

Course Team Leader: Computing

Location: Milton Keynes

Hours: 37.5 hours per week

Flexible Working: We welcome applications from those seeking flexible hours.

Salary: Up to £40,000 per annum (Subject to experience)

Apprenticeships: Development opportunities are available through Apprenticeship standards

Reporting To: Deputy Head of School: Digital & Business

IN SHORT

Following a period of learner growth, we are seeking a passionate and knowledgeable specialist in digital technologies who can share their expertise and enthusiasm with students preparing to enter the fast-growing digital sector.

The successful candidate will primarily deliver teaching across our computing provision, including Level 2 programmes, the T Level Foundation Year and T Level programmes, with a particular focus on the T Level in Digital Software Development. There may also be opportunities to contribute to elements of Digital Support and Security delivery where appropriate.

We are particularly interested in applicants with specialist skills in one or more of the following areas:

- Software Development and Programming, including Python as a primary language, with experience in languages such as C#, JavaScript and SQL
- Full-Stack or Application Development, including front-end and back-end development, databases, APIs and user-focused interface design
- Data and Data-Driven Applications, including data handling, validation, analysis and visualisation using common tools and formats
- Software Testing and Quality Assurance, including debugging, testing strategies and secure-by-design principles
- Cyber Security and Digital Support (desirable), including awareness of security risks, secure systems, user support, networks and operating systems
- Knowledge of cloud computing would be an advantage

This role offers the opportunity to bring real-world technical knowledge into the classroom, ensuring learners develop the skills, behaviours and confidence required for skilled employment, apprenticeships or progression to higher education.

The College has ambition, expertise and strong employer links that support the delivery of one of the most exciting digital curriculums in the country.

The successful candidate will be part of a motivated and collaborative delivery team and will also have opportunities to contribute to the ongoing development of our growing curriculum portfolio within the Milton Keynes College.

MK College will treat all applicants fairly and with respect, irrespective of their background, disability, or any other individual characteristic. We particularly encourage applications from people with backgrounds which are currently under-represented within Milton Keynes College. All offers made to successful candidates are subject to satisfactory outcomes to a range of pre-employment checks including a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS). In addition, security clearance is required for all prison services positions up to Counter Terrorist Check (CTC) level.

OUR BENEFITS

- 35 days annual leave, 3 additional company closure days and UK Bank Holidays (entitlement will be pro-rated for part-time employees)
- Birthday off
- College organised day working in the Community
- Generous pension scheme
- Professional development opportunities, including professional qualifications
- Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) accessible 24 hours per day, 365 days per year
- A variety of amazing discounts with NUS Card, Blue Light Card and our reward and recognition platform
- Employee wellbeing platform
- Access to a variety of EDIB related Employee Networks
- Great working environment with complementary parking at both our Milton Keynes and Bletchley sites

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In this role, you will:

- Foster an environment that embraces college values, recognises team member contributions and the value of coaching strategies, collaborative working, encourages innovation and the principles of restorative practice.
- Create an outstanding student and apprenticeship experience, where staff are constantly working to develop their practice and mistakes are embraced and are seen as important learning experiences.
- Work with the managers and curriculum teams, to develop a responsive and relevant curriculum offer that meets the changing needs of our students.
- Teach and assess 840 hours as agreed with the Head of School.
- Deliver consistently good or better teaching sessions, incorporating an effective range of learning strategies that enable outstanding learning outcomes for students.
- Deliver a stimulating blend of learning opportunities, making effective use of technology both within the classroom and via online and independent learning.
- Coordinate IQA and related EQA activity at course team level to provide the college with assurance regarding the quality of assessment.
- Provide both academic and pastoral support for our students, supporting them to achieve their destination ambition.
- Comply with the college's English and maths strategy, maximising your ability to embed both subjects into your teaching practice.
- Work with colleagues responsible for Apprenticeships, ALS & Student Services to deliver a student experience, which engages, inspires, and prepares students for the world of work.
- Work with the Head of School and Quality, eLearning, English & maths, and Curriculum Innovation colleagues to continually strive for excellence and improve standards in teaching, learning and assessment across the faculty.
- Engage proactively with internal and external stakeholders to maximise opportunities for employer engagement in the learning process.
- Work with the Head of School to identify training needs and attend appropriate professional development to meet the needs of the role.
- Maintain current knowledge of funding regimes, awarding body requirements and changes to qualification structures an education policy.
- Champion an active student voice strategy to enhance the student experience.
- Ensure that you are aware of and aligned with Milton Keynes College's Regulations, Strategy, and Objectives to work together to proactively advance Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and support the challenging of racism, prejudice, and inequality, wherever it is found.

This job description is just a guide; you'll be expected to be flexible and perform any other duties as reasonably required of you by your manager and your role is likely to evolve and develop over time. In all your duties, you will be required to take reasonable care of yourself and ensure the safety of our students, your colleagues, and other people with whom you come into contact at the College.

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU

KNOWLEDGE, EXPERTISE & QUALIFICATIONS	• Degree or equivalent qualification in a relevant subject • Relevant industry experience and a willingness to maintain it. • Recognised higher level teaching qualification or willing to work towards • Knowledge of full stack Web/Application Development or Cyber Security.
IMPACT	• Strong track record of good or better teaching and learning delivery across a range of levels, attaining high quality student outcomes. • Highly developed course team leadership skills, and effective implementation of quality systems and engagement with student voice as a driver for quality improvement • A good understanding of how technology can be used to enhance teaching, learning and assessment in classroom, workplace, and virtual contexts.
QUALITY	• Embed the importance of English & Maths through subject delivery. • Implement a range of quality processes and systems.
RESPONSIBILITY	• Accountable for high quality student outcomes on the courses you manage.
RELATIONSHIPS & REPUTATION	• Creative and Flexible • Enthusiastic and self-aware • Well-developed organisational, communication and teamwork skills
VISION & DIRECTION	• Ability to engage and motivate students to deliver high performance outcomes in a further education environment. • Develop the quality of the student experience that leads to outstanding outcomes

ABOUT US

Milton Keynes College Group was formed in 2021, with the mission of Building Fairer Futures. The College Group includes 1,200 colleagues who work across MK College, the South Central Institute of Technology (SCIoT) Bletchley, our prison education services in 30 prisons and MK Commercial which comprises The Brasserie restaurant, Sport Central, Courtside and the Chaffron Centre.

At MK College, our colleagues support more than 3,000 16-19 year olds currently studying with us and a total student population of over 8,000. Founded in 1982, MK College offers a broad variety of qualifications, including vocational courses, apprenticeships, T levels, higher education and professional certificates, as well as employability skills and community training.

We are proud to have opened one of the biggest Institutes of Technology in the country. The South Central Institute of Technology (SCIoT) in Bletchley is a consortium of prestigious partners led by Milton Keynes College. Anchor partners include Microsoft, Evidence Talks, Activate Learning, Cranfield University and KPMG. The SCIoT provides higher level technical qualifications, apprenticeships and short courses. We offer a hub of innovation and world-leading technological advancements with relentless dedication to future-proof the lives and skills of learners. At South Central IoT, our learners can be anything ready.

The College is also a national provider of education services in prisons across the country. For nearly 30 years, we have worked with offenders in both custody, the wider community and currently work with 30 prisons across England. This includes 13 prisons which make up the Long Term High Security Estate, 16 category B, C and D prisons and the new HMP Fosse Way.

Founded on the principle of Further Education's ability to transform lives through learning, we're proud to create an environment that attracts the best colleagues and students from Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas and supports education in prisons nationally. The value we gain from the diverse communities we serve is immeasurable. We want all our colleagues, students and learners to feel they are an integral part of the College Group and together we will create an inclusive culture where everyone can contribute to college life and our collective knowledge and growth.

We know that education has the power to build fairer futures for all, and we know that we can't create real change on our own. That's why we work with employers to ensure that our learners develop the skills that their industries need, as well as partnering with local charities and community groups to make a difference in our local communities.

When applying for a role at the College Group, you can expect the same level of commitment towards diversity and inclusion as you'll experience when you've started with us. We treat all our applicants fairly and with respect, irrespective of their background, disability or any other individual characteristic. We particularly encourage applications from people with backgrounds which are currently under-represented within Milton Keynes College Group.

Milton Keynes College Group is a committed safer recruitment employer in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE). We take extreme care in ensuring the safety and welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

All offers made to successful candidates are subject to satisfactory outcomes from a range of pre-employment checks including a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS). In addition, security clearance is required for all prison services positions up to Counter Terrorist Check (CTC) level. For more information, please visit our website and read our Safer Recruitment Policy.

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