**Position: Level 2 Teaching Assistant**

**Salary: Scale point 7 – 12 (24,294 – 26,421 FTE) Salary Pro rata**

**Location: Lotus Academy (currently Holgate Meadows)**

**Contract type: Permanent, Term-time only 32.5 hours a week**

**Closing date: Friday 10th May 12pm**

**Interview date: Wednesday 15th May**

Lotus Academy is a developing and forward-thinking special school located in the Southey/Parson Cross area of Sheffield. Our pupils have a range of complex Social Emotional and Mental Health needs. They enjoy a safe, creative and stimulating school environment with a tailored curriculum to help meet their individual needs.

Lotus Academy staff share the same commitment to ensuring that all our children achieve their full potential and can support our school values of:

* **Holistic Achievement**
* **Acceptance**
* **Unconditional Positive Regard**
* **Safety**
* **Enjoyment**

Our school is committed to providing care and support to some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable children in the city. You would need to be flexible and committed to working as part of a team.

**About the Trust**

Nexus Multi Academy Trust was founded in 2016 and has the highest ambitions possible for everyone we work with. We are a forward thinking and innovative Trust with collaboration, enrichment and improvement enshrined within our day to day practice ensuring that leaners and their families are always at the centre of what we do.

The vision for Nexus is that we are constantly “Learning together, to be the best we can be.” This vision is what we aspire to and is as relatable to every employee and partner of our Trust as it is to our children, young adults and their families. Please see a copy of our most recent prospectus, which is included in the recruitment pack for this advert.

**Our Opportunity**

We are looking to appoint from September 2024, a highly motivated, enthusiastic, hardworking, flexible Teaching Assistant to join a team of dedicated staff who are committed to providing an excellent learning environment and become part of a successful teaching team in a busy working environment.

We welcome applications from Teaching Assistants who have previously worked in mainstream or special needs schools. You must have a broad knowledge of SEN and able to respond to the emotional, social and mental health needs of our children and young people ages 6 to 16. Staff who join us at Lotus Academy will be provided with high quality professional development which will include a robust induction programme and a mentor.

As part of the role you would be working as part of a team supporting whole class lessons, group work and working one to one with pupils. You will be part of a committed staff team who are motivated every day by improving the life chances of our pupils.

**What you can expect**

* An exciting opportunity to join a growing academy with Lotus Academy
* An opportunity to join a school improving with pace
* An opportunity to join colleagues who will make you proud to be part of our state education system
* Access to tailored CPD through Nexus Academies Trust and the Opportunity Area which includes pathways into Initial Teaching Training
* Working within an award-winning MAT who pride themselves on having friendly and supportive academies who together are helping to transform communities

**Further information**

For an informal and confidential conversation about the role, please contact Sarah Storer, Head Teacher: [sstorer@nexusmat.org](mailto:sstorer@nexusmat.org).

We will also be inviting any prospective candidates who want to visit prior to application, to make an appointment on Wednesday 8th May between either:

10 – 12pm or

3.30 – 5pm

**Nexus Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

Safer recruitment practice and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before any appointment is confirmed.

This post involves working with children and therefore if successful you will be required to apply for a disclosure of criminal records check at an enhanced level and a barred list check. Further information about the Disclosure and Barring Service and can be found at [www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check](http://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check).

We are an equal opportunities employer committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce.

For more information and an application form to apply please email HR-enquiries@nexusmat.org

All candidates are advised to refer to the job description and person specification before making an application.

We reserve the right to close this vacancy early should we receive an overwhelming response.