THE GRANGE ACADEMY

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Teaching Assistant – Secondary

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Closing date: Monday 23rd November 2026 at 9.00am



Teaching Assistant - Secondary

SALARY: NJC SCP 4 to 5

£26,016 to £26,427 plus SEN allowance of £1,539

START DATE:
As soon as possible

WORKING PATTERN:
Full Time
32.5 hours a week

CONTRACT:
Permanent

JOB SUMMARY

We are seeking to appoint an, energetic and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant who is hardworking, ambitious and inspiring.

We wish to a appoint committed and dynamic Teaching Assistant to work with children within the secondary phase of the school. Our teaching and support staff work hard and enthusiastically as one team with the belief that every student can succeed and transform their life chances, achieving more than they dreamt possible.

We pride ourselves on high expectations, a commitment to ensuring pupil progress and high-quality teaching and learning. You will share these values be able to enthuse and motivate our pupils with your passion and creative teaching, presence and personality.

You will be ambitious and will embrace being part of moving our school forward.

We can offer you fantastic, eager children and supportive parents. Our dynamic and friendly staff are passionate about raising standards and aspirations for all children.

Our school is well resourced and has a supportive and reflective Senior Leadership Team, Governing Body and Multi Academy Trust. We have a whole school commitment to professional development as we believe that development of staff is a key aspect in raising standards for our pupils. As a member of the Wade Deacon Trust, we can offer you numerous exciting opportunities to further develop your career.



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A comprehensive programme of CPD supports colleagues at all career stages; through the Multi-Academy Trust we provide excellent career opportunities for our staff.

Colleagues seeking a varied, challenging and rewarding career can find this in the Wade Deacon family.

Application form and further details are available via the Trust website:

https://www.wadedeacontrust.com/work-with-us/vacancies/

The Wade Deacon Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, and is subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory medical clearance.



PRINCIPAL'S **WELCOME**

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in this post at The Grange Academy. We are extremely proud of our school community and how students and staff work together in order to achieve the highest possible educational outcomes.

As an all-through school we cater for pupils aged 3-16 and create an exceptional learning environment that supports pupils to achieve their full potential.

Our aspiration for excellence, through instilling our core values and providing a range of opportunities, helps us to develop well-rounded students that are fully prepared for their life beyond The Grange Academy.

Pupils are proud to be part of this respectful community and are eager to live up to the high expectations that staff have for them. They enjoy the range of extra-curricular activities to further their talents and interests and the range of trips and visits on offer to them.

Staff, including those in the early stages of their careers, are extremely proud to work at The Grange Academy and are supported well by leaders.

This application pack is designed to help you decide whether or not you feel this school is one in which you would like to further your career by helping our pupils to raise their levels of attainment to enable them to achieve their life goals.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and will endeavour to help and support you through the application process.

We work hard to ensure The Grange Academy remains a friendly and welcoming environment for all who work, study or visit and hope that you are the person we are looking for.

I look forward to receiving your application.



Mr Jardine
Executive Principal



ABOUT OUR **SCHOOL**

The school is unique as it is an all through school and has 1205 students. Our students range from 3 to 16 years and share a wonderful state-of-the-art learning environment where they are all provided with up-to-date learning experiences of the highest quality.

Relationships at the Grange Academy are strong. All students are offered the best support to ensure success in everything they do and staff and students alike fulfil our motto of 'Aspire for Excellence'. Our Vision is really simple; we want 'a community that works together to create an exceptional learning journey for all.' Our mission statement is; 'we aspire for excellence through instilling our core values and providing a range of opportunities to create well-rounded students that are fully prepared for their life beyond The Grange Academy.'

We believe that working within the trust offers us an exciting opportunity to work with other schools to fulfil our vision and mission. The learning culture we have created at The Grange Academy ensures that all within our community are continuing to develop skills, knowledge and understanding daily.

We strive for excellence by ensuring high standards and expectations are evident in all that we do. All staff make every effort to ensure that our students are happy and safe at school.

Attainment and achievement at The Grange Academy continue to improve across all phases of learning. The levels of progress made by many hard-working individual pupils are exceptional. Overall, we aim to offer life enhancing experiences that will ignite curiosity, build character and provide a platform for all our students to pursue their aspirations.

The Grange Academy is an all through school and increasingly secondary phase teachers have opportunities to teach their specialist subject in the primary phase. There is a strong culture of CIPD within the school and we make the most of internal CPD but also a wide range of external CPD through the Trust and nationally recognised programmes.



WHY WORK AT **THE GRANGE ACADEMY?**

Wade Deacon Trust

Wade Deacon Trust is a Multi-Academy Trust and approved DfE Academy sponsor. The Trust is focussed upon improving life chances for students and communities providing sustainable school improvements; and schools joining the Trust do so with the prime aim of improving each other so that they can all become outstanding schools.

School Site

In April 2013, following an extensive £38 million BSF building programme, the school moved into its brand-new state of the art facilities. The school was heavily involved in both the internal design and provision of high-quality external facilities. The school provides a 21st Century and exceptionally high-quality learning environment which enhances the teaching and learning of our students.

Community

The majority of the school intake is from Runcorn and is across the full range of abilities and socio-economic backgrounds. There is a strong community spirit linked to the school and we work with a number of community partners to strengthen the school's commitment in this area.

Runcorn

Runcorn forms one of the two main towns making up the unitary authority of Halton.

The town of Runcorn, with its excellent transport links, makes the major cities of Liverpool, Chester and Manchester easily accessible. The Wirral and North Wales are also within a reasonable travelling distance.

Further Information

Further information is available on the school and trust websites;

www.wadedeacontrust.com

www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk



A GREAT PLACE TO **LEARN**

HOW TO **APPLY**

Application Forms

If you are interested in this vacancy, please apply by completing the online application form. Your personal statement should address the following points:

- why you are interested in this post and how you have prepared yourself so far
- what contributions you feel you can make to students' development within our school
- any particular areas of strength and expertise you feel you may have

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Application Deadline

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Monday 23rd November 2026 at 9.00am

Visiting

We welcome informal visits or discussions from all applicants before they apply. If you wish to do so, please contact digglesden@thegrangeacademy.co.uk to arrange an appointment.

Safeguarding

The Wade Deacon Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory medical clearance.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore applicants are required to declare all unspent cautions and convictions; and also any adult cautions or spent convictions that are not protected as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2020.

For further information on criminal record self-declaration please refer the guidance available on our website at http://www.wadedeacontrust.com/work-with-us/how-to-apply/criminal-records-sel/





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