

Group Member:		Leeds City College	
Job Title:		Deputy Head of Department – Curriculum & Quality	
Reports to:		Head of Department	
Job Grade	T5	Department	Travel, Food and Drink

SPECIFIC ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provide inspirational leadership for a large and dynamic Travel, Food and Drink curriculum team, fostering a culture of high expectations, collaboration, accountability, and continuous improvement.
2. Work closely with the Head of Department to lead the operational delivery of the curriculum area, ensuring excellence in teaching, learning, assessment, and learner outcomes.
3. Lead and embed consistency across the department, working collaboratively with Curriculum Managers, Maths and English Programme Managers, and Personal Development and Behaviour (PDB) Programme Managers to ensure a coherent and high-quality learner experience.
4. Drive curriculum quality and performance through effective self-assessment, quality improvement planning, monitoring, and evaluation.
5. Lead and oversee quality assurance processes, including Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) and External Quality Assurance (EQA), ensuring compliance with awarding body requirements and maintaining high standards across all provision.
6. Monitor learner achievement, retention, attendance, punctuality, and progress, implementing timely interventions and improvement strategies where required.
7. Lead on attendance and punctuality across the department, promoting a culture of high expectations and ensuring robust systems are in place to maximise learner engagement and success.
8. Maintain high standards and expectations of both staff and students, acting as a role model for professionalism, integrity, and positive behaviours.
9. Be an active, respected, and influential member of the departmental management team, contributing to decision-making, planning, and the ongoing development of the department.

10. Coach, mentor, and develop staff, supporting professional growth and ensuring consistently high standards of teaching, learning, and assessment.
11. Lead quality improvement activities, including lesson observations, learning walks, work scrutiny, learner voice activities, and performance reviews.
12. Analyse and utilise performance data to identify trends, drive improvements, and inform decision-making.
13. Support curriculum planning and development to ensure programmes remain ambitious, innovative, and responsive to industry and learner needs.
14. Develop and strengthen employer partnerships, building on existing relationships and creating new opportunities to ensure industry practice is embedded throughout the curriculum.
15. Work collaboratively with employers to develop meaningful learner experiences, including work placements, industry projects, guest speakers, live briefs, and curriculum enrichment activities.
16. Lead the integration of the **Printworks Kitchen and Bar** into curriculum delivery, ensuring it becomes an innovative and engaging real-world learning environment that enhances learner skills, confidence, and employability.
17. Ensure learners are equipped with the skills, behaviours, and knowledge required for successful progression into employment, apprenticeships, or further study.
18. Promote an inclusive learning environment that supports learner wellbeing, engagement, achievement, and personal development.
19. Ensure compliance with safeguarding, health and safety, equality, diversity, and all relevant organisational policies and procedures.
20. Represent the department positively both internally and externally, building strong relationships with stakeholders and acting as an ambassador for the curriculum area.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:

STUDENTS

1. Motivate and inspire students to promote achievement and develop their skills to enable progression
2. Provide an excellent learning experience which allows students to progress to a higher level, higher education or employment and in which their attainment is maximised.
3. Ensure the highest standard of quality advice, guidance and induction
4. Ensure that student retention, achievement, success and progression rates within the Department exceed national average year-on-year
5. Enable students to share responsibility for their own learning and assessment, setting goals that stretch and challenge.
6. Ensure that each course is effectively planned, using a whole course, approach, so that teaching, learning and assessment methods are effective and reviewed regularly.

7. Ensure that learning materials, lesson plans, schemes of work and assignments are designed for a high quality learning experience that maximises outcomes for students
8. Promote the benefits of technology and support students in its use
9. Contribute to the student tutorial process ensuring regular review of student progress and report evenings take place. Ensuring appropriate tutor support is provided to all students.
10. Plan, develop and deliver a curriculum which meets the needs of the industry/sector

TEACHING AND LEARNING

11. Lead and model outstanding teaching, learning and assessment through the delivery of up to 434 hours of teaching a year
12. Encourage a culture where teachers develop, and are supported to achieve, professional standards, including:
 - a. Developing their own judgement about what works and does not work in their own teaching and training
 - b. Develop deep and critically informed knowledge and understanding in theory and practice
 - c. Develop their expertise and skills to ensure the best outcomes for students
13. Ensure each student receives:
 - a. Initial and diagnostic assessment
 - b. Target setting (including stretching targets and high grades, using LAT or ALP measures where appropriate)
 - c. High quality induction
 - d. Individual learning plans
 - e. Effective learning, with high quality assessment and developmental feedback
 - f. Support high levels of achievement and progression
 - g. English, Maths or Functional skills delivered and achieved at the required level
14. Undertake regular observations of all staff within the Department (and contribute to the cross College observation processes if required), including developmental, walk through and other observations.
15. Ensure that all preparation, marking, assessment and moderation is completed promptly and efficiently within agreed timescales.
16. Take part, as required, in the interviewing of prospective students and to ensure that the programme of learning is appropriate for the needs of the individual learner.
17. Ensure all students receive their entitlement of additional learning support.
18. Effectively manage the delivery of creative and active learning for each individual student, including appropriate support where necessary.
19. Ensure that staff in the Department:
 - a. maintain and update their subject area knowledge, including appropriate industrial updating.
 - b. maintain and update their knowledge of educational research to develop evidence-based practice.
 - c. Apply theoretical understanding of effective practice in teaching, learning and assessment, drawing on research and other evidence.
 - d. Are able to manage and promote positive student behaviour.
20. Continuously demonstrate a commitment towards further professional development including in the application of new technologies to improve the effectiveness of learning management

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND COURSE DELIVERY

21. Assist with the recruitment of students to target levels
22. Ensure the Department effectively participates in the student recruitment and admissions process, including open evenings, external visits, marketing activities, interviewing and enrolment
23. Ensure that all staff in the Department liaise with the examinations department and moderators/verifiers to ensure compliance with awarding body requirements, including undertaking internal verification if required
24. Prepare, review and update regularly, curricular and associated teaching schemes and materials, and to have these available for observations as required
25. Contribute to the college's curriculum and strategic planning processes and to lead this in defined sections of the Department

TUTORIAL SUPPORT

26. Help ensure the effective operation of the College's tutorial programme within the Department
27. Provide active support to learners
28. Help ensure that College regulations and policies are upheld and instigate student disciplinary procedures where necessary
29. Receive and act on learner feedback

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

30. Promote excellence and continuously improve practice
31. Actively promoting continuous improvement, ensuring compliance with the Colleges quality assurance policy and procedures, including participation in curriculum and College self assessment reports, inspection preparation, quality audits and observation of teaching
32. To work with the Internal Quality Lead Verifier to ensure effective management of the Internal and External verification procedures including assuming the role of Internal Verifier, if appropriate
33. Ensure the effective management and supervision of educational visits and compliance with Health and Safety requirements
34. Network with Colleagues to promote good practice across the curriculum area, Faculty and College
35. Support the transfer, and sharing of skills and knowledge to other team members through workshops or other Staff Development activities

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

36. Provide effective and supportive leadership and management to maximise individual and team performance.
37. Undertake a full range of line management responsibilities including probationary reviews, appraisals, return to work interviews and performance management
38. Support appropriate staff with the strategic development and management of learning programmes and curriculum development within and beyond the Programme Area
39. Ensure that the courses offered within the Curriculum Area have established progression routes

40. Provide academic and professional support and guidance to staff within the Curriculum Area (including learning mentors), ensuring that CPD is maintained by all staff
41. Help ensure effective and efficient management of budgetary responsibilities in accordance with the College's financial regulations
42. Help ensure effective management of data collection and ensuring full staff compliance with Data Management procedures
43. Maintain appropriate Continuous Professional Development, including the attendance on all training events identified for you by your line manager, to ensure the highest standards of quality
44. Undertake mentoring with new staff within the Programme Area
45. Represent the college at local management groups to ensure the college contributes to meeting local priorities
46. Work collaboratively with voluntary and statutory agencies to provide a holistic supportive offer for students
47. Help identify creative funding solutions including alternative funding options to provide a relevant and cost effective curriculum tailored to the diverse needs of students
48. Act as an observer to support the colleges observation of teaching and learning.

GENERAL

49. Build positive and collaborative relationships with colleagues, students, employers and partners
50. Co-operate in any staff development activities required to effectively carry out the duties of the post and to participate in College staff review and development schemes
51. Compliance with all College and Awarding Body policies and procedures
52. Comply with all legislative and regulatory requirements
53. To promote a positive image of the College
54. Any other duties commensurate with the level of the post, which may be required from time to time

GENERAL LUMINATE EDUCATION GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL STAFF:

- Maintain and update knowledge of the subject/professional area and co-operate in any staff development activities required to effectively carry out the duties of the post.
- Comply with safeguarding procedures, including the promotion of the welfare of children and vulnerable adults.
- Comply with all relevant policies and procedures.
- Act with honesty and integrity to maintain high standards of ethics and professional standards.
- Use and promote relational practice approaches.
- Comply with all legislative and regulatory requirements.
- Promote a positive image of the Luminate Education Group and member organisations.
- Any other duties commensurate with the level of the post, which may be required from time to time.

- Embody the Group's Values:

Kindness

Creating communities where people can be authentic and true to themselves with support, trust and guidance from those around them

Enjoyment

Fostering environments that enable staff and students to be brave, interact and have fun

Passion

Encouraging all to have aspiration and passion in everything they do.

Ownership

Using our robust business planning model to allow areas to have clear ownership over their vision and performance

Collaborative

Proactively seeking opportunities to create synergies and positive outcomes for all

Creative

Always hungry to learn and looking ahead so we can be responsive

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The specific qualifications, experience, skills and values that are required for the role are outlined below. You should demonstrate your ability to meet these requirements by providing clear and concise examples on the application form. Each criteria is marked with whether it an essential or desirable requirement and at which point in the recruitment process it will be assessed.

Methods of Assessment:

A = Application Form, I = Interview, T = Test or Assessment, P = Presentation,
C= Certificate, MT = Micro Teach

Qualifications and Attainments		
Essential (E) Desirable (D)	Criteria	Method of assessment
E	Q1. English and Mathematics at Level 2 or above and a willingness to improve in one or both disciplines to level 3 or above.	A / C
E	Q2. Level 5 teaching qualification.	A / C
E	Q3. Relevant professional level 4 qualification and/or degree.	A / C
E	Q4. Relevant recognised professional attainments.	A / C

Experience and Knowledge		
Essential (E) Desirable (D)	Criteria	Method of assessment
E	EK1. Relevant up to date subject knowledge.	A / I
E	EK2. Knowledge of Government policy in relation to education and training, including its funding and curriculum / qualification reform	A / I
E	EK3. Relevant experience, knowledge and understanding of working in the Sector	A / I
E	EK4. Proven experience managing staff in an educational setting	A / I
E	EK5. Proven experience managing the curriculum, including planning, monitoring and reviewing	A / I
E	EK6. Substantial teaching experience in FE	A / I
E	EK7. Experience of working positively with young people and adults	A / I
D	EK8. Experience of successful administration and management of financial budgets	A / I

Skills and Competencies		
Essential (E) Desirable (D)	Criteria	Method of assessment
E	SC1. Professional and Technical Knowledge Has full command and use of relevant professional / technical knowledge and job related knowledge and skills.	A / I
E	SC2. Organisational and Education sector knowledge. Effective knowledge of the college and an appreciation of the wider educational issues.	A / I
E	SC3. Interpersonal and Communication skills Relates effectively to others, both one to one and in teams, effective in giving and receiving messages both face to face and in writing.	A / I

E	SC4. Influencing skills Takes effective action to affect the behaviour and decisions of other people.	A / I
E	SC5. Critical thinking Ability to make sense of complex issues, identify and solve problems and to think on one's feet.	A / I
E	SC6. Self-management and learning Ability to maintain appropriately directed energy and stamina, to exercise self-control and to learn new behaviours.	A / I
E	SC7. Achievement and Action Focuses on making progress, achieving results. Keen to get going and keep going.	A / I
E	SC8. Initiative and innovation Creates and appreciates new ideas and perspectives, sees possibilities and challenges	A / I
E	SC9. Strategic perspective Ability to think broadly, analyse the big picture and value diverse perspectives.	A / I
E	SC10. Capacity for change Ability to cope with continuous and complex changes, to be flexible and to handle high levels of uncertainty.	A / I
E	SC11. Emotional Intelligence Understanding the benefits of different leadership / management styles. Gauging own impact as a leader / manager.	A / I
E	SC12. Enduring Resilience Continually exuding optimism and a 'can do' attitude.	A / I

Behavioural, Values and Ethos		
Essential (E) Desirable (D)	Criteria	Method of assessment
E	B1. Support and promotion of equality, diversity and inclusion	A/I
E	B2. Promotion of a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults to learn in	I

E	B3. Commitment to the PREVENT agenda	I
E	B4. Commitment to professional standards	I
E	B5. Commitment to relational practice approaches	I