

September 2021

Dear Candidate

Teacher of Drama (with English and Music)

Thank you for your interest in the above post at Limehurst Academy. This post is a maternity cover. It begins on 4th January 2022, and will be until 8th July 2022 (two terms) in the first instance.

Limehurst Academy is an exciting place to work and learn. Our school motto is Achievement in a Caring Environment. You will see when you visit the school and talk to the students, teachers, support staff and governors that we are passionate about what we do: getting the best out of every child whatever their abilities, interests or ambitions. We have high aspirations for everyone who is part of our community whether student or member of staff. With this caring ethos we are looking for skilled staff to join us who have a clear passion for helping young people achieve the absolute best they can. We are a proud member of the East Midlands Education Trust.

At Limehurst, we aim to deliver the highest quality teaching, which encourages greater student responsibility and independence in their learning. We aim to understand quickly the changing needs of each individual in our care and prepare them for the next stage of their education. We challenge and support them to succeed beyond what they believe they are capable of in an environment where students feel safe and relationships are good. We provide them with exciting learning opportunities both in the classroom and beyond that will engage and motivate them so that they will want to come to school. We join with them in celebrating their successes.

As you know, the school is currently rated by Ofsted as 'Good'. The report can be accessed via our website. We know our school well but we are not complacent. We are constantly seeking to improve, and deliver outstanding education to the community we serve – a community that we are very proud to be a part of.

This post is a crucial one to the school. You will deliver GCSE Drama to a group in Year 11 and another in Year 10. You will also teach some Key Stage 3 Drama, English and Music. You will be part of the two-person Performing Arts department, which is led by the Head of Music. Time-management skills, patience and a good work ethic are essential, as are excellent interpersonal skills. The job description will give you further details about what we require.

Our last set of published results, in summer 2019, brought a record set of GCSE results overall for Limehurst, with some fantastic individual performances. Our Progress 8 score was +0.68, which was in the top 4% of schools nationally, and all of our headline measures were above national averages. We are committed to improving yet again in this academic year, and we are determined to do so. Our parents and the local community are extremely supportive of the school.

Limehurst is committed to working in partnership with local primary and secondary schools and we are committed to collaboration.

If you believe you have the skills and qualities to help us continue to be successful, then I look forward to receiving your application. We are passionate about continuing your professional development at every stage of your career and can discuss the opportunities with you.

Please write a letter of application (maximum 2 sides) detailing why you think you are right for this post. You also need to complete an application form which you will find on the vacancies page of the EMET website.

Please note we only accept electronic applications which should be emailed to recruitment@emet.uk.com by the deadline date of 9.00am on Monday 27th September. Interviews will be held shortly after this date.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Mellor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jon Mellor
Headteacher