**Job Description: Religious Studies Teacher**

**Reports to:** Senior Leadership Team   
**Salary:**  Ark MPS (£24,313 – £35,883)/ UPS dependant on experience

**The Role**

To deliver outstanding teaching and learning of Religious Education and therefore help pupils achieve excellent academic results, and be a role-model/impact the academy more widely.

To design an engaging and challenging curriculum that inspires children to appreciate the subject and its application.

**Key responsibilities**

* To plan, resource and deliver lessons and sequences of lessons to the highest standard that ensure real learning takes place and pupils make superior progress
* To provide a nurturing classroom and academy environment that helps pupils to develop as learners
* To help to maintain/establish discipline across the whole academy
* To contribute to the effective working of the academy.

**Outcomes and Activities**

**Teaching and Learning**

* Enrich the curriculum with trips and visits to enhance the learning experience of all pupils
* With direction from the Subject Leader and within the context of the academy’s curriculum and schemes of work, plan and prepare effective teaching modules and lessons
* Teach engaging and effective lessons that motivate, inspire and improve pupil attainment
* Use regular assessments to set targets for pupils, monitor pupil progress and respond accordingly to the results of such monitoring
* To produce/contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual and groups of pupils
* Develop plans and processes for the classroom with measurable results and evaluate those results to make improvements in pupil achievement
* Ensure that all pupils achieve at least at chronological age level or, if well below level, make significant and continuing progress towards achieving at chronological age level
* Maintain regular and productive communication with pupils, parents and carers, to report on progress, sanctions and rewards and all other communications
* Provide or contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual pupils and groups of pupils
* Direct and supervise support staff assigned to lessons and when required participate in related recruitment and selection activities
* Implement and adhere to the academy’s behaviour management policy, ensuring the health and well-being of pupils is maintained at all times
* Participate in preparing pupils for external examinations
* Ensure that all teaching is conducted in a safe environment with due consideration being given to health and safety requirements and risk assessments being conducted as necessary.

**Academy Culture**

* Support the academy’s values and ethos by contributing to the development and implementation of policies, practices and procedures
* Help create a strong academy community, characterised by consistent, orderly behaviour and caring, respectful relationships
* Help develop a school/department culture and ethos that is utterly committed to achievement
* To be active in issues of pupil welfare and support
* Support and work in collaboration with colleagues and other professional in and beyond the school, covering lessons and providing other support as required.

**Other**

* Be a form tutor (where allocated).
* Contribute to the academy’s extracurricular programme.
* Undertake other various responsibilities as directed by the line manager or Principal.

**Person Specification: Religious Studies Teacher**

**Qualification Criteria**

* Qualified to degree level or professional equivalent.
* Qualified to teach and work in the UK.

**Experience**

* Evidence of raising attainment in the subject.
* Evidence of improved practice following feedback.

**Behaviours**

* Effective team worker
* High expectations for accountability and consistency
* Vision aligned with Ark’s high aspirations, high expectations of self and others
* Genuine passion and a belief in the potential of every pupil
* Motivation to continually improve standards and achieve excellence
* Effective listening skills that lead to a strong understanding of others
* Commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils.

**Teaching**

* Excellent classroom teacher with the ability to reflect on lessons and continually improve their own practice
* Effective and systematic behaviour management, with clear boundaries, sanctions, praise and rewards
* Thinks strategically about classroom practice and tailoring lessons to pupils needs
* Understands and interprets complex pupil data to drive lesson planning and pupil attainment
* Good communication, planning and organisational skills
* Demonstrates resilience, motivation and commitment to driving up standards of achievement
* Acts as a role model to staff and pupils
* Commitment to regular and on-going professional development and training to establish outstanding classroom practice.

**Other**

* This post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.