified effectively and appropriate interventions agreed.
- Work with other staff to draw up and implement action support and interventions for students with SEND.
- Provide a range of opportunities for the target group of pupils to support them in achieving their targets, both in a 1:1 or group setting
- Maintain regular contact, where appropriate, with families of SEND STUDENTS to keep them informed of the student's progress. To secure positive family support and involvement in the pupil's education.
- Work closely with the SENCO and Class Teacher to ensure that the needs of the students are planned for, and me.
- Monitor, evaluate and report on the success of all interventions and support the SENCO.
- Have full knowledge and appreciation of the range of activities and interventions in an academic setting.
- Take part in all appropriate INSET as identified by the Trust.

All adults employed by the Trust are responsible for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children they are responsible for or come into contact with.

Whilst every endeavour has been made to outline all the duties and responsibilities of the post, this document does not specify every item in detail. Where broad headings have been used, all associated duties are naturally included in the job description.



# PERSON SPECIFICATION

## **Learning Mentor**

	Essential	Desirable	Evidence
Qualifications	Good basic education to GCSE level in literacy and numeracy, or the equivalent	A relevant qualification in Childcare and/or Education	Application form Certificates
	GCSE English and Maths A* - C or equivalent		
Experience	Experience of working with	Being a paid worker in	Application form
	children	play schemes, crèches, midday supervision,	Selection process
		after-school clubs or similar	References
		Currently working as a learning mentor or teaching assistant	
Knowledge and	Have knowledge and	Has worked with	Application form
Understanding	<ul> <li>the needs of young children;</li> <li>child development and the ways in which children learn;</li> <li>the roles played by various adults in a child's education;</li> <li>behaviour management strategies;</li> <li>equal opportunities</li> <li>safeguarding</li> </ul>	secondary or Primary students with SEND	Selection process References
Skills	Able to:	<ul><li>Able to:</li><li>monitor, record and make basic</li></ul>	Application form

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	<ul> <li>help professional staff to achieve their objectives;</li> <li>assist children on an individual basis, in small group and whole class work;</li> <li>explain tasks simply and clearly and foster independence;</li> <li>supervise children, and adhere to defined behaviour management policies;</li> <li>accept and respond to authority and supervision;</li> <li>work with guidance, but under limited supervision;</li> <li>liaise and communicate effectively with others;</li> <li>demonstrate good organisational skills;</li> <li>reflect on and develop professional practice;</li> <li>display work effectively, and make and maintain basic teaching resources.</li> </ul>	assessments about individual progress  suggest alternative ways of helping children if they are unable to understand;  describe, in simple terms, the process of behaviour management with children;  identify gaps in their own experience that they need help in filling;  demonstrate the ability to learn and adapt from past experience.	Selection process References
Personal	Ability to work flexibly in	Desire to enhance	Application form
Effectiveness	order to meet the demands	and develop skills	Selection process
	<ul><li>of the job.</li><li>Enthusiastic, hardworking</li></ul>	and knowledge through Continuous	Selection process
	and assertive	Professional	References
	Excellent attendance and	Development	
	timekeeping record		
	<ul> <li>Meet deadlines and respond to unplanned</li> </ul>		
	situations		
	Ability to work as part of a		
	<ul><li>team and on own initiative</li><li>Self-motivating with the</li></ul>		
	ability to multi task		
	Commitment to the highest		
	standards of child protection		
	Recognition of the		
	importance of personal		
	responsibility for Health & Safety		
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Print Name:				
Signed:	Date:			