

Work Placement Supervisor Job Description and Person Specification



Post Title:	Work Placement Supervisor
Responsible to:	Careers and Employer Engagement Manager.
Responsible for:	Supervision and arrangement of work placements
Grade	30 hours per week, part time, term-time plus 10 directed days (202 working days) Band C, point 4, actual salary is £13,581 (full time equivalent salary is £18,426)

Main Purpose of Job

The post holder will be involved in assisting and arranging work placements for students. This will involve working with established employers and placement providers as well as sourcing new providers. This post will involve working directly with students within college. It will also involve extensive telephone and email contact with employers and occasional visits to employers to broker placements and visit students on work experience. The post holder will be expected to work to tight deadlines.

All staff are required to work flexibly and in a way that encourages a positive work environment that is solution focused and proactive for all.

Excellent standards of behaviour, respect and learning depend upon the 'tone' set by all members of the Trust community. We build upon our strengths – together!

For the purposes of this Job Description and Person Specification, Trust is Inspire Trust and all Academies working within the Trust. All duties outlined below are the responsibility of the post holder who will be accountable for delivery. Where there is specific connectivity with another post or the lead responsibility for an activity lies with another member of staff this is stated and will be expanded on in the Operational Schedule (or procedures) for this post.

Main Duties of the Post (including Leadership, Accountabilities and Operational Activities).

A=Accountability (which means being responsible for something to somebody), L=Leadership (guide, direct and influence the outcomes of) O=Operational (day-to-day management and control of these activities)

1. Role Specific Duties and Responsibilities

1	Role Specific Duties and Responsibilities	A	L	O
1.1	Locate and set up placements with local industry and commerce, public authorities and other such organisations that can provide relevant work experience	✓	✓	✓
1.2	Assess and vet placements in relation to the needs and requirements of the college and current legislation (e.g. Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity, Insurance etc)	✓	✓	✓
1.3	Allocate students, according to their ability and needs to placements, including re-allocation as required.	✓	✓	✓
1.4	Develop effective links with employers	✓	✓	✓
1.5	Interview students and provide guidance and counselling relating to the placement	✓	✓	✓
1.6	Assist with all aspects of the location and setting up of student work placements in local industry/organisations including completing the necessary health and safety checks for existing and new placement providers.	✓	✓	✓
1.7	Carry out occasional visits to monitor progress of and support students in work placements as required	✓	✓	✓
1.8	Liaise with course/subject tutors on timing and co-ordination of the placement programme.	✓		✓
1.9	Keep records of students, placements and dates of visits.	✓		✓
1.10	Assist with the further development of administrative procedures, and documentation, including progress reports on students using IT where appropriate.	✓		✓
1.11	Manage the promotion of placement and volunteering opportunities to students	✓	✓	✓
1.12	Take responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people.	✓	✓	✓

2. Generic Duties and Responsibilities

2.1	Comply with all Trust policies and procedures and work in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Staff.
2.2	All employees will be asked to work at their level on pupil/student interventions to meet the needs and targets of the Trust. For support staff this will include First Aid (training will be provided).
2.3	Be aware of and support differences and ensure all pupils, students and staff have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
2.4	Participate and contribute to Appraisal and the development of Service Delivery Plans and Operational Schedules.
2.5	All employees will undertake regular and routine continuing professional development (including attendance and contribution to internal Training and Planning events) to ensure that they develop and recognise their own strengths and areas of expertise and use these to achieve and support others and the aims of the Trust.
2.6	Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to safeguarding, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person in accordance with policy.
2.7	Contribute positively to the overall ethos / aims of the Trust including participation in appropriate networks and projects.
2.8	Establish constructive relationships and communicate with others (inside and external to the Trust).
2.9	Organise and support Academy and Trust events as requested.
2.10	Any other reasonable and appropriate duties as directed by Senior Staff at any Trust Academy.
2.11	All staff are required to work in a way that encourages a positive work environment that is solution focused and proactive for all. As a senior support staff holder, you will support, mentor and act as a role model for all staff.

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1	Qualifications / Training / Experience	Essential Criteria	Method of Assessment
1.1	Good general education – to NVQ Level 3 or equivalent	✓	AF, CQ
1.2	Experience of working in, or a good knowledge of, commerce/industry	✓	AF, CQ, I
1.3	Evidence of having taken advantage of appropriate opportunities for professional and personal development	✓	AF, CQ, I
1.4	Previous experience of placing students in work experience or training young people.		AF, CQ, R, I
1.5	Knowledge of Health and Safety requirements in the workplace		AF, CQ, I
2	Skills and Aptitudes		
2.1	Effective verbal and written communication in both group and interpersonal situations	✓	AF, CQ, R, I
2.2	First class customer care skills	✓	AF, CQ, R, I
2.3	Effective team working skills	✓	AF, CQ, R, I
2.4	Ability to manage resources on an operational basis	✓	AF, CQ, R, I
2.5	Effective problem-solving skills	✓	AF, CQ, R, I
2.6	Good level of IT literacy, including the ability to manipulate spreadsheets and databases	✓	AF, CQ, R, I
2.7	A current driving licence and use of a car insured for use on business travel	✓	AF
2.8	Good awareness of health and safety issues	✓	AF, CQ, I
2.9	Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people.	✓	AF, CQ, R, I
2.10	Ability to relate effectively to students, staff and employers	✓	AF, CQ, R, I
2.11	Abundant energy, creativity, enthusiasm and a sense of humour	✓	AF, R, I
3	Mandatory Requirements		
3.1	A DBS check at an enhanced level (formerly CRB check) must be undertaken by all candidates and be satisfactory as a condition of employment with Inspire Trust.	✓	DBS Check
3.2	School posts are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, 1974; all current convictions, cautions and bind overs must be declared on the application form or provided in a sealed envelope addressed to the Headteacher. The 2013 amendments to the Act allow that minor spent convictions, cautions and bind overs do not need to be declared.	✓	AF/R
3.3	References that confirm suitability to work with children, reference must be provided from current/most recent employer. References will not be accepted from members of candidate's families or acting purely as a friend.	✓	AF/R
4	Physical Requirements		
4.1	Health and physical capacity for the role.	✓	I, R
4.2	A good attendance record in current employment, (not including absences resulting from disability)	✓	I, R

5. Effective Behaviours

The Trust looks for evidence from all candidates of effective behaviours which we value and have found to be consistent with high performance. Part of our selection process will be to assess whether candidates can demonstrate that they have exhibited these behaviours in their current or previous employment, education, voluntary or other activity. Candidates are advised to read the following carefully and provide examples of these in the 'Information in Support of the Application' section of the application form. Candidates should be prepared to discuss these in the interview process.

5	Effective Behaviours	Method of Assessment
5.1	Managing self and personal skills: Willing and able to assess and apply own skills, abilities and experience. Being aware of own behaviour and how it impacts on others.	A/I/R
5.2	Delivering excellent service: Providing the best quality service to all pupils and staff and to external customers e.g. clients, suppliers. Building genuine and open long-term relationships in order to drive up service standards.	A/I/R
5.3	Finding innovative solutions: Taking a holistic view and working enthusiastically and with creativity to analyse problems and develop innovative and workable solutions. Identifying opportunities for innovation.	A/I/R
5.4	Embracing change: Adjusting to unfamiliar situations, demands and changing roles. Seeing change as an opportunity and being receptive to new ideas.	A/I/R
5.5	Using resources: Making effective use of available resources including people, information, networks and budgets. Being aware of the financial position of the Trust and impact of decisions on this.	A/I/R
5.6	Engaging with the big picture: Seeing the work that you do in the context of the bigger picture e.g. in the context of what the Trust and each Academy are striving to achieve and taking a long-term view. Communicating vision clearly and enthusiastically to inspire and motivate others. Appreciating the role of others, their impact on you and your impact on them.	A/I/R
5.7	Developing self and others: Showing commitment to own development and supporting and encouraging others to develop their knowledge, skills and behaviours to enable them to reach their full potential for the wider benefit of the Trust.	A/I/R
5.8	Working with people: Working co-operatively with others in order to achieve objectives. Demonstrating a commitment to diversity and applying a wider range of interpersonal skills.	A/I/R
5.9	Achieving results: Planning and organising workloads to ensure that deadlines are met within resource constraints. Consistently meeting objectives and success criteria.	A/I/R

Key to abbreviations: **AF** Application Form, **R** References, **I** Interview, **CQ** Certificate of Qualification, **OT** Occupational Testing (this method of assessment is optional but if used it may be at the shortlisting or interview stage – candidates will be informed), **DBS** Disclosure and Barring Service Check

This specification has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Trust's Equal Opportunities in Employment Policy. We undertake to make any 'reasonable adjustments' to a job or workplace to counteract any disadvantages a disabled person may have.