



# HODGE HILL GIRLS' SCHOOL

"Educating tomorrow's women today"

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## Applicant Information Pack 2023 - 2024

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# Letter from Headteacher

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Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for a position at Hodge Hill Girls' School.

Found in the heart of the Hodge Hill community, the school is committed to approximately 750 pupils. Having strong community values; we know, and care for each pupil as individuals.

Hodge Hill Girls' School is a comprehensive, 11-16, secondary school located in the heart of the Hodge Hill community. We pride ourselves with having a committed, supportive, and talented staff body. This works in conjunction with a dynamic and encouraging Governing Body, who constitute a broad range of experience and interest.

We strive to meet the needs of each member of our school community, celebrating diversity and always striving for equality in our school family and the wider world. Our ethos encourages mutual respect and support to enable every pupil to make the greatest personal, social and academic progress during their time with us, preparing them for successful careers and fulfilling lives.

Hodge Hill Girls' School was inspected by Ofsted in March 2022 and received a 'Good' rating. Despite the challenges of the pandemic faced by staff, pupils, parents, and governors, Hodge Hill Girls' School has maintained its effective standard of being 'good' educators to the next generation. The report refers to how 'pupils value the education they receive at Hodge Hill Girls' School', with the firm stance that we are 'educating tomorrow's women today'.

- *"Staff promote pupils' personal development exceptionally well. Staff help pupils to develop positive characteristics and to have high aspirations. Careers education is very effective, and pupils are well prepared for life in modern Britain."*
- *"Leaders and the majority of staff have high expectations of pupils. Teachers help pupils to develop their knowledge and understanding through the many opportunities available to them. The school is 'educating tomorrow's women today'."*
- *"Pupils value the education they receive at Hodge Hill Girls' School. They appreciate how their experiences prepare them for future learning and adult life. They clearly understand the purpose of their education."*

We take satisfaction in providing the best care possible to each student. We work with feeder schools on establishing SEND provisions for those in need of extra support, with a team of teaching assistants trained and informed to support wider pupil needs.

Please feel welcome to arrange a visit to sense the community feel the school has created for pupils and staff.

**Mrs S Adu**  
**Headteacher**



# Our Mission

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## **'EDUCATING TOMORROW'S WOMEN TODAY'**

As a small school, we know and care for every child. We genuinely value and strive to enhance working partnerships with our families and our local community, knowing that in those partnerships lies our greatest strength and best hope of raising the achievement and aspirations of all our children to ensure that we really are "educating tomorrow's women today". Our aim is to ensure that the students at our school are all well-rounded individuals, not just academically but also strong in character, confidence and embrace British values.

Our aim is pupils, families, staff and governors working together in partnership to help every pupil make expected progress, to help many pupils make better than expected progress and to help some pupils to make exceptional progress by:

- Ensuring pupils attend for a minimum of 96%.
- Rewarding personal endeavours and community commitment.
- Helping pupils overcome challenges in their work and behaviour.
- Supporting physical health and emotional resilience.
- Developing teaching and curriculum for high quality learning.
- Developing the site, building and resources for best value learning.



# PRIDE Values

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## **Partnerships**

We value each member of our school community and work in partnership to achieve the best outcomes.



## **Respect**

For ourselves and others in words and actions. We demonstrate respect for our environment.



## **Inspiration**

We are inspired to make a positive difference to ourselves and the wider community within our daily lives. We are inspired to challenge ourselves and to be the very best we can.



## **Determination**

We show determination, and we keep trying even when the going gets tough. We demonstrate resilience, take risks and rise to the challenge.



## **Excellence**

We aim for excellence, demonstrating high standards in all that we do. We demonstrate a professional approach in our actions, words, attire and outcomes.

# Success and Opportunities

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We are determined to bring success and opportunities as we go the extra mile for our pupils. Using our school values as a guide, we have many opportunities which will help your child develop resilience, independence and the personal qualities, skills and attributes needed for a successful life beyond Hodge Hill Girls' School.

There are so many wonderful opportunities for pupils to develop their skills, character and personal qualities. Alongside learning within and beyond the classroom through enrichment opportunities many girls become School Council Representatives/House Leaders/House Captains, Librarians, Peer Mentors, Sports Leaders, and UNICEF Ambassadors.

## **CAREERS**

Hodge Hill Girls' School is recognised by the Careers Mark Standard for excellent career related learning. Our intention is that pupils leave their secondary school experience with a careers education which has helped to; raise aspirations, provide skills to achieve full potential, and to provide the opportunity to experience different career pathways.

The school has a specified careers curriculum programme in place which delivers employability and work-related learning skills, this covers all pupils from Years 7-11. This is in addition to the many careers linked activities which take place throughout the academic year.

It is our goal that our pupils leave with the knowledge to make informed choices about their future.

# Why Work Here?

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As an employee of Hodge Hill Girls' School, you will be joining a friendly, personable team of staff. We provide staff with all the tools necessary for success. This includes the use of a school laptop, a well-equipped staff room, and bi-weekly briefings to remain up to date with all necessary key dates and news across the year. We encourage development of staff through a yearly appraisal system and personal development targets, as well as CPD opportunities within and outside of our school.

The school is ever-improving with new facilities, ensuring that pupils have the best educational experience during their time with us. We house fantastic facilities for different subject departments, and a wider school body. This includes two spacious gymnasiums for PE lessons and sports events, a drama studio, IT suites, modern design technology spaces fit for pupil learning and practical lessons, and vibrant outdoor spaces for pupils to relax and enjoy time with friends.

More recently, we have renovated our school library to house a sophisticated, bright, pupil-friendly environment. Not only can this space be used as a library but the interactive boards and computers make use of an additional teaching space within the library!

At Hodge Hill Girls' School we believe that pupils should be given a varied range of opportunities to develop and practise leadership skills in preparation for life beyond school. Many student leadership activities will focus on supporting the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom whilst also reinforcing the school's ethos to create a climate for great learning, success and opportunity. Through trying new things, finding solutions and embracing responsibility our leaders ensure the voice of the students are heard.



# How to Apply?

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All applications must be made through the school website under [Vacancies](#), or the Birmingham City Council vacancies website

Please note we do not accept CV's; applications will only be considered if received on a Birmingham City Council application form.

Application packs are available from: [CSURecruitment@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:CSURecruitment@birmingham.gov.uk) or from our school website.

On the school vacancies site, applicants will find the Job Advert, Person Specification and Job Description forms to complete. Please read through each form and tailor your application to provide any experience and skills you have gained in other roles or similar environments which demonstrate your ability and aptitude to undertake the duties of the post.

Candidates shortlisted for interviews will be required to bring to the interview: proof of ID, qualifications and their right to work in the UK. The post is subject to the agreed terms and conditions which will be laid out in the letter of appointment and individual contract.

Hodge Hill Girls' School is committed to being an equal opportunities employer. To enable us to make any reasonable adjustments, please let us know at the application stage if you have any specific requirements.

*Hodge Hill Girls' School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any person offered a position of appointment will be required to complete an enhanced DBS disclosure check.*

*For informal enquiries or to arrange a pre-application visit please contact Natasha Panton, HR Assistant via email: [HR@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:HR@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)*



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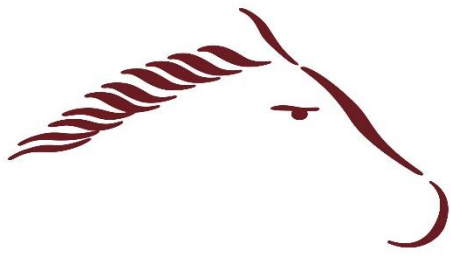


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**NAME:**

**POST:**

Laboratory Technician

Permanent, Term time only

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8.00am - 4.00pm & Wednesday, 8.00am - 3.00pm (36.50 hours per week (plus 2 weeks to be specified by school))

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**GRADE:**

2

**PAY RANGE:**

Spinal Point 3 - 8

**Subject to formal evaluation under the Pay Equity Review" by the salary/Grade.**

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**JOB PURPOSE:**

- To provide support to the teaching staff with the Science Department
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## **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Requisition of consumables or equipment to maintain adequate stock levels after liaising with the Head of Department
- Maintenance of:
  - Secure inventories
  - Stock Control
- Issue of chemicals, apparatus, equipment, materials in accordance with specified procedure
- Assist with annual stock-taking within the Science Department
- Assist in preparation of budget for:
  - Replacement and new apparatus
  - Chemicals
  - Equipment and materials within the Science Department
- Preparation of materials/samples for both classwork and examinations
- Preparation of cultures, plates, solutions, models, plant and animal slides in accordance with a known procedure
- Maintenance of:
  - Aquaria and plants within the Science Department
- Animal experiments under the direct supervision of the Head of department with regard to the 1984 Animal
- Welfare and Cruelty Act (copies available from Science Inspector/DFE)
- Construct, test, collect and clean demonstration class and examination apparatus

- Build teacher aids, e.g. Light boxes, feeler boxes, models, under supervision
- Carry out safety checks in accordance with laid down instructions and codes of practice
- In the event of a chemical spillage, ensure to liaise with the Building Services Supervisor that laboratory floors, walls, benches, equipment and fittings are properly cleaned
- Be aware of the appropriate and safe storage of chemicals and where necessary inform other members of staff of known hazards
- Ensure the safe disposal of chemical preparations and toxic substances in accordance with relevant codes of practice
- Ensure the: Preparation and clearing away of apparatus and materials
- Teaching staff are aware of the dangers of leaving equipment in an unsafe condition e.g. Breakages, spillages, emphasising the dangers of not informing the technician(s) immediately if any of these occur
- Within the Science Department, undertake photocopying or duplicating as necessary
- Reproduction of confidential examination materials
- Assembling material for:
  - Cataloguing
  - Stocktaking
- Where necessary, to control and maintain reprographic equipment and associated consumables
- To be responsible for:
  - The storage and retrieval of stencils and standard documents
  - The repair and recovering of textbooks
- To assist with exhibitions and displays for open days, festivals, plays, fetes, etc, including mounting/framing finished work.
- Where applicable issue audio visual equipment, files and aids as required when carrying out normal duties

### **GENERAL: Support Staff**

#### **Please note all individuals should**

- Take responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people he/she is responsible for or comes into contact with.
- Promote and ensure the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors at all times
- Ensure all tasks are carried out with due regard to Health and Safety and deficiencies reported immediately.
- To actively promote the equalities and diversity agenda in the workplace and in-service delivery
- Take responsibility for own professional development and use the outcomes to improve work performance and share expertise with colleagues.
- To participate in Performance Management in accordance with the generic school plan for Performance Management.
- To **lead** on relevant items on the Risk Register.
- To **lead** on the development of relevant current initiatives
- Adhere to the ethos of the school, promoting the agreed vision and aims.
- Set an example of personal integrity, professionalism and be an effective team player.
- Attend appropriate meetings as required
- Plan own work to ensure the meeting of defined objectives.
- Keep abreast of current educational developments.
- Contribute to the efficient operation of the school through regular duties.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:**

**Supervising Officer's Job Title:** Faculty Leader of Science

- Regularly supervised with work checked by supervisor.
- Left to work within established guidelines subject to scrutiny by supervisor.
- Plan own work to ensure the meeting of defined objectives.

**This job description reflects the major tasks to be carried out by the post holder and identifies the level of responsibility at which the post holder will be required to work at.**

**The Job Description may be subject to review and / or amendment at any time to reflect the needs of the school. These amendments will be made in consultation with the existing post holder and will be commensurate with the grade of the role.**

**6. REVIEW AND AMENDMENT**

This job description is normally subject to annual review. It may be amended at the request of the Headteacher or the post holder but only after full consultation with the post holder.

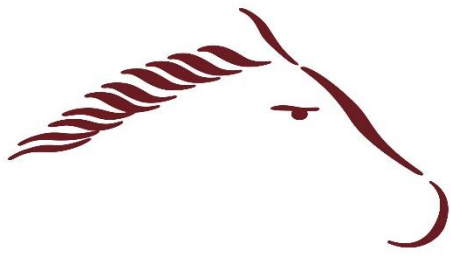
**Job Description issued following consultation by**

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**Signature of Headteacher**

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**Signature of Post Holder**

**Date**.....





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## PERSON SPECIFICATION

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NAME:

POST: Laboratory Technician

GRADE: Grade 2

**Subject to formal evaluation under the Pay Equity Review" by the salary/Grade.**

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	EVIDENCE
<b>Qualifications</b>	A* - C in GCSE English or Mathematics or equivalent.	Qualified to A level standard or equivalent  Degree qualifications in Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application</li><li>• Interview</li><li>• Certification</li></ul>
<b>Experience</b>	Experience of working in a school environment.  Experience of working with Information Technology Systems.  Technical skills	Experience of health and safety  Experience of CLEAPSS & COSHH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application</li><li>• Interview</li><li>• Test</li></ul>
<b>Knowledge, Skills and Attributes</b>	An ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence using the English Language as required by <b>Part 7 of the Immigration Act 2016</b> .  Good communication and numerical skills.  Evidence of ability to work with others as part of a coherent team  Must be able to communicate		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application</li><li>• Interview</li><li>• Test</li><li>• Application</li><li>• Interview</li><li>• Application</li><li>• Interview</li></ul>

	<p>effectively with pupils and adults at all levels</p> <p>Ability to deal with people pleasantly and efficiently.</p> <p>Well organised and good time management skills</p> <p>Ability to meet personal and school deadlines</p>		
<b>Training</b>	Willing to undertake job related training		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application</li> <li>• Interview</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<p>Commitment to equal opportunities.</p> <p>Maintain confidentiality.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application</li> <li>• Interview</li> </ul>

Compiled by: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Shortlisting/Interviewing Panel): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hodge Hill Girls' School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to all necessary pre-employment checks, including: an enhanced DBS; Prohibition check; Childcare Disqualification (where applicable); qualifications (where applicable); medical fitness; identity and right to work. All applicants will be required to provide two suitable references.**

**ALL STAFF ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S  
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY.**