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IVANHOE SCHOOL

Exams Officer and Data Assistant



A journey to excellence

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Message from Headteacher

Thank you for expressing an interest in this post at Ivanhoe School.

At Ivanhoe School, our students come first. We recognise their different needs and work hard with them to develop their abilities and talents. We value the unique contribution of each student and want them to achieve their full potential.

On our journey we commit to:

- Providing a rich and creative teaching and learning community
- Providing a safe and caring environment
- Investing in ourselves to ensure everyone achieves success
- Respecting and valuing everyone and embracing diversity
- Building strong partnerships within our local community
- Continually preparing to meet future challenges



Our students are highly successful across a broad range of activities – personal and social development, sporting, artistic, musical and cultural. We work in close partnership with schools within LIFE Mat to build expertise across our teaching community.

We enjoy learning together – not only in lessons but also through the wide range of extra-curricular activities we have on offer, and we encourage all students to get involved. We are committed to working closely with parents and a high value is placed on student voice in all aspects of school life.



Highly qualified teachers and support staff provide an excellent, caring environment in which students can learn and flourish safely. Our aspirations, expectations and commitment are relentlessly high for all members of the school community.



Ivanhoe School became Members of the LiFE Multi Academy Trust in July 2021. Ivanhoe School works closely with local LIFE MAT schools: Ashby School and Ibstock Community College as part of the 'National Forest Hub.'

The LiFE MAT visions and values are as follows:

Vision

We have a compelling desire to provide high quality, personalised and rounded education for everyone, right in the heart of our local community. We believe that no school can be deemed successful unless all those around it are also successful, popular and flourishing. Hence, we believe that dynamic, mutually accountable collaboration and challenge between local schools as members of the LiFE MAT is the cornerstone of our future success.

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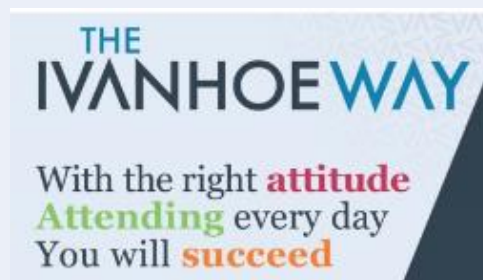
Each of our schools needs to be seen as a leader of, and vital to, its local community; each school is regarded as fundamental to the identity of its surrounding community. In this capacity we will relentlessly promote the values of inclusion and the celebration of diversity, alongside personal responsibility and respect.

Values

- Ensuring that every student achieves positive, life changing outcomes
- Providing a whole education: academic excellence co-existing with an exceptional commitment to activity beyond the school gate
- **The relentless pursuit of excellence by;** expecting this of every person, every day; recognising and celebrating behaviours that lead to great progress and promoting and celebrating elite performance inside school and in the wider world
- Valuing and promoting the celebration and understanding of diversity and qualities of our staff and students
- Ensuring that all students and staff feel known, appreciated and supported
- Committing whole-heartedly to collaboration within, between and beyond our academies
- Ensuring our curricula are agents for the promotion of our values

We look forward to your application

Alison Allford
Headteacher



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Exams Officer and Data Assistant

Grade 8, Points 15 - 18 (£27,717.00 - £30,066.00) FTE

Actual Salary £24,330.46 - £26,392.46 per annum

37 hours per week, 40 weeks per annum

We are looking to recruit an Exams Manager and Data Assistant to ensure that all student examinations are effectively planned and organised in a timely manner. The successful candidate will be responsible for the accurate input of all exams and mock results into the school's tracking system and will be the main point of contact for student examinations within the school. The postholder will also be responsible for ensuring the college's data is accurate and up-to-date, in the absence of the Data Manager. The postholder will also be responsible for the additional duties of First Aider and Fire Marshal when required.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone with experience of working in the education sector and experience of working in a data environment. A good working knowledge of data processes in a school or similar environment, combined with the ability to establish effective working relationships with staff at all levels and with outside agencies is essential.

If you wish to discuss the role further before applying, or if you would like any further details, please contact headspa@ivanhoe.co.uk

Closing date for applications is 12.00pm, 3rd December 2024

Application Process:

All our current career opportunities and applications forms can be found at

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/ivanhoe-co/>

Safeguarding

LiFE Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All offers of employment will be subject to a DBS check and an online search.

We are committed to the safety of our students and the protection of staff. Our recruitment process is in full accordance with recent guidance from the government for safer recruitment. Appointment to this post will be subject to satisfactory pre-employment checks.

Equal Opportunities

Ivanhoe is committed to equal opportunities in our recruitment and selection procedures. We welcome applications from all who meet the essential requirements within the person specification.

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Job Description

Title: Exams Officer & Data Assistant

Salary: Grade 8, Point 15-18
 Full Time Salary £27,717.00 – £30,066.00
 Actual Salary £24,330.46 – £26,392.46

Hours: 40 weeks per year
 37 hours per week
 8am – 4.00pm Monday to Thursday
 8am – 3.30pm Friday
 Permanent Contract

Responsible to: Assistant Headteacher – Curriculum and Outcomes

Responsible for: Managing all aspects of internal and external examinations. Supporting the Data Manager in an administrative capacity.

Responsibilities specific to the role:

- To be responsible for managing the effective and efficient management and administration of external examinations in accordance with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) regulations and/or awarding body rules for exams administration in a consistent and secure fashion, thereby helping to maintain the integrity and security of the assessment process
- To provide support, advice and guidance to the head of centre/senior leadership team in ensuring that the centre is compliant with the JCQ regulations and awarding body requirements in order to ensure the security and integrity of the examinations/assessments at all times
- To act on behalf of, and be the main point of contact for, the centre in matters relating to the general administration of awarding body examinations and assessments
- To closely liaise with key stakeholders (external and internal) to ensure exams administration processes are strictly followed
- To understand JCQ and awarding body key dates and deadlines and have in place robust procedures to ensure these are met
- To ensure examinations are conducted in accordance with the regulations
- Through taking an ethical approach and working proactively to avoid malpractice among students and staff, supports the head of centre in taking all reasonable steps to prevent the occurrence of any malpractice/maladministration before, during the course of and after examinations have taken place .

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- To lead and manage internal examinations within the Centre.
- First aider (relevant training will be given)
- Fire Marshall (relevant training will be given)

Key Responsibilities:

Before examinations

Planning

- Maintain and develop systems to manage and coordinate all aspects of the exams administration process
- Research and understand qualifications and how they are assessed
- Identify and access relevant support available from external stakeholders (Awarding bodies/JCQ/Network group/National Association of Examinations Officers/The Exams Office, etc.)
- Comply with JCQ and awarding body regulations, guidance and instructions and keep abreast of developments/changes/updates
- Effectively use JCQ and awarding body online tools where required (e.g. the Centre Admin Portal (CAP), secure extranet sites)
- Ensure familiarity with the centre's Management Information System (MIS)
- Oversee (as the main administrator) and manage appropriate access rights for relevant internal stakeholders using JCQ and awarding body online tools
- Manage own time effectively to ensure key tasks are undertaken and external key dates and deadlines are met (Achieved by creating and working to an annual exams plan)
- Communicate clear internal deadlines and processes for gathering/sharing exam-related information from/with relevant internal stakeholders
- Brief candidates/staff/parents/carers on examination regulations and requirements
- Actively support the head of centre in co-operating with the JCQ Centre Inspection Service, an awarding body or a regulatory authority when subject to an inspection, an investigation or an unannounced visit
- Annually confirm the information required by the National Centre Number Register (as administered by OCR on behalf of the JCQ) and informs of any changes to centre status
- Manage arrangements to receive, check and store confidential question papers and examination material safely and securely at all times and for as long as required in accordance with the regulations

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- Support the head of centre in managing potential conflicts of interest by informing the awarding bodies to timescale for each examination series and recording the measures taken to mitigate any potential risk to the integrity of the qualifications affected
- Contribute to the creation/review/update of exam-related policies/procedures as required by the regulations and accurately reflect working practices in the centre
- Support the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) (or equivalent role) in implementing examination access arrangements and reasonable adjustments for eligible candidates (processing approval applications and requesting modified papers by the published deadlines)

Entries

- Observe the awarding body's terms and conditions for the entry and withdrawal of candidates for their examinations/assessments
- Register or enter candidates for an examination or assessment in accordance with the awarding body's published procedures for that qualification
- Submit registrations, examination entries and certification claims by the deadline(s)
- Implement processes and liaise with relevant internal stakeholders to gather correct entry information to internal deadlines implementing strategies to avoid late (or other penalty) fees
- Maintain required identifiers for each candidate entered for an examination/assessment and enter candidates who are on roll at the centre as internal candidates
- Verify the identity of all students that are entered for examinations/assessments
- Effectively use internal and external IT systems to submit and manage awarding body registration and entry data
- Liaise with the Finance Department to ensure fees are paid as instructed and at the time specified by the awarding bodies
- Submit any applications for transferred candidate arrangements in accordance with the JCQ/awarding body requirements
- Liaise with relevant internal stakeholders to ensure final entries that have been submitted to an awarding body are regularly monitored, submitting timely changes (amendments/withdrawals) to ensure candidates take the correct papers at the correct time and enabling awarding bodies' to deliver accurate results to the centre

Pre-exams

- Recruit, train, update and manage a team of invigilators

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- Manage the arrangements for the timetabling, rooming, seating, resourcing and invigilation of examinations in accordance with the regulations
- Effectively resolve exam timetable clashes and manage overnight supervision arrangements (where arrangements may be required as a last resort once all other options have been exhausted) in accordance with the regulations
- Ensure all candidates are notified of their examination entries and the dates and times of their examinations/assessments in accordance with the regulations
- Ensure all candidates are aware of the JCQ and awarding body information and regulations regarding the conduct of their examinations/assessments prior to these taking place
- Inform the JCQ Centre Inspection Service where it is intended that a timetabled examination for any candidate(s) will be conducted at an alternative site
- Confirm relevant internal stakeholders to complete administrative tasks associated with centre assessed work in an accurate and timely manner in accordance with the requirements of awarding bodies and moderators
- Support the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) (or equivalent role) in implementing examination access arrangements or reasonable adjustments for eligible candidates (appropriate arrangements for rooming, resourcing, facilitation, invigilation etc.)
- Effectively manage arrangements for the secure storage and dispatch of examination scripts for marking

During examinations

Exam time

- Effectively manage the conduct of examinations in accordance with JCQ regulations and/or awarding body rules
- Ensure all exam accommodation is prepared in accordance with the requirements
- Effectively deploy fully trained invigilators to exam rooms according to the requirements
- Manage unexpected issues/irregularities which may affect the conduct of examinations
- Support the head of centre in investigating and reporting cases of suspected or actual malpractice in connection with an examination as required by the JCQ and awarding bodies
- Manage emergency access arrangements for eligible candidates as the need may arise during exam time
- Maintain the confidentiality and security of candidates' responses and dispatch scripts according to the requirements

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- Submit to the published timescales, relevant follow-up reporting to awarding bodies' in relation to the very late arrival of candidates for examinations and applications for special consideration where candidates meet the published criteria

After examinations

Results and Post-Results

- Ensure candidates and relevant internal stakeholders are aware of processes, key dates and deadlines in relation to the issue of results and the arrangements for post-results services
- Plan, prepare for, and manage the restricted release of results and the distribution of provisional statements of results in accordance with JCQ regulations and/or awarding body rules
- Effectively use internal and external IT systems to access and manage awarding body results information
- Understand awarding body results indicators and provide support for relevant internal stakeholders in accessing results reports/analysis tools
- Effectively use external IT systems to administer post-results services in accordance with the regulations to the published deadlines
- Manage and administer the receipt, distribution and retention of examination certificates according to the regulations

Other

- Acquire a thorough knowledge of JCQ and awarding body regulations and requirements
- Acquire the skills required to undertake the role effectively and efficiently
- Engage in the centre's Appraisal/Professional Development Programme
- Undertake training, update or review sessions as required
- Undertake other duties appropriate to the grade and responsibilities of the role as may be required by the head of centre/member(s) of the senior leadership team responsible for examinations, for example:
 - the preparation for and conduct of internal examinations under external examination conditions
 - other exams-related administrative tasks
 - To support the Data Manager in their role, where relevant.
- All Ivanhoe staff members are expected to promote and safeguard the welfare of students at the school.

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The post holder is responsible to the:

- Headteacher in all matters
- Assistant Headteacher: Curriculum and Outcomes

All Ivanhoe employees are expected to promote and safeguard the welfare of students at the school. Our Child Protection Policy is made known to all and is designed to guide staff, students and parents/carers with regard to Child Protection issues.

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Person Specification

	Essential		Desirable	
Qualifications and Professional Development	Experience of working in the education sector	A	Level 3 qualification or equivalent	A
	Experience of working in a data environment	A/R	Prior experience of managing the examination process within an educational setting	A/I
	Experience of working with Arbor MIS or similar student records system	A	Undertake relevant training and development opportunities	I/R
Application	Well written and well-presented application that addresses the requirements of the post	A		
Knowledge and Skills	Manage and maintain the integrity and confidentiality of the exams system	A/R	Aware of the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) regulations or equivalent	A/I
	Ability to establish effective working relationships with staff at all levels and with outside agencies		Aware of current developments in the secondary school/college curriculum and examination systems	A/I
	Ability to present information effectively, both in writing and orally with groups and individuals		Aware of the needs of students with Access Arrangements and the ability to work with the SENDCo to support this	A/I/R
	Accuracy and attention to detail Proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel products		Advising senior leadership teams	I/R
	Ability to learn new software and take ownership of the delivery of an efficient service		People management – including management of a team of invigilators	I/R
	Excellent administration / organisational skills /time management and planning skills to prioritise workload and balance conflicting demands to meet strict deadlines		Contingency planning/risk management – including covering the absence of the exams officer role during a critical stage of the exam cycle/academic year	I/R

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Personal Qualities	Commitment to provide a quality service	R		
	Follow relevant policies, procedures and regulations to complete work and adapt quickly to changes in policy	I/R		
	Ability to work effectively as a member of a team	I		
	An ability to demonstrate excellent communication skills and relate to a wide range of people			
	Appropriate professional appearance			
	Commit to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people			
	Occasional out of hours work and flexible working (during main exam periods)			

Evidence to be gleaned from: A Letter of application and application form
 I Interview process
 R Reference

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Safer Recruitment Applicant Information

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

Ivanhoe School 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 Ivanhoe School's safer recruitment process.

PRE- EMPLOYMENT VETTING

As part of its safer recruitment and selection process, Ivanhoe School operates a strict preemployment vetting procedure. All applicants will be required to undergo the checks outlined below.

Declaration of Previous Convictions

The amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, Exceptions Order 1975 (2013 & 2020) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure to employers and cannot be taken into account. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions is available on the Ministry of Justice website.

Should you be shortlisted for the position, you will be required to complete a criminal records self-declaration form in order to provide any information about any unspent and unprotected criminal records that you may have.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

Successful applicants seeking to work with children and/or young people will be required to undergo an Enhanced DBS Disclosure; this will include a check against the Barred List.

A Barred List 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.

We will also retain, with the permission of the applicant, the DBS Disclosure documents of any 'hold' candidates. These documents will be destroyed once a decision (offer and acceptance) has been reached.

Where an applicant is not normally resident in the United Kingdom or has been resident outside the United Kingdom for more than six months, a certificate of good conduct will be required from the previous country of residence.

Qualifications

If the post applied for requires a specific qualification, 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.

Registration with a Professional Body If the post applied for requires 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. Ivanhoe School will verify registration/membership with the relevant professional body.

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References

Applicants are required to provide a minimum of two referees, one of which must be your most recent employer. One reference must be from a referee where the employment involved working with children and/or young people wherever possible.

If you have worked in a school, the referee must be the Headteacher/Business Manager of that school.

If you have undertaken voluntary work with children and/or young people, you should use the leadership of such voluntary provision as a referee.

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

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

In all cases, Ivanhoe School 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.

Eligibility to Work in the UK

Ivanhoe School has a legal obligation to check documentary evidence to confirm that all potential employees are eligible to work in the UK.

Medical Assessment

All offers of appointment will be subject to the satisfactory outcome of a medical assessment procedure.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS

As stated previously, all offers of appointment are made subject to the satisfactory outcome of the pre-employment checks for the post