**St James’s Church of England High School**

**Job Description**

**Deputy Headteacher: Pupil Progress**

Line Manager- Headteacher

Points L19-23 on the Local Bolton Teacher Pay Range

The prime responsibility of this senior post will be to **strategic lead : pupil progress**.

As the school moves towards the possibility of the MAT with Canon Slade and Bolton St Catherine’s Academy, our current Headteacher’s role has become more strategic and as a result, the governors have agreed to build the capacity of the Senior Leadership Team with the appointment of a second Deputy Headteacher. It is envisaged that this role would be ideal for someone in their first deputy role or for an existing deputy who aims for headship in the next few years. These are exciting times at St James’s and the MAT, once established, will offer huge opportunities in the future.

Whilst pupil progress is the responsibility of all staff, we feel that we would benefit from a strategic leader to consolidate and further develop academic progress. The successful candidate will work alongside the Senior Leadership Team to ensure that every child is given what they require to be the best they can be.

The Governing Board are seeking to appoint a dynamic and inspirational leader with excellent interpersonal skills, a flair for innovation, drive and ambition to join the leadership team of this forward thinking and highly successful 11-16 school.

This is a career building opportunity to lead the area of standards and achievements within the school and secure progress 8 with the aim to be in the top 5% of schools nationally. This is an exciting opportunity to make a significant contribution to the further development of our school.

The roles and responsibilities of the school’s Senior Leadership Team evolve and change. The starting responsibilities for this role will include leadership of students’ academic progress across all aspects of the school.

As a Deputy Headteacher, you will be committed to transforming the attainment and achievement of all students across the school and as such you will have the knowledge and expertise to demonstrate that you will:

* Model and drive the values and vision of the school;
* Inspire, challenge and support others to enable them to be the best they can be;
* Drive the school’s vision and expectations to have a significant impact on students’ life chances sharing our ethos that ‘no child is left behind’;
* Be an outstanding leader, teacher and role model for all;
* Have a proven track record of leadership at senior level;
* Nurture a culture of professional development;
* Have the ability to project presence and articulate our vision to all members of the school community;
* Demonstrate high level inter-personal skills to work successfully with a wide range of audiences;
* Show a commitment to modelling the highest professional standards and the ability to teach outstanding lessons;
* Have a proven track record of change management to secure improved academic standards;
* Are committed to equality of opportunity and inclusive education;
* Have the energy, enthusiasm, personal warmth and humour to remain resilient and deliver the above.

**Specific Responsibility:**

* To put in place a pupil progress strategy that ensures every child fulfils his/her academic potential.
* Use data to monitor and track interventions and establish a whole school intervention strategy.
* To be responsible for overseeing the progress Higher Prior Attainers (HPA) and deliver a programme to address underperformance.
* To drive and implement the plan to close the gap for disadvantaged students.
* To oversee the designated school self -review systems, ensuring appropriate dissemination of information to the SLT and middle leaders.
* Contribute to the SEF with specific focus on academic pupil progress.
* Lead other areas such as, the Learning Mentor Team, whole school literacy plan and Information, Advice and Guidance.

**Generic Job Description – Deputy Headteacher**

In addition to those professional responsibilities, common to all classroom teachers of the school, the deputy headteacher will be a member of the Senior Leadership Team and will play a full part in the management of the school. The post holder is accountable directly to the headteacher.

**1. Accountability for strategic leadership and operational management of aspects of the School Development Plan and whole school areas of responsibility**

* To make a substantial contribution to the development, articulation and implementation of the school development plan;
* Building capacity amongst staff to deliver and sustain the highest quality outcomes;
* Leading others in making an impact on the educational progress of all students;
* Being accountable for project management of deadlines and engaging staff as appropriate; delegating, providing resources and delivering the highest quality outcomes;
* Being accountable for the management of funding or budgets related to areas of responsibility;
* Being accountable for the continuing effective work of all staff for whom the post holder is responsible;
* Reporting to the headteacher and governors regularly and attending full governing board meetings and various committees;
* Acting as the key driver of development and change in a range of areas;
* Deputise for the headteacher in her absence;
* Support the development of the proposed MAT.

**2. Significant contribution to the collaborative work of the Leadership Group.**

* Leading, with other members of the Leadership Group, the behaviour management of the school;
* Contributing at a high level to policy discussions and decisions on curriculum, assessment, pastoral management, financial administration, staffing and other matters;
* Modelling the ethos and vision of the school;
* Leading whole school assemblies;
* Making a significant contribution to school self-evaluation;
* Deputising for other members of the leadership group within the school and wider community and assisting other members of the SLT as appropriate;
* Undertaking new tasks and personal development within the leadership role as preparation for headship, if this is your aspiration;
* Ensuring creativity, innovation and other transformational activities to raise standards in all areas;
* Together with the headteacher and other deputy headteacher, plan and organise the working of the SLT.

**3. Accountability for leading and line managing other staff**

* Leading, developing and enhancing the teaching practice of others through the line management process;
* Ensuring that all students have equality of opportunity and can work to their optimum;
* Coaching, developing and supporting leadership and management skills;
* Monitoring, reviewing and quality assure the areas specified in the role and establish procedures and processes in response to identified needs;
* Ensuring that the self-review of line management areas is consistent, systematic and sustained.

**4. Accountability for delivering a range of other school responsibilities**

* Undertake specific, significant roles in the leadership and management of the school;
* Develop, organise and hold colleagues accountable in their roles at all levels;
* Ensure that the management of the school through these designated roles is efficient and effective;
* Developing and promoting policies and procedures that ensure the school’s distinctive ethos is reflected in all learning activities;
* Promoting the school’s ethos and culture to the broader community and beyond;
* Assuming the appropriate level of responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children;
* Compliance with the school’s Health and Safety policy;
* Other duties that might reasonably be required of a deputy headteacher.

**Safeguarding of children and young people**

* The post holder is responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people at St James’s in the role of Deputy Headteacher

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task may not be identified. Employees will be expected to comply with all reasonable requests from the headteacher to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in their job description.

This job description will be reviewed on a regular basis.

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## **Person Specification**

Deputy Headteacher : Academic and Pupil Progress

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| No | CATEGORIES | Essential/ Desirable | AppForm | Interview/ Task |
| QUALIFICATIONS |
| 1. | A degree qualification. | E |   |  |
| 2. | Qualified Teacher Status. | E |   |  |
| 3. | Evidence of Continuous Professional Development. | E |   |   |
| 4. | Senior Management qualification ( e.g. Christian Leadership Programme, NPQSL, NPQH, etc) | E |   |  |
| EXPERIENCE |
| 5. | Senior leadership in a school setting. | E |   |   |
| 6. | Senior leadership in a church school setting. | D |  |  |
| 7. | Track record of outstanding learning and teaching practice. | E |   |   |
| 8. | Successful and sustained delivery of outstanding attainment and achievement. | E |   |   |
| 9. | Innovation and creativity to engage, enthuse and progress learners. | E |   |   |
|  10. | Partnership working and collaboration within a school, college or local authority context. | E |   |   |
| 11. | Developing and leading the implementation of strategies to sustain whole school improvement. | E |   |   |
| 12. | Developing and implementing whole-school intervention strategies to sustain and enhance outstanding attainment. | E |   |   |
| 13. | Developing and enhancing the curriculum of a school. | E |   |   |
| 14. | Management of a curriculum in a school setting. | E |   |   |
| ABILITIES, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE |
| 15. | Ability to teach up to GCSE Level. | E |   |   |
| 16. | Ability to coach and motivate professionals, individually and within groups, to achieve individual and collective targets. | E |   |   |
| 17. | Ability to develop and implement strategies to enhance and sustain whole school initiatives. | E |   |   |
| 18. | Ability to work with a range of external agencies and stakeholders to deliver whole-school initiatives. | E |   |   |
|  19. | Ability to communicate verbally with, and write reports for, a range of stakeholders, including Governors and external agencies. | E |  |  |
| 20. | Ability to set clear targets, track and manage progress and develop strategies to achieve desired outcomes. | E |  |  |
| 21. | Knowledge of curricula, specifications and assessment criteria. | E |  |  |
| 22. | Ability to work autonomously, prioritise conflicting demands and thrive under pressure. | E |  |  |
| 23. | ICT skills to manage and report on performance data to a range of audiences (Ofsted, Governors, parents, staff and students). | E |  |  |
| 24. | Understanding of contemporary issues relating to curriculum and attainment. | E |  |  |
| PERSONAL QUALITIES |
| 25. | A passionate belief in the school’s mission statement. | E |  |  |
| 26. | A strong Christian ethos and a practicing Christian. | E |  |  |
| 27. | Able to articulate and apply own faith practically to the mission of a Church School. | E |  |  |
| 28. | A strong belief in the value of education in developing citizens. | E |  |  |
| 29. | Highest levels of professional and personal integrity. | E |  |  |
| 30. | A strong commitment to inclusion and overcoming barriers to learning and achievement. | E |  |  |
| 31. | Personal resilience, persistence and perseverance. | E |  |  |
| 32. | Commitment to the pursuit of continuous professional development by oneself and others. | E |  |  |
| 33. | A passionate belief in the school’s vision.  | E |  |  |
| 34. | A strong commitment to the value of ‘Servant Leadership’. | E |  |  |
| 35. | A strong commitment to the value of ‘Teamwork’. | E |  |  |
| 36. | Commitment to support the school’s agenda for safeguarding and equality and diversity. | E |  |  |
| 37. | Supportive of the Christian faith ethos and designation of the school. | E |  |  |
| 38. | Sympathetic to and supportive of the proposed Multi-Academy Trust Model  | E |  |  |