Job Advert: Learning Support Assistant at Malbank School

Position: Learning Support Assistant
Location: Malbank School, Nantwich
Contract Type: Full-time, Permanent
Start Date: As soon as possible

About Malbank School: Malbank School is a thriving, inclusive secondary school in Nantwich, committed to providing an excellent education for all students. We are dedicated to nurturing the individual potential of each student, ensuring that they feel supported, included, and empowered to achieve their best.

Inclusive Learning Spaces: At Malbank School, we are proud of our two dedicated inclusive learning spaces designed to support students with varying needs:

- **Connect:** A space where students can receive tailored support to enhance their learning experience. It offers a calm and supportive environment, enabling students to thrive academically and socially.





- **The Lighthouse:** Our Autism-friendly space, carefully designed to support students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The Lighthouse provides a calm and structured environment where students can engage in learning in a setting that is sensitive to their individual needs.





Our Team: You will be working alongside a highly skilled team that includes:

- **SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator)**
- **Deputy SENCo**
- **Connect Manager**
- **Lighthouse Keeper**
- **A Specialist Teacher**
- **25 Learning Support Assistants (LSAs)**

Our staff work collaboratively to ensure the best outcomes for all our students, particularly those with additional learning needs.

Role Overview: We are seeking a dedicated and compassionate **Learning Support Assistant (LSA)** to join our team and support students within our inclusive spaces. You will work closely with students to help them access the curriculum, develop independence, and build confidence. Your role will be pivotal in ensuring students feel supported, safe, and valued within our school community.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide one-to-one or small group support for students with special educational needs, particularly in our Connect and Lighthouse spaces.
- Assist with the implementation of individual learning plans, helping students overcome barriers to learning.
- Support students in developing social and emotional skills, particularly in a safe and structured environment.
- Collaborate with teaching staff to ensure the best outcomes for all students.
- Monitor student progress and report on achievements, providing feedback and guidance to both students and teachers.

Key Skills and Experience:

- Experience of working with young people, ideally in an educational setting.
- Knowledge or experience of supporting students with Autism and other learning needs is desirable, particularly in an Autism-friendly environment.
- A calm, patient, and empathetic approach to supporting students.
- Strong communication skills and the ability to work effectively as part of a team.
- A positive attitude towards inclusivity and a passion for helping students achieve their full potential.

Why Malbank School?

- A supportive, collaborative working environment with a dedicated team, including our SENCo, Deputy SENCo, Connect Manager, Lighthouse Keeper, and 28 other LSAs.

- Opportunities for professional development and training, particularly in supporting students with additional needs.
- A school culture that values diversity and inclusion, with a focus on individual growth.
- Excellent facilities and two dedicated inclusive learning spaces: Connect and The Lighthouse.

Malbank School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for this position.

We look forward to receiving your application!