



Ark Isaac Newton Academy

Secondary Learning Assistant





About Isaac Newton Academy

INA is based in new buildings between Ilford High Road and Green Lane in Ilford. The school's learning community is based upon the core values of mutual respect, personal discipline, and an unwavering commitment on the part of all community members to do whatever it takes to excel.



Isaac Newton Academy Secondary is a non-denominational, non-selective school, welcoming girls and boys from all backgrounds from the local community. The school opened with just 180 Year 7 students in September 2012. The secondary school has grown year on year and we now have 1200 11-18 year olds (including 250 students in the Sixth Form). In September 2014, Isaac Newton Academy opened a three-form entry primary school in purpose-built accommodation right next to the secondary academy. There are 90 children in each year group and, like the secondary school, it has grown a year group at a time. From September 2020, we now have children in Reception through to Year 6.

The London Borough of Redbridge forecasts a significant deficit in secondary school places over the coming years. The new Academy will thus serve a critical, long term need for the community. Although the local area encompasses considerable economic disadvantage, its young people achieve some of the best results in London schools. Ark was chosen to sponsor the academy because of the success of our educational model and the alignment of our educational vision with the Redbridge context.

Dear Candidate,

I am delighted to introduce you to Ark Isaac Newton Academy, a brand new, purpose-built, all-through school for students aged 4-18 in Ilford.

Our staff work tirelessly to ensure that each and every student is supported and stretched to reach their full potential. We focus on working towards achieving our vision **'Together, we build a kind, safe and inclusive environment that instills the knowledge and character necessary to reach transformational destinations'**. Commitment to our vision has already delivered a series of great successes highlighted in October 2018 when the academy was judged by Ofsted to be outstanding in all areas.

Joining Ark Isaac Newton Academy in September 2020, I have spent more than a decade as a senior leader, a large portion of this within an all-through school. There is something incredibly special about working in an all-through school, which makes me committed to delivering the highest quality education to all the students at Isaac Newton Academy and will build on the successes already enjoyed by the school, especially highlighted with our amazing year 6, 11 and 13 academic outcomes in 2022 and 2023.

Our academy aims to be a 'home from home' for both staff and students. My belief is all students deserve a great school and staff a great place to work. Therefore, we are very clear with the culture that we wish to cultivate for our community. Central to this is being a mission led organisation, which is at the heart of everything we do and outlines our ambition, that goes beyond ensuring our students have excellent academic outcomes. Ultimately, working for Ark Isaac Newton Academy is about being part of something unique where aspirations for all people are incredibly high. We certainly want like-minded people to join our organisation and live our mission each day, every day: ***Striving together to be pioneers whose legacy makes a positive difference for our world.***

I wish you the best with your application.



Morgan Haines
Principal



Our Mission

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Our vision

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Our Values & Beliefs

- **Integrity** – We are true to our values, doing what we say; we always do the right thing, even when it's hard and nobody is watching.
- **Kindness** – We always support each other, show genuine care and consider the feelings of others in all our actions and words.
- **Professionalism** - We model pride and positivity in all that we do; we are always respectful and take responsibility for our actions.
- **Growth mindset** – We work hard; we are resilient in adversity and unafraid of failure, always embracing our mistakes and celebrating our growth.
- **Excellence** – We are highly ambitious, doing the best in all we do to become the greatest version of ourselves.
- **Community** – We are unified, valuing relationships that create an environment where everybody is accepted and belongs.



About Ark

Ark is an education charity set up in 2004 to create a network of high achieving, non-selective, inner city schools where all pupils, regardless of their background or prior attainment, achieve highly enough by age 18 to have real choices: to go on to university or the career of their choice. Ark has no faith affiliations.

All ARK schools are situated in areas of high deprivation or educational need and our pupil profile reflects this: over half of our pupils are eligible for free school meals compared to 18% nationally.

The ARK network operates 39 schools in the UK across London, Portsmouth, Birmingham and Hastings. Each of our schools has its own distinctive character, reflecting its local community.

All Ark Schools prioritise six key principles:

- High expectations
- Excellent teaching
- More time for learning
- Knowing every student
- Exemplary behaviour
- Depth before breadth

A Commitment to Encourage Diversity

Ark is committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity amongst our employees. Our aim is that our workforce will be truly representative of all sections of society and that each employee feels respected and able to give their best. To that end we are committed to provide equality and fairness for all in our recruitment and employment practices and not to discriminate on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation. We oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.

Job Description: Secondary Learning Assistant

Reporting to:	SENCO
Location:	Isaac Newton Academy, 1 Cricklefield Place, Ilford, IG1 1FY
Start Date:	As soon as possible
Working Pattern:	Term time only plus 1 week
Salary:	Ark Support Scale 6 (£27,665-£32,828 FTE- pro rata TBC), dependent on experience
Closing Date:	5pm, Friday 20 th September 2024
Interviews:	Candidate will be contacted once shortlisted

The Role

In this role you will support the Inclusion team, and the wider school community, by taking responsibility for the engagement and learning of students identified as having social, emotional, mental health and behavioural needs.

Key Responsibilities

Support for Students and Teachers

- Support all vulnerable children and act as Key Worker to students with Special Educational Needs and Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
- Work with students on an individual and/or small group basis, in and out of lessons
- Plan and implementing strategies for students on the Pastoral Support Programme, ensuring students adhere to accepted behavioural norms
- Develop resources for students with SEN and/or SEBD
- Support staff members in creating an effective and safe learning environment, by dealing with behaviour that disrupts learning, and providing coaching and peer support to staff members to develop behaviour management strategies
- Work with teachers to assess the needs of individual children, implement Individual Behaviour Plans and monitor their use and effectiveness
- Develop whole school and student group anti-bullying strategies and awareness work

Support for the Inclusion Team

- Develop and monitor the impact of student specific engagement activities
- Monitor the progression of all identified students and implement interventions
- Analyse and provide feedback on behaviour data to the Inclusion Lead
- Research and share current behavioural information and advice with the Inclusion Team
- Follow up student issues such as bullying investigations, restorative work, taking student statements and mediation work
- Facilitate activities as directed by the Inclusion Lead including, with appropriate training, self-esteem, anger management and social skills work

Other

- Actively promote the safety and welfare of our children and young people
- Ensure compliance with Arks data protection rules and procedures

- Liaise with colleagues and external contacts at all levels of seniority with confidence, tact and diplomacy
- Work with Ark Central and other academies in the Ark network, to establish good practice throughout the network, offering support where required

This job description is not an exhaustive list and you will be expected to carry out any other reasonable tasks as directed by your line manager.

Person Specification: Secondary Learning Assistant

Qualifications

- English and Mathematics GCSE at grade C or above (or equiv)
- Certified teaching assistant course or training or commitment to work towards these

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

- Experience establishing successful learning relationships with students at the relevant age, treating them consistently with respect and consideration
- Experience and/or understanding of the Learning support role
- *Experience of working with outside agencies and families (desirable)*
- *Ability to communicate effectively with students, parents and multi-agencies partners*
- *Knowledge and understanding of how to effectively implement particular strategies and routines to help students to improve their learning and to establish outstanding behaviour management*
- Good numeracy and literacy skills
- Good administrative, organisational and computer skills

Behaviours

- Genuine passion for and a belief in the potential of every pupil
- A robust awareness of keeping children safe, noticing safeguarding and welfare concerns, and you understand how and when to take appropriate action.
- Belief that every student should have access to an excellent education regardless of background
- Professional outlook, detailed orientated and able to multi task and meet deadlines
- A team player that can work collaboratively as well as using own initiative
- Calm and professional under pressure
- Understanding of the importance of confidentiality and discretion
- Flexible attitude towards work and demonstrates sound judgement

Other

- Right to work in the UK
- Commitment to equality of opportunity and the safeguarding and welfare of all students
- Willingness to undertake training
- This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check

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 the role.

Ark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in our academies. In order to meet this responsibility, we follow a rigorous selection process. This process is outlined [here](#), but can be provided in more detail if requested. All successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.