

Position: Level 3 Teaching Assistant

Hours and salary: NJC 12-17 (Grade F) £29542 - £32046 actual salary £25205 - £27342 - Inclusive of the provisional 3.3% cost of living pay award

School and Location: West Riding Academy, Worsbrough, Barnsley, S70 4RG

Contract type: 36 hours per week, term time plus 5 days

Closing date: 9:00am on Friday 10th July 2026

Interview date: Tuesday 14th July 2026

Start date: Tuesday 1st September 2026

About our School

West Riding Academy is an 11-19 Special School and part of Nexus Multi-Academy Trust. Every day we make a difference to the lives of the children and young people in our school community. We are proud of our great reputation with children and families, other professionals, and other agencies.

Our shared vision for Nexus Multi-Academy Trust is that we are constantly "Learning together, to be the best we can be". This vision is what we aspire for and is as relatable to every employee and partner of our Trust as it is to our children, young people and their families. We are fully committed to partnerships and all the educational benefits of collaborative working. You can find out more at: www.nexusmat.org

The students at West Riding Academy deserve the very best education and an ambitious, rich curriculum. All have communication and interaction needs, and many have other identified SEND. Some have missed a large part of their previous education for a variety of reasons. The students are at the heart of everything we do, and we strongly believe it is our responsibility to nurture their sense of belonging. We are here to ensure that every single student has the best opportunities to flourish through personalised learning, in a school where everyone feels welcome, safe, secure, and highly valued.

About the Trust

This is an exciting opportunity to join an award winning Multi Academy Trust and be part of a welcoming and supportive team that serves amazing children and young people. Nexus Multi Academy Trust was founded in 2016, with 19 unique SEND and mainstream academies.

We are a growing, forward thinking and innovative Trust with a shared ethos, vision and values for a personalised child centred approach. We are committed and invested in "Learning together, to be the best we can be" and it 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, for further information.

Our Opportunity

We are seeking individuals with strong person-centred values and a proven ability to develop relationships with students and colleagues in order to support the delivery of high-quality teaching and learning experiences. This includes a key role in the delivery of targeted learning interventions and role modelling best practice as a Level 3 Teaching Assistant. This includes covering for absent teacher colleagues.

What you can expect from us

Wellbeing – Pay – Careers and Training – Annual Leave and Flexibility

- ✓ Access to free wellbeing support resources including counselling, medical and legal advice and an option to top up to private healthcare via corporate membership of a healthcare plan.
- ✓ Access to discount schemes for savings with high street retailers, restaurants, activities and lifestyle services
- ✓ Auto enrolment into a leading pension scheme with Teachers Pension Scheme or Local Government Pension Scheme
- ✓ Access to extensive and tailored career pathways, CPD programmes, training and coaching giving you the opportunity to grow and develop your career
- ✓ An Induction package to help you settle in and approach your role with confidence and enthusiasm
- ✓ The ability to contribute to and share quality practice with other professional TAs, Teachers and the wider team
- ✓ Internal opportunities across the Trust academies and to work with specialised leaders in education on nationally recognised projects
- ✓ Flexible working policies
- ✓ Cycle to Work Scheme
- ✓ Annual leave increases based on length of service plus bank holidays for support staff

To apply

If you're interested in this role and wish to apply, please visit the Nexus MAT website to download an application form. Once on the Nexus MAT website, select the *Joining Us – Careers* section, click on the position you wish to apply for, and the application can be found at the bottom of the page.

All candidates are advised to refer to the job profile before making an application.

Completed applications to be sent to Kerry James (School Resource Manager) at westriding@nexusmat.org

In line with safer recruitment practices and Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), curriculum vitae (CVs) will only be accepted alongside a full application form.

We reserve the right to close this advertisement early should we receive a high volume of suitable applications.

Further information

Please be aware that West Riding Academy's website is still under construction.

Nexus Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and young people 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 young people. 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.

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

Privacy Notice (Job Applicants)

We are committed to protecting your personal data and handling it responsibly. The information you provide on this application form will be used solely for recruitment and selection purposes, to assess your suitability for the role, and to communicate with you about your application.

Your data will be processed in accordance with applicable data protection laws, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. We will only share your information where necessary and will retain it only for as long as required for recruitment purposes.

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