



## Utopia Science Teacher

**Job Purpose:** Science Teacher  
**Responsible to:** The Head of Centre  
**Salary:** £26,000.00 - £36,000.00  
**Location:** Birkenhead, Wirral  
**Contract type:** Full Time  
**Directed Hours:** Mon-Fri (Term time only)

### Utopia Profile

Utopia is a Wirral based education provider currently in the process of becoming an independent special school for boys and girls aged 13-16 with social, emotional and mental health needs, autism and those experiencing emotionally based school avoidance. We are a small setting for up to 20 learners, providing intensive and personalised support for those with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who benefit from a nurturing environment.

Founded in 2014 by directors with a wealth of experience in engaging young people with additional needs, the Utopia model acknowledged that accelerated academic progress could be made by adopting a different approach. For the past 9 years Utopia has supported hundreds of young people with additional needs, gaining outcomes and supporting progression through Alternative Provision. Our mission to provide Accessible, Approachable and Aspirational support in a way that puts learners at the heart of the decision-making process has created a culture and environment of collaboration, with learners and parents alike. It is our responsibility to provide a safe, caring and nurturing environment that learners can access with confidence. Our ability to build trusting and meaningful relationships enables us to make long-lasting, positive change that helps young people to realise their potential and creates a sense of belonging for all learners who are part of our community.

Learners enrolled on Utopia Programmes complete qualifications including, BTEC's in Sport, Media, Child Care, Business and Teamwork & Personal Skills, along side other short courses such as; BTEC Home Cooking, Sports Leader Award and First Aid qualifications. Designed to engender a sense of achievement and to raise self-esteem the curriculum model also addresses key skills gaps in young people's education by providing 1:1/small group English, Maths and Science intervention. This enables young people to develop confidence in a smaller setting and work towards GCSE and Functional Skills qualifications. This pioneering strategy has proved massively successful in supporting learners to overcome previous barriers to education and as we move towards independent school status, we are looking to grow our dedicated team of teachers and support staff.

The successful candidate will be an outstanding, passionate and resilient Science specialist who will make a significant contribution to our companies mission statement; *'To be relentless in the pursuit of educational equality'*.

Utopia is committed to the safeguarding and promotion of children's welfare. All appointments are subject to an enhanced check with the Disclosure Barring Service. The company follows the safer recruiting guidance, and references will be requested prior to interview. For more information please visit our website [www.utopiaproject.org.uk](http://www.utopiaproject.org.uk).

Visits to the centre are warmly welcomed. To arrange a visit or request an application form please contact **Alice McMullen** on 0151-647-7587 or 07719084493.

Start date: 4th September 2023

## Responsibilities

<p><b>Professional Duties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prepare and deliver the curriculum programme for a small group of young people.</li> <li>• To ensure that effective and up to date schemes of work are in place. To raise attainment for all young people.</li> <li>• To consistently plan, prepare and deliver, high quality, engaging sessions on a 1:1 or small group basis.</li> <li>• To be responsible for the setting, monitoring and reviewing of challenging progress targets.</li> <li>• To be responsible for ensuring that effective assessment, recording and reporting arrangements are made for the young people you work with and use these structures in the next steps for planning and delivery.</li> <li>• To keep up to date with the requirements of the National Curriculum and examination syllabi and to attend relevant training courses.</li> <li>• To ensure that all young people are safe and to follow Utopias child protection and safeguarding policy and procedures at all times.</li> <li>• Work within the framework of the Utopia policies and procedures.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Additional Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make a positive contribution as a member of the Utopia team.</li> <li>• To actively promote the core values, standards and expectations that underpin the Utopia ethos.</li> <li>• Share good practice with and learn from colleagues within the Utopia team.</li> <li>• To contribute to whole curriculum development and continuity.</li> <li>• To attend meetings and contribute to company development plans.</li> <li>• To support Utopia and present it in the best possible light.</li> <li>• To be committed to continuing professional development.</li> <li>• To adhere to Utopia policies and procedures.</li> <li>• To make safeguarding of young people a priority</li> <li>• To undertake other such duties as may be reasonably required.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Utopia Project will provide:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for professional development.</li> <li>• Mentoring and support.</li> <li>• The opportunity to make a genuine difference to the lives of disengaged young people on the Wirral.</li> </ul>	

*Please note that the duties stated above may be varied to meet the changing needs and demands of the company as it evolves. This will be at the discretion of the Head of Centre in consultation with you.*

<b>Prepared by &amp; date</b>	Chris Black, Head of Centre - 14th July 2023
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