



LEAD TEACHING ASSISTANT

Salary: Band 5 - £26,473-£28,239 full time equivalent (actual £22960 – £24491)

Contract: Temporary 1-year

Hours: 37 per week /39 weeks per year TTO

Closing date: 17.07.2026

Interview date: week commencing 20.07.2026

Do you want a rewarding role supporting and making a difference to our students and support your colleagues to ensure children's learning is at the centre? **Then this is the vacancy for you!**

The role of a Lead Teaching Assistant is fundamental to students learning and is an extremely important part of #teamtrafalgar.

Trafalgar School is a beacon school for Relational Practice in the south which means we put the building, maintaining, and restoring of relationships with all members of our community at the heart of everything we do. It is essential that the post holder shares our school ethos which is firmly rooted in this restorative practice approach. We work restoratively with students, families and with each other to maintain the strong community culture and our very strong inclusive ethos.

Key Purpose

- To deliver lessons to classes in the absence of their usual subject teacher.
- To assist teachers in their preparation and delivery of the curriculum.
- To provide additional support in core subject lessons when not required to cover teacher absence.
- To provide administrative support across the curriculum.
- To be a tutor and play an active role in the contribution to their House ethos.

To apply

Please go to our website: www.trafalgarschool.org.uk and complete the Application Form and return to recruitment.trafalgar@salterns.org.

Early applications are encouraged, and we reserve the right to close the vacancy if a suitable candidate is found.

Contact

If you have any questions about the role or would like to arrange a tour, please contact our HR Department on 02392 693521.

Safeguarding

The Salterns Academy Trust and Trafalgar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment.

All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring checks along with other relevant employment checks.

Some forms of employment, occupations and professions are exempted from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Working within a School is exempted from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

You are applying for a role that is eligible for an enhanced DBS check and access to the barred list and if shortlisted for interview you will be required to complete the relevant self-declaration and disclosure form and taking into account the offences that are protected or filtered declare:

- All unspent convictions and conditional cautions.
- All spent convictions and adult cautions that are not protected (i.e. that are not filtered out) as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2020).
- If you have been barred from working with Children and/or Adults at risk.

The DBS check will reveal both spent and unspent convictions, cautions, reprimands and final warnings, and any other information held by local police that's considered relevant to the role. Any information that is "protected" under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 will not appear on a DBS certificate.

The successful candidate will then be asked to complete an application for the relevant Disclosure and Barring Service check or if subscribed to the update service provide the necessary details to allow a check to be made.

The amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020) provides that when applying for certain jobs and activities, certain convictions and cautions are considered 'protected'. This means that they do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account.

Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website.

Guidance on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the Exceptions Order 1975 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The filtering rules were updated on 28 November 2020 as follows:

- warnings, reprimands, and youth cautions will no longer be automatically disclosed on a DBS certificate.
- the multiple conviction rule has been removed, meaning that if an individual has more than one conviction, regardless of offence type or time passed, each conviction will be considered against the remaining rules individually, rather than all being automatically disclosed.