

Brantwood Specialist School

Brantwood Specialist School is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ruskin Mill Educational Trust and will offer a unique, holistic and pupil-centred approach to the education and care of 7-19 year olds who have not succeeded in mainstream provision. The school will provide an educational experience based on the National and Steiner Waldorf Curriculum, embedding the RMET practical skills therapeutic educational curriculum with accredited qualifications.

Applications are invited for the following post, based at Brantwood Specialist School, Sheffield.

Teaching Assistant - Male Applicants Only

**Grade 4: £12,354 to £13,332 per annum,
which is pro-rata the full time equivalent of £15,150 to £16,350**

The key duties of this role will include:

- To help pupils adjust to their new settings, recognise signs of distress and offer reassurance, and to promote and encourage the acceptance and inclusion of all pupils within the classroom and school; thereby, developing and reinforcing pupils' self esteem.
- To encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the Teacher.
- To supervise and support pupils to ensure their safety and access to learning and facilitate pupils' physical, emotional and educational development.
- To establish and promote supportive and productive relationships with pupils: acting as a role model and being aware of, and responding appropriately to, individual needs.

The criteria required to undertake this position successfully include:

- At least NVQ 2 in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (or equivalent).
- Experience of managing challenging behaviour and developed appropriate strategies.
- A good level of literacy and numeracy (e.g. GCSE Maths and English, or equivalent).
- Special Educational Needs training.
- Experience of working with children/young people with learning difficulties and/or learning disabilities and special educational needs.
- Experience of organising, and helping children and young people to participate in, practical and experiential activities.
- Knowledge and understanding of monitoring, assessing, recording and reporting of pupils' progress

Closing date for applications: 9a.m. Friday, 13th January 2012

Brantwood Independent Specialist School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a CRB Enhanced Disclosure.

Brantwood Independent Specialist School is committed to becoming an equal opportunities employer.

To request an application pack, or for further information, please look on the Trust's website www.rmet.org.uk or Martin Collins, Department of Human Resources, Freeman College, Sterling Works, 88 Arundel Street, Sheffield, S1 2NG. Telephone 0114 252 5992 or email martin.collins@rmet.org.uk to whom fully completed applications must be returned.