



William Morris
Sixth Form
Empowerment through Learning

Job Vacancy Application Pack



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your enquiry about our vacancy for a Careers Advisor: Careers Guidance and Destinations, which is offered on a full time, term time only + 2 weeks basis. I am pleased to enclose an application form and further information including the job description and curriculum area overview.

Application forms must arrive by 9am Monday 17th June 2024. Interviews will be arranged with shortlisted candidates as soon as their application has been reviewed as such is it beneficial to submit your application as soon as possible. We reserve the right to close the application process at any point. Shortlisted candidates will be notified by phone and/or email. I apologise in advance that we will not be able to notify candidates who are not shortlisted.

You may return your completed application form by email to **recruitment@wmsf.ac.uk**

If you would like further information on the position, please do not hesitate to contact Zainab Benali HR Officer, email zbenali@wmsf.ac.uk.

Yours faithfully

The Human Resources Team –
William Morris Sixth Form



Careers Advisor: Careers Guidance and Destination

Starting - As soon as possible

Work Pattern: Full time 36 hours a week, Term Time Only + 2 weeks

Pay Grade: S01 - £37,575 to £38,769 pro rata

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To apply, please visit our website **www.wmsf.ac.uk**, click on 'About Us' and scroll down for 'Staff Vacancies' or via out TES advertisements.

Applications to be sent to: **recruitment@wmsf.ac.uk**

We actively promote the safeguarding and welfare of all our students. Successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

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William Morris Sixth Form

We were originally established in 1994 as the sixth form for pupils in the secondary schools in Hammersmith and Fulham, but we soon attracted students from all over London, who come to study on both academic and vocational pathways.

William Morris is a vibrant, ambitious and creative learning community which inspires a drive to **learn**. Our recent Ofsted report where we were given a 'Good' judgement, highlighted the qualities of our staff who are knowledgeable and specialist in their fields, providing a wide range of skills. Consistent practice across subjects enables students to be taught key facts and skills which benefit their overall experience at William Morris. Quality of teaching was judged to have 'Outstanding' elements and we have high expectations that we will achieve an Outstanding judgement at our next inspection. Staff who join William Morris should come prepared to join our exciting journey as we improve and develop the Sixth Form and continue to invest in all of our students to give them the best learning experiences, opportunities and aspirations. We invest in our staff to give them the proper professional support, inspiration and career development.

Unashamedly comprehensive, through rigorous teaching, learning and assessment we ensure that no student is left behind and that every student has an equal opportunity to uncover and fulfil their potential and achieve. Our students are provided with the practical, critical and analytical skills that they can apply as they progress through life, together with a confidence and resilience that will enable them to succeed.

We **empower** our young people to aim high, to have a strong sense of their own self-worth and shared values, whilst also having a strong sense of the value of community both locally and globally and their potential to make a positive difference to the world around them.

The ethos we have established ensures the highest quality of education, guidance and relationships. The emphasis is on open access, equal value for all, individual attention, the development of independent learning skills, targeted support, high expectations and standards, improving progression routes, and finding the right balance between an adult environment and firm structures within which students can develop and succeed. The atmosphere is relaxed and warm but very purposeful. Students describe us as "friendly but strict" and our students are encouraged to address all staff by their first names. We focus on the WMSF experience for our students as being one where they learn, achieve and are empowered to progress.



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The Curriculum Offer

Our wide curriculum includes both academic and vocational courses at levels 3, 2 and 1. Individual students' learning programmes enable combinations of subjects where appropriate. We have a large and exciting A level provision with nearly 30 different advanced subjects and are delighted at the number and calibre of our A level students. We offer some mixed economy pathways at level 3, and are currently in the process of becoming a T Level provider from 2023.

At levels 1 and 2, we offer Foundation Learning, BTEC courses and GCSEs to meet the needs of students who wish to improve their basic qualifications. This includes provision for students to re-sit English and Maths at GCSE. William Morris prides itself on tackling under-achievement and offering the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills to students who may have underperformed at secondary school for a number of reasons. The provision of courses for students with special educational needs, including students from special schools, is a particular strength, and we currently have 51 students with statements or EHC plans and over 100 students on K-SEN. We also offer ESOL teaching and literacy support for many students to ensure success on their courses.

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Some of the ways we support our students



A personal tutor for each student who is responsible for monitoring overall progress, providing references for university and apprenticeships



A safeguarding team work to ensure every student is well-supported and cared for



Learning support help with academic development such as essay writing, revision, meeting deadlines and exam preparation



Counsellors offer a confidential counselling service, health education programme and advice service as well as a specialist welfare team



Teaching and Learning Strategies

The development of successful teaching and learning strategies for our very mixed group of students is at the heart of WMSF. There is an emphasis on staff developing and sharing good pedagogical practice so that students become independent learners and teaching and learning are of the highest quality. We have a well-equipped library staffed by 4 highly qualified professional librarians, and a newly created careers centre, again with 4 qualified staff. Progression is key to the future success of our students.

We have a very exciting CPD programme, delivered in curriculum area teams, course teams and leadership teams. In such an environment there are opportunities for teachers at all stages in their careers and we have always also welcomed those new to teaching (ECTs), who participate in a comprehensive induction programme. Each year we offer teaching placements to a number of PGCE students. All teachers, where appropriate, are expected to teach across our full range of courses and levels. This both counteracts narrow departmentalism and encourages parity of esteem for all courses and all students.

We have excellent IT facilities and a strong team of technical staff to support us. We use Google Classroom as our VLE and all staff and students are issued with a Chromebook so they have full access to all learning resources at all times, both on and off site

One of our main priorities is to support individual teachers in developing their IT skills and through the G-suite we are constantly innovating delivery and practice.

The vast majority of A level and vocational students are encouraged to apply for higher education. Although many of them are non-traditional entrants, approximately 80% of A2 & V2 students' progress to university each year including into the most prestigious institutions. We have also developed stronger support for students who apply for apprenticeships and are keen to raise our destination numbers in this area too. Our careers team play a vital role in raising students' aspirations and helping them through all application processes. Expert support is provided by our assistant principals, senior tutors, careers and higher education staff, and through a planned programme of tutorial activities.

Tutoring requires an active approach to pastoral work and specific skills in guidance, supporting and monitoring as well as building relationships.

The WMSF Vision

Create a culture of community, tolerance and aspiration which celebrates diversity and equality and inspires a drive to learn

Deliver a broad curriculum which embraces technology and empowers students to achieve their potential and make aspirational choices

Provide clear and dedicated pathways which enable students to make meaningful progression within the institution, through traineeships, and work, and beyond

Promote and support aspirations through advantageous university choices and quality apprenticeship progression routes which observe the needs of individual students

Ensure all students have the opportunity to participate in relevant and rewarding experiences which help them progress

Work with external partners to inspire students, broaden their knowledge of opportunities, create experiences and transform all our students into members of the global community

Our successful application rate on to higher education has typically been between 75 – 85%, an achievement we are very proud of considering the starting point of so many of our students.



Working at WMSF

We try hard to create a friendly, supportive and open culture in which staff can develop and thrive. Professional development for all staff is taken seriously and many opportunities are offered both in-house and externally.

Expectations at WMSF are very high and there is constant pressure for us to perform well and to provide the high quality learning environment we promise. We have developed strong internal monitoring procedures to ensure continuing high quality, with an emphasis on developmental lesson observation.

It is very important to us that all staff enjoy working in a diverse and richly rewarding inner-city environment, with young people from a wide range of backgrounds, and those who have had an unconventional secondary schooling experience. Our existing staff are of a high calibre and very committed to the student-centred philosophy at the heart of WMSF, and we wish to further enhance our community through recruiting staff with equal commitment to our belief of 'empowerment through learning'.

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Best wishes

Mary Berrisford

Principal



Job Description

Job Title: Careers Advisor: Careers Guidance and Destination
Responsible to: Head of Student Support Hub
Grade: S01 - £37,575 to £38,769 pro rata

Job Purpose

1. To assist in the development, organisation and delivery of an aspirational careers guidance, higher education programme and enrichment.
2. To provide professional career guidance services, including personal guidance interviews, in order to improve students' skills, knowledge and understanding for career planning and management.
3. To work with curriculum areas to ensure a high quality and exciting Pathways Programme is available to all students that promotes aspiration, ambition and employability.

Description of Duties

Work with the Head of Student Support Hub to plan and deliver an impartial careers programme, assisting in the development of activities and resources to support the full range of careers, higher education and apprenticeship education programmes.

Support and liaise with relevant colleagues, including Leadership Group, in the development and delivery of careers and higher education tutorial and guidance programmes.

Develop Careers events which encourage engagement, success and progression, including the Careers Day and other progression events in conjunction with the Careers team.

Provide advice to staff to help promote and provide events which encourage engagement, success and progression, including careers events, enrichment activities and whole Sixth Forms initiatives.

Develop relationships with employers, universities, training providers and external agencies to support the delivery of a high quality careers service.

Organise student visits to external events such as careers conventions, universities, summer schools, widening participation events and recruitment fairs.

Lead on communicating key information to students, including displays, newsletter, social media etc.

Liaise with the marketing team to promote activities to students, staff, parents, Governors, the students, and prospective students and their families.

Make direct links with universities and employers who will provide suitable programmes to support the progression aspirations of our students.



Attend parents' evenings and open events, as required, in order to provide information on external progression opportunities.

Supervise students, as appropriate.

Encourage positive interactions within the sixth form and the wider community.

Work with students in enriching activities that will enhance their opportunities by developing them as well rounded individuals

Conduct client-focused, impartial, personal career guidance interviews with students which challenge and support them to make informed, realistic and adaptable career decisions based on self and opportunity awareness, aspirations, motivation, confidence and approach to learning and which, if necessary, broadens their horizons.

Generate and maintain client records electronically in support of career guidance interviews, including a summary of agreed actions/action plan.

Attend EHCP reviews, if required, and provide higher education, apprenticeship and careers guidance for students with special educational needs.

Advise potential students of the implications of their course choices on future higher education and careers options, for example during events such as open evenings, course guidance and the enrolment process.

Assist in the checking and monitoring of UCAS applications to ensure the highest standards of quality control, in liaison with the Head of Student Support Hub and Higher Education Coordinator

To facilitate career-related learning activities in groups with students.

Promote high aspirations and achievement through a futures-focused approach, including providing welfare and enrichment opportunities.

Ensure your own knowledge is current and reflects both legislation and best practice through continuous professional development and training.

Lead on developing and implementing the Pathways Programme: student activities and events to ensure students make aspirational and high quality choices.

Manage the launch of the Pathways Programme, ensuring effective marketing at key events including enrolment, open evenings, induction etc.

Develop opportunities for students to be involved in volunteering and making a positive impact within our wider community.

Monitor, evaluate and develop the quality of each Pathway activity, the participation rates and gain student feedback on the programme, implementing changes as appropriate, including an annual report that measures the success and impact of all enrichment activities feeding into future plans.

This is not an exhaustive list of duties and the post holder may be required to undertake other duties commensurate with the level of this post, this may include the occasional need to work outside usual office hours, for example open evenings



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Education and Qualifications

Essential

- Educated to degree level, including GCSE grade C in English and Mathematics.
- Level 6 Diploma in Career Guidance and Development - or willingness to work towards this qualification.

Desirable

- Membership of the Career Development Institute.

Experience

Essential

- Experience of working within an educational setting with an understanding of the needs of inner - city students in the 16 - 19 age range.
- Experience in higher education careers guidance.
- Experience and enthusiasm in supporting, guiding and advising young people in their pursuit of educational achievement
- Experience of establishing Career programmes • Experience of working with students in 1-1 and group settings
- Experience of developing successful links with higher education institutions, employers and outside agencies

Desirable

- Experience of managing and tracking data.

Knowledge

Essential

- Knowledge of current Careers and Information Guidance and requirements for all students. ● Knowledge of all post-16 and post-18 pathways for young people.
- Knowledge of the application processes for higher education and apprenticeships
- Knowledge and understanding of the needs of a wide range of individuals and the importance of equal opportunities.

Skills and Abilities

Essential

- Willingness and ability to work collaboratively as part of a team.
- Willingness and ability to work on own initiative, including the ability to prioritise own workload. • Ability to establish relationships with internal and external stakeholders, including identifying and liaising with appropriate resources and agencies of support.
- Flexibility and ability to cope with a wide range of tasks in a busy environment.
- The ability to inspire students so they maximize their potential and the desire to want them to succeed
- An ability to effectively communicate with and counsel students.
- Enthusiastic with a can-do attitude.
- Resilient and hard working.
- Good written and spoken communication skills and the ability to verbally present information to staff, students and parents.
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills.
- Ability to work to deadlines.

Desirable

- Experience of using SIMS or similar MIS.

Special Characteristics

- Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Check.
- Right to work in the UK.
- Evidence of, and commitment to promoting the welfare and safeguarding of young people.

Term dates for 2024-25 William Morris Sixth Form

	First Day	Half Term	Last Day	No of Days
AUTUMN 2024	Wednesday 21 st August 2024	Wednesday 16 th Oct – Friday 25 th Oct 2024	Friday 20 th Dec 2024	79
SPRING 2025	Monday 6 th January 2025	Monday 17 th Feb – Friday 21 st Feb 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025	60
SUMMER 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025	Thursday 11 th Jul 2025	53
TOTAL				192

Enrolment of new students will commence from Thursday 22nd August 2024 when Curriculum Area Leaders/Senior Tutors or nominated deputies will be requested to assist.

The above does not include staff training days which will be held during 'twilight sessions' after the school day.

**London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham
Community Secondary Schools**

	First Day	Half Term	Last Day	No of Days
AUTUMN 2024	Monday 2 nd September 2024	Mon 28 th October – Fri 1 st November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024	75
SPRING 2025	Monday 6 th January 2025	Mon 17 th Feb – Fri 21 st Feb 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025	60

SUMMER 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Mon 26 th May – Fri 30 th May 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	60
TOTAL				195

Safer Recruitment Information for Applicants

The information contained within this document is aimed at helping applicants understand what is required should they be asked to attend for interview.

Safeguarding Children and Young People

William Morris Sixth Form (WMSF) has a commitment to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and/or young people. We have robust processes and procedures to reduce risk and continuously promote a positive culture of safeguarding amongst our workforce. The post you are applying for involves working with children and/or young people and you will be subject to our safer recruitment process.

Pre-Employment Vetting

As part of our safer recruitment process, WMSF operates a strict pre-employment vetting procedure. All applicants will be required to undergo the checks outlined below: -

Declaration of Previous Convictions

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 as amended makes certain regulated activity (i.e. work with children and/or young people) exempt from the Act and therefore requires individuals seeking to work with these groups to be subject to Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure checks, amongst others. This post is classed as exempt under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 as amended. Therefore, you are required to reveal all convictions, both spent and unspent, in your application.

Disclosure and Barring Service Check (DBS)

Successful applicants seeking to work with children and/or young people will be required to undergo an Enhanced DBS check; this will include a check against the Protection of Children Act (PoCA) List and List 99. A List 99 check is the minimum check required for staff working in organisations. Successful applicants will be checked against the List prior to an offer of appointment being made.

For posts working with children and/or young people, our policy requires all new employees to complete a DBS application form before your employment commences.

Where an applicant is not normally resident in the United Kingdom, or has been resident outside the United Kingdom for more than 6 months, an additional police check will be carried out with the normal or most recent country of residence.

Qualifications/Registration with a Professional Body

If the post applied for requires a specific qualification and/or registration with a professional body, the applicant will be required to bring the original certificate along to the interview. If the original certificate is unavailable, a certified copy of the document must be provided by the issuing establishment.

References

Applicants are required to provide a minimum of two referees, one of whom must be your most recent employer and should be able to confirm your suitability to working with children and/or young people. If you have undertaken voluntary work with children and/or young people you may use the voluntary organisation employer as a referee.

If you have not previously worked with children and/or young people you must provide a character reference from someone who is able to confirm your suitability to work with children and/or young people. This would normally be someone in authority, e.g. a lecturer, doctor or community leader. Please note that character references are normally only accepted as a supplement to an employer's reference.

In addition, we will seek references from educational establishments for those applicants with no previous employment history.

In all cases, we will contact the referee prior to the interview, except if you have specifically indicated that you would prefer us to contact them only if you are made an offer of appointment.

Under no circumstances will Open References (i.e. addressed "to whom it may concern") be accepted.

Eligibility to Work in the UK

We have a legal obligation to check documentary evidence to confirm that all potential employees are eligible to work in the UK.

Right to work in the UK can be validated through sight of original documents or online. When relying on original documents, these must be from the lists of acceptable documents prescribed by the Home Office. When relying on an online right-to-work check, the new employee will provide a share code inviting the employer to view their status online. The employer will download the information presented, noting by whom and when the check was completed. We will also need to confirm that the employee presenting themselves for work is indeed the individual presented through the portal.

Medical Assessment

All offers of appointment will be subject to the satisfactory outcome of Hammersmith and Fulham Council's medical assessment procedure.

