

# Generations Multi Academy Trust

## Goffs Academy



### Learning Support Assistants

Required from September 2025





## **Learning Support Assistant**

**H3 – 37 hours per week, term time only**

**7:30am – 3:30pm Or 8:00am – 4:00pm**

**£25,803 - £26,196 including fringe payment**

**Actual salary for 37 hours, £21,575.90 - £21,904.52**

### **The successful candidate for this post:**

- will support students with individual learning needs in and out of lessons
- will be flexible and resourceful
- has excellent communication, organisational and interpersonal skills
- has a positive, 'can do' attitude with colleagues and students
- believes in the right of every student to fulfil their potential

### **In return, Goffs Academy can offer you:**

- The opportunity to join a supportive, collaborative and committed LSA team
- Outstanding, highly personalised professional development opportunities
- A forward looking, innovative and oversubscribed working environment

**Please contact the HR department on 01992 624375, or by email at [recruitment@generationsmat.herts.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@generationsmat.herts.sch.uk) for further details.**

**Closing date for applications: 9.00am, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

**Interviews: Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

**The Trust reserves the right to hold interviews prior to the deadline for the right candidate, therefore early application is encouraged. Some flexibility regarding working hours may be possible, for the right candidate.**

The Trust is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All post-holders are subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check.

Generations Multi Academy Trust is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to this post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Please note that this role is 'exempt' from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore, you are required to declare any convictions, cautions, reprimands and final warnings that are not 'protected' (i.e. filtered out) as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013). Further information is available on the school's website.



# JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>Job Title:</b>	Learning Support Assistant
<b>Grade:</b>	H3
<b>Purpose of your Job:</b>	To provide targeted support for children with special educational needs (SEN), to improve their academic progress and personal development
<b>Reporting to:</b>	SENCO
<b>Staff Reporting to Job Holder:</b>	N/A
<b>Contact within School:</b>	SLT, SENCO, Teaching and support staff, students
<b>Contacts outside School:</b>	N/A
<b>Main Tasks and Responsibilities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply appropriate methods to support learning specific to student needs</li> <li>• Implement EHCP strategies, and monitor impact through tracking</li> <li>• To assist individuals and groups of children in their learning</li> <li>• To establish supportive relationships with the student/s concerned and to encourage acceptance and inclusion of all students.</li> <li>• Support learning in individual and group situations (via classroom) including literacy and numeracy programmes</li> <li>• Run one to one and small group support sessions, as part of personalised learning programmes</li> <li>• Support class teachers in implementing EHCP and SEN strategies</li> <li>• Plan appropriate materials in coordination with the subject teacher</li> <li>• Be responsible for safeguarding and promoting welfare of children</li> <li>• Perform other reasonable duties within scope of skills as directed by line manager - some of which may involve out of hours working</li> <li>• Support students with complex needs to achieve their full potential</li> <li>• Contribute to EHCP reviews and support in ensuring that all support is in place</li> <li>• To attend staff meetings and academy-based INSET as required. To meet with the SENCO and/or other appropriate staff.</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge, Experience and Training:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong written and oral communication and team player.</li> <li>• Curriculum knowledge and understanding.</li> <li>• Application of techniques required to modify behaviour</li> <li>• Excellent oral and written communication skills</li> </ul>

**Other Specific Duties:**

- To continue personal development as agreed at appraisal reviews
- To engage actively in the appraisal review process
- To address the appraisal targets set by the line manager each Autumn Term
- To play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its distinctive aim and ethos and to encourage staff and students to follow this example
- To support the school in meeting its legal requirements for worship
- To promote actively the school's corporate policies
- To comply with the school's Health and Safety policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate
- To show a record of excellent attendance and punctuality
- To adhere to the school's Dress Code
- To undertake any other reasonable duty delegated by the Principal

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

Employees are expected to be courteous to colleagues and provide a welcoming environment to visitors and telephone callers.

The school will endeavor to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.

This job description is current at the date shown, but following consultation with you, may be changed by Governors to reflect or anticipate changes in the job which are commensurate with the salary and job title.



# PERSON SPECIFICATION

## LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

<b>Essential:</b>	<b>Desirable:</b>
<b>Qualifications:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relevant qualifications indicating high level of literacy and numeracy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Level or equivalent qualifications</li></ul>
<b>Experience:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experience of working with young people</li><li>• Experience of working effectively and positively as part of a team</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experience of working with young people with a range of additional needs</li></ul>
<b>Professional Expertise:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Excellent communication skills</li><li>• Evidence of continuing professional development</li></ul>	
<b>Personal Qualities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy, enthusiasm and a “can do” attitude</li><li>• Patience and empathy when working with students</li><li>• Possess excellent interpersonal skills and a high level of emotional intelligence</li><li>• Be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people</li><li>• Have a passion for education and have high expectations of all young people</li><li>• Sense of humour, and the ability to maintain a sense of perspective</li></ul>	



# WELCOME LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you for your interest in working at Goffs Academy. I hope that this information pack and the school website will give you a flavour of what it is like to work and to learn our wonderful school.

Goffs is part of the Generations Multi Academy Trust. We have around 1,600 students on roll, including 400 students in the Sixth Form. The school has earned an excellent reputation within the local community, and as such is heavily oversubscribed, regularly receiving over 800 applications for 240 places available in Year 7. Our students want to be here.



Our daily work with young people is based on our firm belief that every student deserves access to the highest quality of education. Through our curriculum, we provide a rich range of learning opportunities and experiences, therefore enabling students to develop a powerful range of knowledge, vocabulary and skills.

Academic success is important to us, and we have unashamedly high expectations of our students in this regard. However, we also seek to support our students' wider personal development, helping them to grow as confident, responsible, and articulate learners and citizens. Staff help students to reveal and develop their inner strengths, and to thrive at school and beyond; we are immensely proud of our alumni, and are always delighted when they keep in touch with us after leaving.

We have very clear expectations of behaviour, as the foundation of a calm, purposeful and focused learning environment. These expectations are underpinned by our school values – Respect, Resilience, and Responsibility – which we encourage students to develop and demonstrate within school.

Lessons at Goffs are based around 5 key consistencies (known as The Goffs Way), developed by colleagues and underpinned by research into what contributes to highly effective learning. We are dedicated to a philosophy of continual improvement and 'being the best we can be'. As one example of this, the school has a unique timetable arrangement in which students leave school early one day each fortnight, to provide dedicated time for professional development.

Most importantly, if joining Goffs you will be joining a team of enthusiastic, optimistic and committed professionals, who are immensely supportive of one another. If you enjoy working with young people, and have the curiosity, optimism and drive to do your best each day, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Prospective candidates are welcome and encouraged to arrange a tour of the school (or telephone conversation) with me. To do so, please contact my PA, Nina Ward, on 01992 661456 extension 201.

We look forward to meeting you.

**Mark Ellis**  
Principal  
May 2025



# INFORMATION ABOUT GOFFS ACADEMY AND THE GENERATIONS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Welcome to our information pack about Goffs and the Generations Multi Academy Trust. We are a mixed 11-18 comprehensive Academy with approximately 1,600 students on roll, including a thriving and successful Sixth Form. Our Academy is extremely popular in the local area, with an average of over 800 applications annually for the 240 places available, and significant waiting lists for places across the year groups. On intake our students are of a level of prior attainment significantly above that of the national average. We are, though, a true comprehensive school and welcome a mix of students of all levels of prior attainment.

The school has been awarded the International Schools Award twice, Investors in People status three times, and has Sportsmark Gold and Artsmark Silver. We also hold the Secondary Geography Quality Mark, as well as being a designated Leading Edge School, and chairing the national Leadership Partner School network.

## **Professional Working and Learning Environment**

Our school was among those named as part of a £2billion Government scheme, the Priority Schools Building Programme. As a result, Goffs received a completely new build and facilities, and moved into them in January 2017. The school has further invested in an additional new building, which opened in April 2022, which includes 8 brand-new classrooms, as well as a state-of-the-art fitness centre run by Lifestyle Fitness, with whom we work in close partnership.

This significant investment of funds by the Department for Education is a further recognition of the outstanding work being undertaken by the school, and represents another fantastic opportunity for our community. Our school building provides a light, modern, professional and fit for purpose working environment for all.

### **The Generations Multi Academy Trust**

GMAT is a cross-phase Multi Academy Trust based in Cheshunt, currently comprising two secondaries and two primaries - Goffs Academy, Goffs-Churchgate Academy, Flamstead End School and Andrews Lane School. Across the piece, GMAT currently has just under 3,000 students in its care and employs just under 400 staff. From Spring 2023, the MAT opened nursery provision on the Goffs-Churchgate site, with subsidised and term-time only places for staff. The nursery is run by Ashbourne Nurseries - <https://ashbournedaynurseries.com/>.

All of the schools are within close proximity of each other and share many activities, including CPD for staff. One of the Trust's fundamental principles is that no one school is in any way more important or successful than the other. As such, CPD and other events are rotated through all schools in the Trust, with everyone learning from and sharing with each other. This collegiate and collaborative approach permeates our Trust.

The MAT is extremely clear about its daily purpose, reflected in its motto of "no set destiny for any child." All of our schools, leaders and staff believe fiercely in the life-changing nature of education and work tirelessly to that end, day in and day out. There is no set destiny for any of the children in our care; rather, our daily work across the piece allows children to forge new futures and destinies.



**Andrews Lane School** is a warm and welcoming primary school in Cheshunt with approximately 170 children on roll. It has lots of space, including a field and a forest. It is a one-form entry school. In EYFS, 30 hours provision is available. As a 'Herts Therapeutic Thinking' school, the school is committed to understanding and supporting children with their learning and achievement, within a context of deep-rooted mutual respect. The school is committed to supporting its children and their families, and as such provides adult learning classes throughout the year. Staff are committed, dedicated professionals who want to do their very best for every pupil.



**Flamstead End School** is a thriving primary school in Cheshunt with approximately 485 children on roll. It has a preschool, a 60-place nursery offering 30 hours provision, and two classes per year group from Reception to Year 6. Flamstead end is also a 'Herts Therapeutic Thinking' school, and seeks to understand and support children's behaviour so that they are able to learn and achieve to the best of their ability. The school is a tight knit community, with a well-established staff who care for one another and the children in their charge.



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**Goffs-Churchgate** is a fully mixed comprehensive school for 11-16 year olds, with just over 600 students on roll. The school has rightly established a very strong reputation for both its academic outcomes and its close-knit, nurturing community, receiving over 600 applications for just 120 places for 2024 admission. The decision to cap student numbers at 600 is entirely deliberate, enabling us to maintain a strong sense of community where everybody knows everybody else.

The MAT is financially secure. Finances are overseen by a Chief Finance Officer with considerable financial expertise in the private sector, plus a highly experienced Finance Manager. The Trust deliberately created an Income Generation function, and extensive lettings and business development work now takes place across all sites in the MAT. This additional income – now yielding around £600k per annum – underpins generous levels of staffing at both schools, plus many “extras” that would otherwise be unaffordable in the current funding climate. As one example, all teacher loadings were reduced from 19/20 as a direct result of the additional monies coming into the Trust via this income generation work.



Our schools are proud to be truly community-based schools, with students and staff from different religions and a number of languages spoken in each school. As a Trust we recognise and celebrate what makes us unique and different and acknowledge that we are also part of one community. Our aim is for everybody to feel valued and respected, and we strive hard to ensure we create a positive culture within the schools to enable this to happen.

Further information about GMAT can be found here: <https://generationsmat.com/>

### **Outcomes**

Exam results in 2024 reflected another year of huge success for Goffs. The results reflect a 3 year upward trend and an impressive improvement on the excellent outcomes achieved across the headline measures last year.

GCSE highlights include:

- Extremely strong progress scores across the headline measures with results considerably above the national average (progress 8 score: 0.22)
- Particularly impressive outcomes in English and Maths; both subjects achieved a progress score significantly above the national average. English language performed particularly strongly at grade 4+ and grade 5+ exceeding the national average of students achieving these grades by 20%. Maths performed particularly strongly at the top end with 28% of students achieving grade 7+. This is very comfortably above the national average of 17%
- 72% of students achieved grade 4 or above in English and maths (7% above the national average)
- 52% of students achieved grade 5 or above in English and maths (6% above the national average)
- 21% of the GCSE grades were at grade 7 or above



- The percentage of students entering the full Ebacc was 64% which is significantly above the national average of 40.04%, and the Hertfordshire average of 46%

At A-level, continuing the upward trend of recent years, students achieved another excellent set of exam results, including an overall 100% pass rate. 64% of Year 13 students secured a university or college place to start in Autumn 2024. The wide range of university or further education courses onto which students have progressed include law, history, geography, maths, finance, physics and biomedical science, other students have gained places on fiercely competitive apprenticeships in areas such as civil engineering and within the NHS. Our Sixth Form has an excellent reputation in the local area; over the past three years the numbers of students applying to join has continued to increase, such that we now have approximately 400 Sixth Form students within our school community.

### **Community**

Goffs prides itself on its sense of community – both within the school itself, and in the wider locality. Visitors to our school unfailingly comment on a very real sense of community, coupled with warmth and pride. We are members of Cheshunt Extended Services (ChExS), offering a variety of extended school and community based activities for both students and parents. Our students actively support local charity work such as the Isabel Hospice and the Rainbow Trust, and maintain strong links with our local primary schools. In addition, our young Sports Leaders regularly work in primary schools. Goffs runs a ‘G-Involved’ Volunteering programme, where every Sixth Form student completes 20 hours volunteering during the course of the academic year. Students are rewarded through our annual Pride of Goffs Awards evening.

We firmly believe in every student feeling a strong sense of community and on entering the school, each student is placed in one of four Houses: Eagle, Falcon, Hawk and Phoenix. Each House is led by a team of student House Captains and has a clear sense of identity. Regular competitions and assemblies strengthen this sense of community. Each year the House Captains decide on a possible group of charities to support; students in every year then vote on their chosen school charity. Students within each House then arrange a variety of fund raising events throughout the school year. The House which raises the most money in the year for our school charity is awarded the Charity House Shield. Such work is indicative of Goffs students’ ability to empathise with the needs of others, and further develops their capacity to work successfully in a variety of social settings.



We regularly bring visitors from the community into school to work with students, and maintain strong links with our local secondary schools as a partner school in the Broxbourne Partnership. The school building is used for evening, weekend and holiday classes, providing opportunities for a diverse range of users including the Greek School, and local dance and sports groups.

The Goffs Student Leadership Academy actively encourages leadership development through a series of student led groups. We currently have students enrolled in the Leadership Academy from Year 7 to Year 13, with groups including:

- Student Parliament
- Community and Charity Leaders
- House Leaders
- Sports Leaders
- Top Team

The student groups each have a member of Student Parliament who is responsible for coordinating the group and their projects. Students regularly report back on their work and the impact that it is having both in and outside our school community.

A variety of annual school trips give students the opportunities to sample different cultures, whilst an extensive programme of off-site visits provides opportunities for students to experience the diversity that exists within the UK including theatre, galleries and museum visits. Our overseas trips have included Germany, Spain, USA, Czech Republic, Paris, Berlin and Reykjavik, in addition to a student exchange with a school in Beijing, and annual ski trips to countries such as Italy, Andorra or Austria. In addition, we regularly host students from Spain as part of our specialism work.



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### **Care, Guidance and Support**

Successful learning takes place when students feel safe, confident, respected and valued, and are engaged. Goffs believes in supporting and nurturing all students in their quest to become successful learners. As such, we place a high value on pastoral care as an integral part of the life of the school.



We promote positive attitudes towards learning and provide a caring and supportive environment within our community. We were delighted to see Ofsted's comments that "students' behaviour and attitudes are outstanding" and that "students feel very safe, because bullying is extremely rare and they are very confident that any incidents that concern them will be dealt with swiftly and effectively." Continuously nurturing, supporting and developing our students is hugely important to us and significant investment is made in the school's pastoral structures, including our investing

in dedicated Learning Mentors for the school.

### **Staff Development**

Goffs has an extremely strong reputation for staff development, across both teaching and support staff. Developing the next generation of school leaders, both middle and senior, plus future Headteachers for those who wish to pursue this, is also a responsibility that we take very seriously. We have a full suite of staff leadership development which staff can join be they an ECT or highly experienced colleague.

During our most recent inspection, the team described our whole staff CPD programme as "outstanding" and "the best they had seen". In addition to innovative whole staff training, built into protected time within the fortnightly timetable, we disaggregate a number of hours for training every year. This allows staff development to be highly personalised as staff can opt for the training which best meets their needs, including the opportunity to do a research project in partnership with Cambridge University. All staff complete peer observations to observe best practice, and use our Iris camera technology as part of evaluating and improving their own teaching. Many use their

disaggregated time to coach others or to receive coaching. Moreover, there are specific training sessions for ECTs and other interested staff which run every Wednesday after school.

We also place a lot of emphasis on 'on the job' training and support. A thorough induction scheme is available to all new staff, and mentors/buddies are assigned to guide you through those new routines. Finally, external courses can of course be booked if, on very rare occasions, we cannot cater for a particular training need in house.

### **Leadership Development**

Goffs Leadership Academy encompasses both staff and student leadership development through a series of student led groups and staff leadership pathways.

All pathways are personalised for the individual and staff receive one to one support from a mentor alongside working on a whole school project. Both support staff and teaching staff are welcome to join the Leadership Academy at any point in their career.

A full suite of leadership training is offered with a range of sessions including:

- What makes a good leader?
- Leadership and staff motivation
- Leading and managing change
- Being a Lead Practitioner
- Strategic pastoral leadership – being a Director of Learning
- Strategic curriculum leadership – being a Head of Department
- Coaching and mentoring
- Using data in leadership
- Resilience in leadership
- How to make your applications stand out

In addition, we encourage aspirant Senior Leaders to take part in the SSAT 'Stepping Up to Senior Leadership' training programme, as well as supporting colleagues to undertake various NPQs (National Professional Qualifications). As part of the school's commitment to develop future leaders, a number of the existing Senior Leadership Team gained experience through an 'Associate' SLT position before gaining substantive leadership posts.

### **Staff Benefits**

Alongside our very strong focus on outstanding professional development and promotion opportunities, we also offer a range of benefits including:

Competitive base salary with a tailor-made development plan aimed at enhancing your future [earnings] potential through:

- High quality, personalised CPD
- Bespoke leadership development programmes
- Subsidies for masters and degree courses
- Secondment and shadowing opportunities
- As part of our multi academy Trust, potential to work across more than one school to develop career enhancing skills and knowledge
- Supported nursery provision with Ashbourne at any of their nurseries in the **Buckinghamshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Northamptonshire, and Bedfordshire area:**
  - 15% discount for all Trust staff
  - Term time only places are available
  - A school day would be 9.00am – 3.00pm

- “sundries” would be applied to a child taking up a funded only space (e.g. 30 hours funding only). This covers the cost of: meals, snacks, nursery resources
- All staff have access to a wide range of health and wellbeing resources which includes an **Employee Assistance Programme via Spectrum.Life** who offer a wide range of health and wellbeing resources, plus access to counselling for staff and their immediate family. **The EAP service is accessible 24/7, 365 days a year and is a completely free and confidential service**
- The MAT adheres to the STPCD for its teaching staff
- Cycle to work scheme
- Onsite car valeting at a reduced price for Trust staff
- Substantially discounted membership to Lifestyle Fitness’s state-of-the-art purpose-built gym at Goffs academy

Additional financial incentives and tax efficient benefits, including:

- Local government pension scheme for eligible staff
- Exam marker payment of £400 plus 2 days’ paid leave to do the marking (1st year)
- Payments for staff taking weekend sporting fixtures: staff paid £200 for leading a minimum of six Saturday fixtures plus 6 weekly training sessions
- A daily allowance of £50 for school trips taken over a weekend or any school holiday.
- A £1,000 employee referral scheme (i.e. Finder’s fee) for any qualifying positions that staff refer the successful candidate for: £500 on the person starting, and £500 if the person is still in employment in the Trust 12 months later

Access to a wide range of health and well-being resources including:

- Professional, and fit for purpose working environments
- Free use of a range of sports and leisure facilities including a fully equipped gym and swimming pool
- Occupational health & counselling support
- Free flu jabs
- Subsidised social events