

# Teacher: Geography

## (Maternity Cover)

Trentham Academy  
part of the City Learning Trust

**MPS - suitable for ECT**

Closing date: 28th April 2025  
Interview: w/c 5th or 12th May 2025  
Start date: 1st September 2025



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Dear Colleague,

**Re: Teacher of Geography (Maternity Cover)**

**Thank you for your interest in Trentham Academy.**

Trentham Academy has a dedicated and talented team of staff who are committed to ensuring that the young people in its care are supported and nurtured to achieve the very best they can. Staff work closely with all of the academies in the Trust to improve outcomes and life chances for our young people and enjoy a particularly effective relationship with CLT central staff, who work across all of the Trust's Academies.

If you want to work in a partnership of academies committed to cooperation and collaboration; where you can unlock talent and fulfil potential, then this post is just right for you. In return, you will be supported and encouraged to develop further and enjoy a long and rewarding career working across the City Learning Trust.

The successful candidate will demonstrate excellent practice to ensure that all of our young people have the richest quality of education we can provide. We would like a candidate who has a passion to develop standards, pedagogy and practice, will be child-centred and able to inspire young people to be the best that they can be.

You will join the Trust at an exciting time: we have a unique, bespoke Professional Growth programme and remain committed to CPD for all staff who work with children. We also have a considerable professional support package available to all CLT employees, to ensure you can be the best you can be for our young people - every day.

As Chief Executive Officer, I am proud to provide strategic leadership in line with the culture, ethos and values of the Trust and its member Academies. The Trust Board has unwavering expectations to deliver the highest quality educational experiences and outcomes for the children and young people in its care.

If you are interested in having an informal conversation about this opportunity and/or wish to arrange a visit to the Academy please contact Marie Faichney, HR Director, who will arrange this (01782 853535). The letter in support of your application should be no more than 2 sides of A4. You may, if you wish, submit a CV with your application but not instead of it. Please send your application to [HR@citylearningtrust.org](mailto:HR@citylearningtrust.org).

Carl Ward  
Chief Executive Officer



It is my pleasure to introduce you to Trentham Academy. I am immensely proud of this Academy and delighted to be its Headteacher. Trentham Academy has the strength, character and further potential to be a leading centre of education both nationally and globally.

It is both a great privilege and a huge honour to be the Headteacher at Trentham Academy. At Trentham we live by our motto of "Aspire, Endeavour and Achieve" – dream big, work hard and persevere to be successful. I am determined that Trentham delivers an education that reflects our values of respect, optimism, integrity and responsibility. This ethos is grounded in care, a warm friendly atmosphere and a relentless pursuit of excellence for all. In order to achieve this we have the highest expectations of ourselves, as well as for our young people.

Every child at Trentham Academy is respected as an individual and we promote a 'can do' culture to ensure that our young people achieve great things whether through academic success or the field of sports and the arts. Trentham Academy is an exciting place to learn and we ensure that our young people have access to a broad curriculum offer and a plethora of enrichment activities.

Daily, I am reminded how blessed the Academy is to have extremely talented and dedicated staff that always go above and beyond for our young people to ignite their minds, touch their hearts and develop their talents and skills.

We are delighted to be part of the City Learning Trust's Character and Arts Foundation which provides our children with life-affirming and life-changing opportunities designed just for them to hold their heads high in Stoke-on-Trent and beyond.

We also have an exciting wider curriculum that covers a multitude of topics including for example careers, safeguarding, British values and links to further education, apprenticeships and local businesses. As a leading Apple Academy we use technology to stimulate education and enhance the skills of our young people to meet our evolving global society.

The depth of our curriculum offer ensures that our young people are happy, confident, inspired to learn and therefore secure places with further education providers (including local sixth form colleges and Russell group universities), apprenticeships or employment.

We pride ourselves in being committed to ensuring that the Academy's community is at the heart of everything we do.

We are very privileged to have wonderful, creative and committed students and enjoy excellent relationships between staff, students and parents/carers and our local community. This ensures that we continue to build a vibrant, successful and happy school.

Mike Whittingham  
Headteacher, Trentham Academy





## City Learning Trust

The City Learning Trust is a family of academies sharing resources and expertise: united by our values, we place children first in everything we do.

We believe in the power of collaboration and cooperation to unlock talent and fulfil potential. We want all children and young people within our Trust to be the best that they can be and are firmly committed to achieving our mission to create a world class education system for the communities we serve.

Children in the City Learning Trust have the best opportunities to develop their education and skills. Our mission is to provide the strongest start in life to enable our community to contribute in their own futures. We don't just want them to be employed, we want them to believe that they can change the world with their choices. There are no limits for any of our children as we inspire them to be lifelong learners and fully rounded citizens so they can adapt in an ever- changing world.

In our Trust, education is linked up from 3 to 19. Skills and qualifications are allied to an increasing understanding of the value of continuous learning and social responsibility as well as tolerance, kindness and compassion.

In recognition of our Professional Growth Package, opportunities for children through the Character and Arts Foundation and our leadership programme we were awarded Multi Academy Trust of the year in December 2023.

Our values are important to us and guide the work we do:

**Ambition:** Our academies aim to unlock the potential for all learners to achieve their dreams, hopes and aspirations.

**Cooperation:** We value working together in teams, supporting each other, and sharing expertise and accountability to improve standards.

**Commitment:** Our academies are a family of Academies with a common bond, dedicated to the communities that they serve.

**Creativity:** We encourage innovation and the use of imagination and original ideas in all our Academies.

**Leadership:** We believe in listening to, inspiring and empowering our learning communities so that they can achieve their true potential.

**Respect:** We value all people and organisations abilities, qualities and achievements, and operate using the principles of equality, equity and solidarity.

The Trust is on a journey from Good to Great. Through cooperation and collaboration, we develop sustainable partnerships that will provide a legacy for tomorrow's generation. This enables our member academies to become greater than the sum total of their parts.

The City Learning Trust is a registered charity and a DfE sponsor. We have a range of strategic partners and work closely with a number of multi-academy trusts to raise standards.

# Professional Growth with the City Learning Trust

Our Professional Growth model offers a unique and comprehensive package of support for our teachers, education support staff and leaders. It is the first of its type across the country and puts professional learning at the heart of your professional development.

The City Learning Trust offers a comprehensive CPD package for you to advance your own professional skills for the good of our children. We have two priorities:

- Developing and recruiting great staff to unlock and deliver for young people - without fail
- World class experience and outcomes for our young people - always

The City Learning Trust understands that you cannot have one without the other. To be able to give our children what they need, we must give you everything that you need to be the best that you can be in this demanding profession.

The programme is bespoke to your individual needs and is built around you. The work you undertake will be connected to your performance management cycle to ensure that you can truly focus on mastering improvements.

All City Learning Trust employees also have access to a range of benefits, discounts, salary sacrifice schemes and well-being support packages to allow them to be the best they can be for our young people – always.

During the CPD programme you will have the opportunity to:

- Network with colleagues across the Trust;
- Undertake professional research into your area of development;
- Arrange professional discussions for coaching and mentoring;
- Participate in #CLTogether events;
- Use the time to progress your own national professional qualifications;
- Arrange visits to our partner academies;
- Participate in holistic well-being opportunities.



## Building Talent programme

The City Learning Trust has developed its own talent management strategy as part of its Professional Growth commitment.

We are entirely committed to nurturing the talents of our workforce's aspirations to have as broad an impact as possible for the benefit of our young people.

If you have a particular goal in mind for your career, we are committed to supporting you in your Professional Growth journey.

## Rewards and Recognition

This is key to the development of our City Learning Trust culture.

As an employee of ours, you will be recognised for your efforts through:

- Access to a range of salary sacrifice schemes, extending from healthcare benefits to discounts on personal electronic devices;
- Regular engagement to consult with you about your experience as a colleague in the City Learning Trust and your opinions on how we could do things differently;
- Recognition from a whole Trust awards event that celebrates your success and commitment across the year.



# Job Description

## About Trentham Academy:

Trentham Academy, part of the City Learning Trust, is a thriving and oversubscribed school with a distinguished reputation for excellence in education. We are committed to creating a supportive and inspiring environment where both staff and students can flourish. Our academy is proud of its strong sense of community, innovative teaching methods, high academic standards, and dedication to the holistic development of our students.

## Role Overview:

We are seeking a passionate, enthusiastic, and dynamic teacher to join our dedicated team. The successful candidate will deliver high-quality lessons, inspiring and engaging students, and contribute to the wider life of the academy. This is an exciting opportunity to work in a supportive and forward-thinking environment, as well as for an award-winning Multi-Academy Trust, The City Learning Trust.

## Key Responsibilities:

- Plan and deliver engaging and challenging lessons in line with the National Curriculum and academy policies.
- Set high expectations of student achievement and behaviour, providing a positive and stimulating classroom environment.
- Assess, record and report on students' progress, providing constructive feedback to support their learning.
- Contribute to the development of the curriculum and take part in subject specific and whole school improvement initiatives.
- Participate actively in professional development opportunities and share good practice with colleagues.
- Communicate effectively with parents, carers, and other stakeholders regarding students' progress and achievements.
- Undertake pastoral duties, such as acting as a form tutor, to support the well-being and personal development of students.
- Promote equality, diversity and inclusion within the academy.
- Take part in extra-curricular activities and contribute to the broader life of the school.

## How To Apply:

To apply for this post, please complete the application form available on our website and submit it along with a supporting statement (maximum two sides of A4) outlining your suitability for the role.

Applications should be sent to [mfaichney@citylearningtrust.org](mailto:mfaichney@citylearningtrust.org)

The City Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and other relevant pre-employment checks.





# Person Specification

## Qualifications and Experience:

Qualified Teacher status - **essential**

Degree in relevant subject or a related field - **essential**

Proven ability to teach across Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 (Key Stage 5 is desirable but not essential, as is a knowledge of the Key Stage 2 curriculum) - **essential**

Evidence of recent relevant professional development - **essential**

## Skills and Attributes:

Strong subject knowledge and a passion for teaching - **essential**

Excellent classroom management skills with the ability to motivate and inspire students of all abilities - **essential**

Effective communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to build positive relationships with students, colleagues and parent/carers - **essential**

A commitment to high expectations for both behaviour and academic achievement - **essential**

The ability to work collaboratively as part of a team and contribute to the wider life of the academy - **essential**

A proactive approach to professional development and a willingness to embrace innovative teaching practice - **essential**

Experience of teaching Key Stage 5 or knowledge of the curriculum at Key Stage 2 - **desirable**

Experience with or interest in contributing to extra-curricular programmes - **essential**

A track record of raising achievement and improving outcomes - **desirable**

