

Part time Associate Tutor

Fixed Term contract: September 2022 – July 2023

Olive AP Academy – Thurrock

- £13,669 £14,758 pro rata (£25,419 £27,514 FTE)
- Local Government Pension Scheme
- OA benefits package

To arrange an informal discussion or to visit the academy, please phone 01708 853781

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About Olive AP Academy – Thurrock

Based in the heart of Thurrock, our academy specialises in alternative provision and supporting the social and emotional educational needs of young people. Olive AP Academy - Thurrock supports up to 94 pupils for whom traditional teaching methods have not worked. Students, ranging in age from 11 to 16, join us following permanent exclusion from a mainstream school or due to having medical needs that prevent them from attending a mainstream setting.

Our academy is a nurturing, inclusive community where students are able to grow and develop. We strive to ensure success for all our learners academically, socially and morally. We build a curriculum around the needs of our students and are proud that our Year 11 students leave with qualifications on par with their mainstream peers and transition into education, training or employment.

Having a working beauty salon, kitchen and hospitality area, construction area, science laboratory and fitness suite onsite allows for a hands-on approach to the curriculum and the development of transferable skills for the future.

Alongside our ever-growing curriculum, we offer our students additional qualifications in non-traditional subjects such as sailing, climbing, extreme mountain biking, bushcraft and first aid.

All students receive therapeutic support and this can range from a set or personalised programme, counselling, speech and language intervention or small group activities around self-worth and wellbeing.

We pride ourself on encouraging positive mental health and wellbeing and are pleased to have received a National Wellbeing Award, which acknowledges the support we provide for staff, students and families.

Working in alternative provision can be challenging, but joining the Olive family is one of the most rewarding and positive career developments you will make. If you have the experience and enthusiasm to support us on our journey, I would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your interest.

Collette Hunnisett

Executive Headteacher







"I like the variety in my job. **Every day is different** and brings new challenges. I have **great working** relationships with my colleagues and I feel appreciated."

"Everything is possible at Olive."

"I'm **proud to be part of a team** which provides students with positive experiences, **creating memories** that they can talk about in the future."

"Being part of Olive Academies means **making things happen** – supporting children who have felt let down by education, giving them the **skills to be successful** and watching them grow."

"I like that I have the **freedom to be creative** within education."



Job description

We are looking for an experienced associate tutor who will:

- work closely with teachers, SLT, outside agencies and parents/carers to help improve the learning, progress and behaviour of students
- work to high professional standards embodying the core Olive values of ambition, determination, conviction and reflection
- **inspire our students** and share a genuine passion for learning
- be committed to tackling disadvantage and improving every student's wellbeing and life chances
- support with delivering our outreach programme working with mainstream local schools, sharing expertise and mentoring staff to support students at risk of permanent exclusion
- demonstrate expertise, knowledge and skills in understanding the needs of alternative provision students
- share our determination to develop and deliver a broader curriculum for our students
- work closely with colleagues to produce high quality learning resources and plan learning activities
- **use data** about each student to inform classroom practice and planning.
- assess and give students regular feedback in line with the OA marking and feedback policy

- facilitate good progress and positive outcomes - inspire, motivate and challenge our students
- work under **direction from other staff** in the classroom to maximise impact on learning
- **set expectations** and maintain a positive and safe learning environment
- use the 'Dare to be Olive' approach to ensure that high expectations for behaviour are maintained
- act on child protection concerns immediately; read, understand, and implement OA's safeguarding policy and procedures, and Keeping Children Safe in Education
- **be a role model** for our students, showing leadership, resilience, and empathy
- **coach a group of students**, mentoring them through their time at the academy
- work with parents, carers, local schools, and outside agencies to ensure each student's needs are best met
- fulfil wider professional responsibilities
- support the trust's values and ethos by contributing to the development and implementation of policies, practices, and procedures
- work closely with our headteacher, our staff, parents/carers and our students to deliver our strategic vision and help make our ambitious plans for the academy a reality

Note: The duties above are neither exclusive nor exhaustive and the post holder may be required by the headteacher to carry out appropriate duties within the context of the job, skills and grade.



Person Specification

Measurements: A = Application, I = Interview, R = Reference, T = Task

Qualifications and Training

Level 2 Mathematics and English or equivalent	А	Essential
A-levels or equivalent	А	Desirable
Evidence of CPD which enhances classroom practice	А	Desirable

Experience

Experience working in a school or college setting supporting the learning of young people	А, І	Essential
Effective and systematic behaviour management – experience of using de-escalation techniques in a school setting; experience of maintaining clear boundaries and using sanctions, praise and rewards	А, І	Essential
Experience of supporting all aspects of inclusion to successfully meet the needs of pupils with complex special educational, social and emotional needs	А, І	Essential
Experience of working collaboratively with others	А, І	Essential

Knowledge

An understanding of disadvantage and working in challenging environments	А, Т, І	Essential
An understanding of a range of special needs, especially SEMH, ASD, ADHD and SpLD	А, Т, І	Desirable



Skills and Abilities

Ability to support students with literacy and numeracy	А, Т, І	Essential
Knowledge of standard English	А, І	Desirable
Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, and the ability to form strong relationships with all stakeholder groups (pupils, parents and carers, colleagues, external agencies, wider community etc.)	A, T, I, R	Essential
Ability to reflect and self-evaluate	A, I, R	Essential

Personal Aptitude

Personal and professional resilience in the face of challenging situations	A, I, R	Essential
Self-motivated, productive, diligent, and thorough	A, I, R	Essential
Commitment to your personal and professional development and that of all staff	А, І	Essential
Empathy with the needs of children	А,Т, І	Essential
Commitment to the safeguarding of vulnerable young people	I	Essential
A personal commitment to promoting inclusion, diversity, and access	А, І	Essential
Excellent communication skills in a variety of media to a range of audiences including students, parents/carers, colleagues, external agencies and the wider school community	А, І	Essential
A commitment to the vision, values, aims and objectives of Olive Academies	А, І	Essential

Transform young lives with Olive Academies Trust

Thank you for your interest in working with Olive Academies. We look forward to receiving your application.

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