

Head of English – TLR 1  
MPS Fringe Area  
Start September 2022  
Full Time

## The Post

It is an exciting time at Becket Keys Church of England School (Outstanding, 2014). We are working hard to build upon the exam successes of our founding cohorts, whilst also extending the positive outcomes of our established 6<sup>th</sup> Form, now in its sixth year.

We are seeking a suitably qualified and experienced colleague to lead our outstanding English department. This rewarding position will see the successful candidate joining our highly successful team of middle leaders.

This post is a vital appointment in terms of fulfilling our vision and ambition for our inclusive school to secure and enhance positive life chances for all our students. We are determined to see every student achieve well in this crucial subject, with high numbers going on to take it for A level and beyond at university. We want to recruit a highly capable, dedicated and ambitious professional who will add value to the school. They will ensure excellent levels of academic progress for all, alongside engaging experiences of cultural capital to support our students to be successful in society and their career.

We are looking to appoint an ambitious individual, capable of progressing in the long term to assistant headteacher and beyond. Key attributes include an unstoppable passion for literature, reading, writing and knowledge of the English curriculum from KS3 to 5. The successful candidate will be able to model outstanding teaching in the classroom to develop the practice of all staff. S/he will work alongside our expert Trust (The Russell Education Trust) who also provide training, advice, and support. The appointee will benefit from regular opportunities to meet and share ideas with the other 4 Heads of English across the Trust.

The successful candidate will need to have the skills and experience to work with our highly supportive and engaged parents, other members of the middle leadership team and our Deputy Head (Curriculum) who oversees the English Department directly. It is a particularly rewarding role in this respect, as there are a number of highly skilled colleagues around the Head of English who offer challenge and support. We recently appointed a Second in English from within the team. We are very fortunate to have a dynamic team of passionate, skilled and collaborative English teachers with a broad range of interests and a wealth of teaching experience. We offer a warm and supportive staffroom culture and students who are committed to their learning and proud of their school.

If you think that you possess the qualities and passion we need for this vital role, please contact us to discuss further. We welcome visits to the school and are really keen to ensure that you have as much information to proceed with your application as possible. If you

would like a conversation about either the school or the position, please contact us via email at [vacancies@becketkeys.org](mailto:vacancies@becketkeys.org).

We reserve the right to close advertisements early. Advertisements will therefore close at 12 noon, either on the advertised closing date, or the day the decision has been taken to close the advertisement early.

Becket Keys is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

The appointee will be committed to our high expectations and supportive of our core Christian values. However, we welcome applications from teachers irrespective of their faith or lack of it. All we ask is that all applicants appreciate and respect the beliefs of others and have strong moral principles.

Staff will be provided with a comprehensive induction programme and laptop.

Relocation packages and childcare vouchers are available.  
On-site childcare is available at a discounted rate for staff members.

Staff of the school benefit from priority admission for their children. Our admissions policy effectively guarantees staff a place in the school for their children. With nearly 800 applications for our 150 places each year, this is a significant perk!

### To Apply

Please complete both our application form and equalities monitoring form and email it with a personal statement to [vacancies@becketkeys.org](mailto:vacancies@becketkeys.org).

### Closing date:

Noon, Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022