

SECONDARY SEND TEACHING ASSISTANT

Derby Grammar School

SEND Teaching Assistant – Secondary Section

Full Time – 35.5 – Fixed Term

Start: 5 January 2026

Derby Grammar School are currently seeking an able, caring and enthusiastic Secondary SEND Teaching Assistant to join our thriving Senior School. The role would suit someone with prior experience supporting pupils with additional needs, or someone wishing to advance their career in the secondary SEND sector.

Derby Grammar School is a co-educational independent school providing exceptional education to pupils from Derby and across the county. Established in 1995 and located in the Derby suburb of Littleover, our beautiful grounds offer the ideal environment for a high-quality educational experience.

At Derby Grammar School, we strive to 'bring education to life' and inspire a passion for learning that lasts. Our dedicated staff team works closely with pupils to recognise strengths, support individual needs and create an environment where every learner is known, valued and supported.

We are seeking a Teaching Assistant to support pupils aged 11–18 within our Secondary SEND Team. This varied role will include supporting pupils with ASD, ADHD, PDA profiles, Dyslexia, Hyperlexia, Dyscalculia, and Hypermobility, as well as assisting them with organisation, exam preparation, and access arrangements. The role will focus on in-class support, individual interventions and the wider duties of the SEND department.

We would like to hear from you if you feel you have the skills, understanding and attributes for this rewarding and impactful role.

A full Job Description is available on request.

All staff at Derby Grammar School actively contribute to the wider school community throughout the year. This is an excellent opportunity for the right candidate to join a school where pupils are hardworking, staff are passionate and supportive, and all members of the school community are welcomed into our friendly and nurturing environment.

Our team at Derby Grammar School also benefit from being part of the Inspired Learning Group of schools and nurseries.

Benefits at Derby Grammar School include:

- Discount on school fees for staff children, if appropriate
- Free staff car park
- Meals provided for staff while at work
- Pension scheme
- Health plan with extensive cover (optical, dental, therapies, diagnostics, GP line etc.)
- Westfield Rewards (discounts across online and high street retailers)
- Employee Assistance Programme

Qualifications & Experience

Experience supporting children or young people with SEND is essential.

A recognised TA qualification (Level 2 or 3) is desirable but not required.

Training in ASD, PDA, dyslexia or exam access arrangements is an advantage.

Interested applicants should apply as soon as possible via:

<https://applicant.website/i/65A755/vacancy-info/0000001011>

Closing Date: 3 December 2025

Interviews: WC 8 December 2025

We reserve the right to close the vacancy earlier than advertised. Interviews may take place on a rolling basis as applications are received.

Derby Grammar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children & young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including enhanced DBS clearance, identity checks, reference checks and qualification verification, in line with safer recruitment guidelines.