

Curriculum Leader of English
11-16 mixed comprehensive – NOR 870
Salary: MPS/UPS plus TLR 1.3
Permanent/Full Time Appointment

Required: 1st January 2027

Are you an ambitious, dynamic English educator ready to step into a pivotal leadership role?

John Spence Community High School is a thriving, popular school deeply rooted in the North Shields community. We are seeking an exceptional Curriculum Leader of English to guide our hard-working department, elevate teaching and learning, and instil a lifelong love of language and literature in our students.

In this role, you will lead a warm, highly collaborative, and dedicated team. If you are passionate about curriculum innovation, staff development, and driving exceptional outcomes within a supportive school environment, we would love to hear from you.

The ideal candidate will have:

- the ability to inspire, motivate and develop a hardworking team while fostering a positive, collaborative department culture
- a proven track record of excellent classroom teaching and a deep commitment to continually raising standards of Teaching and Learning
- the drive to design and refine an inclusive and ambitious English curriculum across key stages 3 and 4
- high expectations for every learner, ensuring that all students, regardless of their starting point, achieve their full potential.

We can offer you:

- a welcoming, highly supportive school culture with a strong sense of community.
- a hardworking department that thrives on collaboration and shared excellence.
- enthusiastic students who are proud of their school.
- structured opportunities for professional development

We encourage prospective candidates to visit us to experience our school culture first hand or to have an informal discussion about the role. To arrange a visit or a confidential call, please contact Louise Bray (Assistant Headteacher) at Louise.Bray@johnspence.org.uk.

Headteacher Ms Katie Marshall

John Spence Community High School, Preston Road, North Shields, NE29 9PU.

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Application forms and further post details can be downloaded directly from our website: www.johnspence.org.uk. To apply, please complete the application form and submit it alongside a supporting letter of application (maximum of two sides of A4) to Melissa.Tunney@johnspence.org.uk by Monday 28th September at 10:00am. Interview date will be Thursday 1st October.

John Spence Community High School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and parents to share that commitment. Successful candidates will be required to undertake safer recruitment checks including an enhanced DBS check with Children's Barred List check.

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