



Thornhill
Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

RECRUITMENT PACK

Head of Year



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Welcome from the CEO

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Head of Year at Consilium Academies.

At Consilium, we believe in enriching lives and inspiring ambitions through:

- Partnerships
- Opportunity
- Integrity
- Excellence
- Equity
- Being people-centred

We believe in the unique value of each individual – whether that be staff or student – and are dedicated to ensuring each member of our Trust achieves their full potential. As a result of this, we work collaboratively with our stakeholders and external organisations to foster relationships that will enhance opportunities for all our members across the Trust.

At Consilium we're people centred, and want everyone in our Trust, whether teaching or support staff to have access to exceptional professional development. that's why we created our Centre for Professional Learning, which is available for every single colleague across the Trust. here, our colleagues have access to bespoke training opportunities and resources tailored specifically for their needs.

We believe every student, no matter their background, is entitled to an excellent education with an equal opportunity to fulfil their potential. It is only through this vision that we can provide an environment where every pupil can thrive.

As part of our MAT, our Academies follow the collective aims of:

- Ensure everything we do has a focus on helping pupils achieve their potential academically, socially, and emotionally
- Instil a passion for life-long learning and continued improvement so our Academies, staff, and students can grasp their aspirations and ambitions
- Create a family of academies that are inclusive and embrace diversity, where all members of the community feel supported, inspired, and empowered to succeed
- Ensure all stakeholders are seen as partners in our work with the communities we serve

Consilium Academies is going through a huge period of development with rapid growth and opportunities for all staff; I can't think of a better time to join us.



David Clayton
Chief Executive of Consilium Academies.

Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for the interest in working at Thornhill Academy. I am immensely proud to be the Headteacher of this academy and work within our trust. All our staff at Thornhill are committed to giving our students high-quality education, that will help them become the best they can be. As well as aiming to prepare our students for success in studying at the Academy, we aim to prepare them for success in their life beyond Thornhill too.

At Thornhill Academy, we aim to work collectively with our local community to provide the highest-quality education in an environment which is welcoming and inclusive. We believe only in this setting can learning and personal development flourish successfully. Our aim is clear, to develop the whole person in a dynamic and progressive learning environment that expects exemplary standards of behaviour and respect and demands a thirst for continuous learning. Every member of our Academy is clear on what we want to deliver to current and future students, through equal opportunities, for every pupil to succeed.

We are committed to:

- Providing students with an exciting, engaging, and rich education;
- Recognising and celebrating the unique nature of every child in our community;
- Celebrating the successes of our Academy and our community to the full

Thornhill Academy is proud to be part of Consilium Academies Trust. As part of Consilium, we are dedicated to working towards the Consilium mission of 'Enriching Lives' and 'Inspiring Ambitions.'

Thank you again for your interest, this is an exciting time to work in our forward-looking academy. Our Ofsted inspection in March 2022 highlights the rapid improvement journey our school is on and we look forward to new staff joining us who share our belief in our young people and want to support our school on this journey of providing our young people with the skills, knowledge and opportunities to be the best they can be

I look forward to receiving your application.

Kind regards,



Mrs Sue Hamilton

Headteacher



About the Academy

Thornhill Academy is an 11 to 16 secondary academy, with over 600 students and occupies a large site in close proximity to Sunderland City Centre. Thornhill offers students and staff rewarding and deeply engaging experiences, and supports them on their journey to become inspirational and reflective practitioners, improving life for all in our community.

At Thornhill we take pride in developing each individual pupil to achieve their potential and make a positive contribution to society. We provide a safe, happy and nurturing environment in which we challenge all to strive for personal accomplishment.

Our Aims are to create an environment in which all take responsibility for their actions, behaviour and learning; relishing challenges and learning from failures. We want to create a safe, supportive and happy working environment in which diversity is celebrated and pupils and staff thrive.

Thornhill Academy is a fantastic school and I believe it is our job to develop a lifelong passion for learning through high quality teaching which fosters curiosity and promotes independence. We are committed to recognising and developing the whole child: physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually, creating active and responsible citizens who lead a successful and fulfilling life.

Our young people tell us they are very happy here and we work closely with parents and carers to ensure a successful experience for all.

About the Trust

The Consilium Mission

“Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions”

We are proud to be Consilium Academies, a Trust that believes in the unique value of each individual. Our vision, actions, and purpose are guided by this principle and a dedication to do all we can for the communities we serve.

We never put a ceiling on potential. Instead, we work with our Academies to provide high-quality education that is truly inclusive, giving every student the same opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in life beyond the classroom.

We are committed to enriching the lives of all those involved in our Trust through an ambitious, student-

Consilium Academies is a Multi-Academy Trust consisting of nine schools based across three hubs in Salford, South Yorkshire, and the North East of England.

We believe in inclusivity, both in the schools and communities we serve and are committed to working with our Academies to ensure our ethos is realised on a daily basis.

- The lives of our young people should be enriched by care, experience, and opportunity. This is achieved by;
- helping children and young people to succeed to their potential academically, socially, and emotionally;
- instilling a passion for lifelong love of learning and continued improvement so that our academies, staff, and students achieve their aspirations and ambitions;
- creating a family of academies that are inclusive and embrace diversity, where all members of the community feel supported, inspired, and empowered to succeed;
- ensuring all stakeholders are seen as partners in our work within the communities we serve.

The Trust operates a Central Team led by our Chief Executive, David Clayton. The team provide direct services to our schools as well as Trust-level accountability, leadership, and management. We operate a strong partnership model and our partner schools are instrumental in the continual growth and development of our Trust. We work with our schools in a supportive way that does not detract from the individual identity of a school, instead allows them to grow and focus on student achievement and success.

WE ARE PROUD TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING STAFF BENEFITS:

- Pension with the Local Government Pension Scheme and Teachers Pension Scheme
- 33 days annual leave plus bank holidays for all support staff (pro-rated for part-time employees)
- 36 hour working week for all full-time support staff
- Automatic pay progression for all staff in line with their current grading structure
- Enhanced contractual sick pay in line with the Burgundy Book and Green Book
- Employee Assistance Program with access to counselling and CBT 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Access to an Occupational Health Provider
- Free membership to Perkbox. with hundreds of exclusive offers and discounts available online and in store at many shops, gyms, and restaurants

- An excellent Centre for Professional Learning for every member of staff; to help you perform as well as you can in your role, provide you with a sense of wellbeing at work and to help you reach your career aspirations



Centre for Professional Learning

The core driving force behind the Consilium Centre for Professional Learning is a desire to provide students with the best possible education, and the belief this can only be achieved if every colleague, regardless of role or career stage, has access to the high-quality professional development they deserve.

Every colleague, whether teaching or support staff, will be supported and developed through the professional development review process, which replaces traditional forms of performance management.

The professional development review process is focussed on the aspirations of the individual, ensuring that every colleague receives the support and development they deserve to achieve their own aspirations for their careers.

We believe our team of support staff are vital to ensure our schools are well-resourced, safe, compliant, and work as well as they can for the benefit of our students. In addition to the professional development review process, we commission and fund industry-standard qualifications for colleagues in support roles and are also able to support and fund teaching assistants, higher-level teaching assistants, and colleagues in student-facing pastoral and safeguarding roles, to qualify as teachers should they wish.

The Centre for Professional Learning works with and supports in-school leads for professional development to craft the best and most appropriate whole-school offers for their colleagues. We don't impose a central 'curriculum' for professional development, because the needs and priorities of each school are different.

However, we want to support each school to give due focus to whole-school priorities, with departmental training, middle leader training, and one-to-one development and coaching supporting fewer, more in-depth, whole-school messages.

All teaching staff will receive the following 'universal' offer from their school:

- Regular whole-school training, driven by the school's priorities and the in-school professional development lead, with support from the Centre for Professional Learning. This will be designed with the context of the school in mind with subject-specific and individualised training to suit the career stage and expertise of specific teachers. Regular subject-specific training within subject teams. This will draw on the whole-school training and ensure it is considered through the lens of applicability to specific subjects, year groups, and classes.
- Regular teacher-specific training. This will be owned and run by in-school teams, and may take the form of 1-to-1 instructional coaching or teacher learning communities, and is supported by the Centre for Professional Learning.
- Access to the relevant subject and other networks across the Trust, according to their role within school

In addition to this 'universal' offer, all colleagues across the Trust, whether teaching or support staff, have access to bespoke programmes of CPD matched to their own aspirations for their career. We partner with external organisations to enhance our offer to staff and will support staff with recognised qualifications where appropriate. We are keen to work with a range of partners who use the best available evidence to design rigorous professional development.

All Early Career Teachers (those in their Newly Qualified or Recently Qualified years) at Consilium Academies receive regular support from a mentor, regular instructional coaching, and regular training alongside their NQT or RQT cohort both within their school and across the Trust, with the opportunity to develop relationships with their peers across the Trust as part of our Early Career Teacher Networks.

We believe offering colleagues a strong induction to the teaching profession is of vital importance. We want to set our colleagues up for a long and successful career in education, and help them to provide the best experience possible for our students.

About the Role

Job Title: Head of Year

Start date: September 2023

Contract: Permanent, 40 hours a week term time , plus 7 days

Salary: Grade 7 (NJC SCP 19 to 23) £27,852 to £30,151

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated Head of Year to be part of our successful non-teaching Pastoral Team at Thornhill Academy.

The role of the Head of Year will be to monitor, track and support all students in their year group in order to contribute to raising achievement, attendance and behaviour for students at Thornhill Academy.

You will provide pastoral care for students and be the first port of call for parents/carers. As a Head of Year, you will work closely with Attendance and Behaviour Leads to coordinate interventions for students and tracking progress. You will lead a team of Form Tutors in encouraging pupil's academic, emotional and social well-being.

The successful candidate should be supportive of the ethos and values of the school and have the ability to encourage and motivate our students.

If you feel you share our values, have the vision and drive for excellence and want to be part of a dedicated team, committed to ensuring that students fulfil their potential, then we would like to hear from you.

To apply please download and complete the attached application form. Please note we do not accept CV's. We ask that all completed application forms are sent to Kim Weller at Kim.Weller1@consilium-at.com.

If you would like to have a visit to the Academy before submitting your application, please contact Kim Weller at Kim.Weller1@consilium-at.com.

Please ensure that within your application you provide the names, addresses, and contact details for two referees, one of whom should be your current or most recent employer.

The closing date for applications is 9.00 am on Monday 17th July

Interviews will take place during the week commencing Monday 17th July (TBC)

Consilium Academies is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointments are made subject to an Enhanced DBS Check, and where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check will be completed for all applicants.

The Trust is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

Under Part 7 of the Immigration Act 2016, the Public Sector fluency duty requires state funded schools to ensure candidates for their customer facing roles have the necessary standard of spoken English.

Please note: If you have not been contacted within one week of the closing date please assume that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion. We are unable to provide feedback on individual applications. Applications received after the closing time stated will not be considered.

Job Description

Job Title:	Head of Year
Reports to:	AHT (Behaviour & Attitudes)
Based at:	Thornhill Academy
Grade:	Grade 7 (NJC SCP 19 to 23)

Main purpose of the Role

The main areas of responsibility of the post-holder will include:

- To develop and maintain a positive ethos within the year group that encourages pupils to have high expectations of themselves and others and promotes effective learning
- To have responsibility for ensuring effective pastoral care and promote academic success for all pupils within the year group, liaising with external agencies where necessary in order to provide the appropriate interventions

Core Responsibilities & Tasks

Leading and Managing People

- Lead a team of Form Tutors in encouraging pupil's academic, emotional and social well-being
- Liaise with SLT link to ensure appropriate materials and activities are available in Form time
- Oversee the work of Form Tutors, including recognising and celebrating achievement
- Work with Form Tutors in monitoring and improving pupil's attendance, punctuality and behaviour.
- Leading Year Team meetings, discussing all matters relating to pupil management and progress, setting agenda items and circulating minutes
- Support the professional development of Form Tutors

Pupil Support and Guidance

- To develop and maintain an ethos within the year group that sets high expectations for all pupils in all aspects of their work through assemblies and whole school initiatives, including preparing and holding year assemblies
- To monitor the academic and personal progress of all pupils within the year group, encouraging high aspirations and achievement including the provision of support and guidance
- To monitor and promote pupil's attendance and punctuality in accordance with school policies and procedures
- To ensure the very best standards of behaviour, acting as a role model for Form Tutors and pupils to promote positive relationships
- To coordinate pupil progress reports to parents
- To liaise with staff / parents / other agencies to ensure appropriate support for pupils at all stages including behaviour management
- To assist with the organisation of Parents' Evenings
- To ensure parental concerns are dealt with promptly and that communication between home / school is maintained to a high standard in order to promote a positive partnership

- To provide reports for Local Academy Board (LAB) meetings and ensure the SIMS database is maintained with all relevant information pertaining to each pupil within the year group

Policy and Planning

- To prepare the agenda for and hold weekly year team meetings, including production and distribution of minutes
- To liaise with Line Manager to ensure consistency of implementation of school policies and procedures
- Ensure staff are well informed of all matters relating to the year group in order to promote good communication
- Encourage the practice of working as a team
- Show commitment to the extra-curricular activities of the school, including providing for opportunities for cooperation and competition within the year group
- To provide regular reports on the progress / development of the year group

Whole School

- To ensure that school policies and procedures are communicated to Form Tutors and pupils within the year group and implemented accordingly
- To maintain knowledge and understanding of the school ethos and be instrumental in its realisation
- To attend all relevant meetings and cascade information to Form Tutors
- Liaise with and inform parents on all aspects relating to their child's education / achievement / behaviour / relationships with peers
- To lead on an identified whole school responsibility.

Corporate Responsibilities

- The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment
- To pursue and promote the achievement and integration of diversity and equality of opportunity throughout the Trust's activities
- To plan, monitor and review health and safety within areas of personal control
- To participate in the Trust's Performance Management process and engage in continuous professional development and networking to ensure that professional skills and knowledge are up to date
- To maintain high professional standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance, conduct and positive, courteous relations with students, parents and colleagues

Additional Notes

- The job purpose and key statements remain indicative and by no means exclusive. Given the evolving needs of the Trust, flexibility among staff is very important. All staff may be required to undertake other such reasonable duties as may be required from time to time in line with the grade of their post.
- An Enhanced DBS Check will be requested on successful application to a position at the Trust or Academy.
- The Trust operate a no smoking policy.

Person Specification

Head of Year

Essential

Desirable

Qualification and CPD

5 GCSEs, or equivalent, at grade C/4 or above (including English and Maths)

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Educated to degree level

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Clean Driving Licence

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Experience, Knowledge and Skills

Supportive of the ethos and values of the school

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Excellent interpersonal skills

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Self-motivated and organised

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The ability to encourage and motivate students

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Competent use of ICT

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Excellent Literacy and Numeracy skills

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Excellent verbal and written communication skills

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Flexible approach to working

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Willingness to take a full role in the life of the school

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Qualities to be a positive role model to all students

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Experience of event organisation

?

Excellent health and attendance records

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Experience of working with young people and families

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Experience of working with outside agencies

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Experience of delivering assemblies / speaking to large groups

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Experience of supporting students in lessons, particularly those vulnerable to underachievement

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Knowledge of Safeguarding Policies and Procedures

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Experience of using SIMS

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Experience of using CPOMS

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