**ST JOSEPH’S SPECIALIST TRUST**

 **Trainee/Newly Qualified Occupational Therapist**

 **Starting salary: £22,336 (Band 5 starting salary)**

 **Are you graduating with a BSC in OT this summer?**

**Do you want a rewarding role delivering therapy to children and young people with special needs?**

**Join our team**

We are seeking applications from students who will soon graduate with a BSC in Occupational Therapy/newly qualified Occupational Therapists to join our dynamic multi-disciplinary therapies team.

This role is ideal suited to those looking for a hands on approach who want to deliver therapy as well as manage and prioritise caseloads. You will be compassionate and patient with a strong interest in working with children and young people with mental health issues and learning disabilities. You must be able to build good working relationships with children, young people, families and colleagues.

Reporting to the Director of Therapies, you will also supervise and monitor programmes delivered by our Therapy Assistants. You will provide intervention according to the changing needs of students through group or individual sessions. Our therapists spend time in the classrooms as part of our successful approach to delivering some therapy while working alongside our education team.

If you begin this role before graduation, you will start as a trainee, with a salary of £18,188. This will rise to a starting salary of £22,336 as a newly qualified therapist with HCPC registration in September (after graduation and the start of the next academic year).

St Joseph’s Specialist Trust is a Special School, College and Children’s Home with 300 staff contributing to having a positive influence on the lives, communication and wellbeing of children, young people and adults with special needs. Our 70 students are aged 5 to 19 years old and have needs that include autism, language and communication disorders, ADHD and moderate to complex learning difficulties.

Although the salary will be based on working 1,924 hours per annum (equivalent to 37 hours per week for 52 weeks of the year), therapist hours are compressed into term time only working and you will only be required to attend during term time and on In-Service training days.

**Why St Joseph’s?**

* Excellent **career progression** opportunities including completion **of COT preceptorship** and potential salary rise up the scale
* Annual performance related **pay progression**
* **Regular**, high quality **supervision, mentoring** and **support**
* **33 days paid holiday** per year (including statutory public holidays)
* **Free cooked lunch**
* **Free** on-site **car parking**
* **Comprehensive** 5 day **induction programme**
* Employee assistance service (**confidential, professional wellbeing and counselling 24/7 service**)
* **Local leisure centre discount** to gym, swim and fitness classes

Own transport is desirable due to the location of the school.

**How to apply**

For an application form and further details, please visit [www.st-josephscranleigh.surrey.sch.uk/recruitment](http://www.st-josephscranleigh.surrey.sch.uk/recruitment) or email us at recruitment@st-josephscranleigh.surrey.sch.uk. If you have any further questions or would like an informal chat about the role, please call our recruitment team on 01483 272449.

*St Joseph’s Specialist Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. These positions require an enhanced DBS disclosure*