

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR ACADEMIC STAFF**

### **Conditions of Appointment**

All offers of employment are subject to a Probationary period of up to twelve months, during which time performance will be assessed. In addition, all appointments are subject to:

- *A satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).*
- *A satisfactory Children's Barred List check;*
- *A satisfactory overseas criminal record check (if applicable);*
- *Verification that candidate is legally eligible and permitted to work in the United Kingdom;*
- *Verification of all relevant and required essential qualifications for the relevant post, by original certificate;*
- *Receipt of two references considered suitable by the College;*
- *Successful completion of all elements of the Company and College Induction during the Probationary period, including training modules in Safeguarding, WRAP, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, GDPR and Health and Safety.*

### **Pension Arrangements**

All eligible Academic Staff will be automatically enrolled into the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) which provides comprehensive retirement benefits. It may be possible to transfer benefits from a previous company or private pension plan into the scheme.

### **Working Hours**

The standard full time working week for all staff is 37 hours.

### **Maternity, Paternity & Adoption**

The College has a suite of Family Friendly policies, including Maternity, Paternity and Adoption schemes, many of which provide benefits over and above statutory benefits.

### **Sick Pay**

The College has a scheme of enhanced sickness benefits.

### **Training and Development**

Stoke on Trent College was one of the first Colleges in the country to achieve the Investors In People Award. We remain committed to the professional and personal development of all our employees. Individual Training and Development plans are formulated via the Staff Check-In process.

### **Holidays**

Full time Academic Staff are entitled to 39 days' annual leave per year as well as 5 days' additional leave to be taken on days directed by the Corporation (e.g., during the shutdown between Christmas and New Year). All staff are entitled to the 8 public bank holidays each year. There are a number of directed leave days each academic year and these are set out in the College Calendar. Typically these directed leave days will be during Christmas, Easter and in the summer period where the College will close its sites in the interests of efficiency.

### **Staff Parking**

Free and ample parking space is available on both sites, subject to availability at peak times. Employees must ensure that they register their vehicle registration with the parking system.

### **Trade Union Representation**

The College acknowledges and accepts the importance of consultation and partnership with employee representatives. Accordingly, it recognises UCU for all employee consultation issues affecting Academic Staff.

### **Salary Payments**

Salary is paid by direct credit transfer to your bank or building society account in 12 equal instalments. Payment is made on the 27th day of each month or the previous working day if the 27<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or bank holiday day.

### **Salary Progression**

Salary progression will be in accordance with the criteria approved by the Corporation.

**Notice Periods**

The amount of notice you are required to give and entitled to receive is 3 months. In the event of redundancy, the notice period that Academic staff are entitled to receive is 4 months. Fixed term employees will serve notice as per their contract of employment. The notice period applicable during a probationary period is 1 month.

**Location of Work**

Your principal place of work will be at the site given in the contract of employment and job description of the post. However, you may be required to work on either temporary or indefinite basis, at any premises at which the Corporation may from time to time provide services.

**Equality of Opportunity**

Stoke on Trent College is committed to the principle of equal opportunity. We will ensure that no employee, applicant for employment or student receives less favourable treatment on any grounds, which cannot be justified in relation to employment, education and training.