



STORMONT HOUSE SCHOOL
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Stormont House School

Information about the Primary/ Year 7 Teacher Position

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Who are we?

A four-times outstanding special school whose vision is

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

that

- intends to be the best in the world at what we do
- moved into a brand-new building in January 2014 and added an innovative Sixth Form
- provides good teachers with the opportunity to become excellent
- is respected locally and nationally in the education and creative sectors
- believes our pupils deserve the very best from us

What does the job involve?

- Using your skills as a primary schoolteacher to support students in managing the transition from primary to secondary school, setting them up for success as they progress through the school
- Being the form tutor and 'core' class teacher to a Year 7 class, all of whom are working within primary national curriculum expectations
- Helping children who have experienced difficulties rediscover the joy of learning
- Putting your passion and skills to work as part of a great staff team; learning new skills and, perhaps, rediscovering old ones

What will I be directly responsible for?

- Planning, teaching and assessing an agreed range of subjects, including English/ Literacy, and Maths (the pupils/classes you teach will be best matched to your expertise and experience)
- Being a form tutor (approx. 12 pupils) and taking a lead role ensuring each student has positive outcomes in their learning and personal development
- Working closely with the other Year 7 teacher and the SENCo, to ensure we have a thorough and accurate understanding of students' strengths and weaknesses through grounded assessment processes in order to shape future teaching

Who are you?

Headteacher Kevin McDonnell, National Leader of Education
Business Manager Grainne Hylton
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Our vision: Achievement for all in a unique world class school



1. Passionate about the difference schools can make to young people's ability to learn, create, express themselves and become active global citizens
2. A first-class teacher with a track record you can speak to
3. You're likely to have recent and relevant primary school teaching experience, including making the current primary national curriculum accessible and enjoyable
4. Committed to keeping children safe through learning how to avoid/ minimise risks
5. A self-starting team player with much to offer while still ready to learn
6. Ready to make the most of a rare opportunity to shape teaching and learning in our school
7. Clear on your views about the importance of high-quality teaching and learning for learners with SEN, and how to provide this.
8. Clearer still on what you have to offer us that can move us closer to our school vision

Who are the pupils?

Our pupils

1. Are fantastic, though not an 'easy ride' in any sense
2. usually come from mainstream primary school at age 11 as a large secondary school just wouldn't work for them
3. usually remain here until age 16 or 17 before going onto mainstream local colleges
4. have a wide range of Learning; Speech, Language & Communication and Emotional Needs
5. have many strengths and talents as well as difficulties, achieving up to GCSE/BTEC levels
6. make great strides with their personal, social and academic development during their time here

What else do you need to know?

- We see this role needing to be full-time, or very close to full-time, in order to rapidly form the strong and positive relationships with the students that are necessary for them to succeed
- The current postholder arrived from primary school, continued to develop her skills and accreditation and is now moving to a different role within the school, though will remain closely connected to Year 7 and inducting our new team member.
- Teacher professional development is a central part of our strategy for continual school improvement
- We have a mixture of primary-, secondary- and FE- experienced teachers; there is a great sharing of expertise amongst staff. There are other primary-trained teachers from Year 7 up to deputy head.
- Our school community is richly diverse; understanding, celebrating and capitalising on that is essential to the success of our school. We encourage applications from all sections of the community.
- There are 30 lessons per week, including assembly. The total teaching commitment is around 26 lessons per week. Additional non-contact time will be provided to support school development initiatives.
- We are a lead school in the Hackney Teaching School Alliance where we work alongside 11 primaries, 3 secondary, a nursery and alternative provision. Developing our impact on teacher training and CPD beyond our school is a priority for the coming year.
- We are a National Support School and support development of educational leadership, teaching & learning as far away as Suffolk.

- We have made the John Hattie Visible Learning Plus Programme a central part of our CPD programme, developing evidence-informed approaches to teaching and learning
- Although they make great strides with their personal, social and academic development here, most students will still have considerable difficulties with their learning when they are in KS4.
- Initial salary is competitive, but may be subject to further discussion once impact is established.
- All teachers receive an SEN salary allowance (currently £2270).
- We take safeguarding children seriously: employment is not confirmed until a reference from your current/most recent Headteacher and enhanced clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Scheme (DBS) are received.
- If you think your skills and experience don't fully fit the bill, but the rest excites you, please read on and discuss it with the Headteacher, Kevin McDonnell in an informal online call.

What do I do next?

- Find out more about the life of the school from our website and, if you're still interested
- Email recruitment@stormonthouse.hackney.sch.uk or ring Toni Altinok or (020) 885 4245 to get a link to our virtual tour video and/or to book into an informal after-school discussion with Mr McDonnell (virtual)
- **Apply** if all of the above 'fit'