

The Canterbury Academy Trust

Schools for all the Talents



Communicator / Facilitator for Hearing Impaired Children - Term Time

The Canterbury Academy have a brand-new purpose-built Hearing Impaired Unit, which opened in September 2023 and we have an exciting opportunity.

We are looking for Communicator / Facilitator for Hearing Impaired Children to aid in the education and social development of hearing impaired children within the unit and wider mainstream environment, through the use of an additional signed mode of communication as a second language.

The role is for 35 hours per week, 8.30am - 4pm (with a 30 minute unpaid lunch break), term time only + 5 additional training days.

WWF Band 6 FTE £23,801 (pro-rotta to hours and week), negotiable depending on skills and experience.

Necessary Experience:

Qualified in British Sign Language / Signing Supported English to Council for Advancement for Communication for Deaf People Stage 2/3 or equivalent

2 years experience in working with children with hearing impairment

Experience working with Cochlear Implants and children with additional needs such as ASD and SLCN. (desirable)

Flexible, well organised and self motivated with good interpersonal & communication skills to enable work with individual pupils, parents/carers and teachers.

Further information can be found in the attached job description.

If you feel that you have the skills that we are looking for and would like the opportunity to flourish within an Academy that supports its staff, then we would love to hear from you.

Please note that this is a rolling advert which means that applications will be assessed upon receipt and applicants may be called for interview prior to the closing date.

Information about the Trust

Based in the heart of the historic City of Canterbury, The Canterbury Academy Trust came into existence in October 2010 when schools judged by Ofsted to be 'outstanding' were allowed to convert to academy status, benefit from greater freedoms and shape their futures.

Since then The Canterbury Academy Trust has grown and it now provides a variety of services 'to improve the life chances of children and to help in the community'. These include: City View Pre-School and Nurseries Ltd; a newly built and expanded two form of entry The Canterbury Primary School; a Specialist Resourced Based Provision for primary ASD pupils; The Canterbury Academy, which has expanded to take an additional form of entry; a Specialist Resourced Based Provision for secondary Speech and Language students; The Cullum Centre, in partnership with The National Autistic Society; The Sixth Form, Enterprise and Employability Centre, which includes one of the largest Sixth Forms in Kent; The Canterbury Youth Commission, The Ashford Youth Commission, and area wide Inclusion and Engagement Service and Professional Learning and Community Centre with café.

The Canterbury Academy Trust consists of 'schools for all the talents'. Our beliefs which underpin and drive all we do are simple. We believe that every learner matters and that every child is good at something – that all children walk with genius – and that school should be the place where children discover and build upon their own individual talents.

We believe in the comprehensive ideal. We believe that all students should be valued. We believe that academic excellence is important but that there are also other important things. We believe that art, music, drama, sport, practical skills, being a good person, caring for and working with others are all valuable. We believe in team work and that all of our students should have pride in themselves and their contribution to their school.

Our aim is to provide 'as much as possible, as often as possible, for as many as possible'. We believe that education and learning can be fun. At the end of their time with us we aim for all students to leave as happy, positive, confident individuals, proud of what they have achieved, prepared to be life-long learners and ready to play an active and constructive part in society.

The Canterbury Academy Trust are committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A disclosure and Barring Service Certificate will be required for all posts. All posts will be subject to enhanced checks as part of our Prevent Duty. A satisfactory DBS disclosure must be presented to the Academy before any employment can commence. In line with KCSIE guidance, as part of the shortlisting process, The Trust reserves the right to conduct an online search on shortlisted candidates as part of our due diligence and any relevant information found, concerning a candidate's suitability to work with children, will be discussed at the interview stage.