



# Director of English

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Reach Academy Feltham

# Welcome,

We're delighted to be the co-headteachers of **Reach Academy Feltham**, an all-through school that is dedicated to achieving its vision that:

*every single pupil will leave us with the skills, attributes and academic qualifications to go on to enjoy lives of choice and opportunity*

At Reach Academy Feltham we believe it is impossible to teach to high standards unless the teacher knows the children, both personally and academically. By keeping the school small, we believe it can create a community where no pupil is left behind, providing every student with the opportunity to achieve academic success.



Tilly  
Browne



Beck  
Owen

## **We need new teachers and leaders to continue our development.**

In the following pack, we hope to do the following:

- Share some background information about the evolution and direction of **Reach Schools**;
- Provide a description of the role with an indication of the types of skills and attributes we're looking for; and,
- Provide information about **how to apply** for the role.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact Tilly (for Primary roles) or Beck (for Secondary roles) directly at [Matilda.Browne@reachacademy.org.uk](mailto:Matilda.Browne@reachacademy.org.uk) or [Beck.Owen@reachacademy.org.uk](mailto:Beck.Owen@reachacademy.org.uk)

Kind regards,  
Beck and Tilly

# About us

Reach Schools



## Reach Schools

**Reach Schools** is the (new) name of our multi-academy trust. It belongs to a wider ecosystem of organisations based in Feltham that work to incubate ideas and improve outcomes for our community in Feltham—and beyond.

**Reach Schools** works in partnership with the **Reach Foundation** to *deepen* our impact in Feltham and *expand* the national impact of our pioneering work.

The following pages provide a quick overview of our schools and some related activities.

*Further information about Reach Schools' evolution can be [found here](#).*



## Reach Academy Feltham

est. 2012

Our first all-through school.

We've created a community of pupils, parents and teachers united by the highest expectations of what every young person can achieve *and* the commitment to do whatever it takes to help them get there.



## Feltham College

est. 2022

Our pioneering sixth-form college.

Reach College is the the first sixth-form college in the country to be founded by a partnership of education, business, and health service providers whose sole focus is broadening choices and opportunities for young people in Feltham.



## Reach Academy Hanworth Park

est. 2024

Our new all-through school.

Opening in September 2024, Reach Academy Hanworth Park will serve 1,080 pupils in Feltham; located on a site adjacent to Reach Academy Feltham.



## Reach Training

In addition to running our three schools in Feltham, Reach Schools provides **Initial Teacher Training** (in partnership with SWTT), **Teaching Internships** and an expanding suite of **Foundation Degrees**.





## Reach Foundation

The Reach Foundation works in partnership with schools, trusts and related organisations around the country to develop and deliver integrated pipelines of cradle-to-career support, grounded in great schools.

At present, the Foundation is focusing its efforts on:

- **Building partnerships** with all-through schools and trusts to curate insights and accelerate change by facilitating peer-to-peer learning and sharing our insights with schools and policymakers nationwide.
- **Developing school and trust leaders** with the capacity to catalyse and sustain the transformational change their communities desire. The Foundation delivers highly-focused leadership programmes to ensure these leaders possess the knowledge, agency and relationships to affect systems change.

# About the role

Director of English, Reach Academy Feltham



# Role overview

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dedicated head of department who would like to join a successful department, or an experienced teacher who is ready to make the transition to their first curriculum leadership role.

The successful candidate will share the school's vision and the belief that all young people should be able to enjoy a life of choice and opportunity and be committed to ensuring that every child can achieve their full potential.

This is a English department leadership role, where you will be driving exceptional pupil in English from KS3 to KS5. Your purpose is to nurture a group of teachers to achieve incredible outcomes, whilst promoting literacy, reading and drama across the school. We teach AQA GCSE English Literature and English Language, and Edexcel English Literature.

# Role details

**Director of English**

**Reports to:** SLT

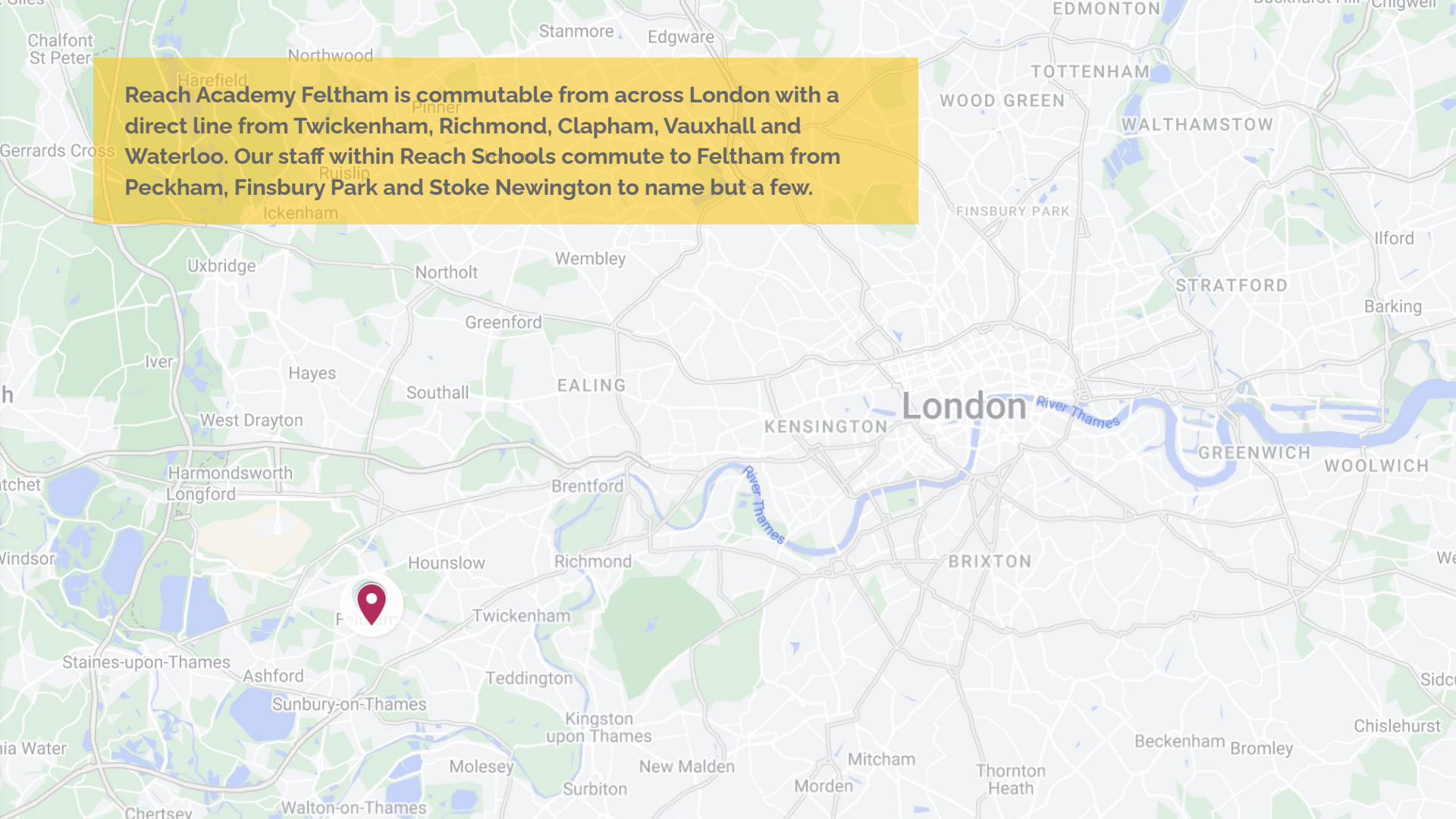
**Start date:** September 2025

**Salary:** Inner-London salary , commensurate with experience +TLR

**Location:** Feltham

**We embrace flexible working and have extensive experience of team members working flexibly.**

**Reach Academy Feltham is commutable from across London with a direct line from Twickenham, Richmond, Clapham, Vauxhall and Waterloo. Our staff within Reach Schools commute to Feltham from Peckham, Finsbury Park and Stoke Newington to name but a few.**



# Personal specification

- Unwavering belief in the vision and values of Reach Academy Feltham
- Excellent teacher with a constant desire to improve
- Highly organised and attentive to detail
- Clear commitment to character education and the development of the whole child
- Qualified teacher and good honours degree
- Expansive knowledge and passion for your subject
- QTS and a good honours degree (R);
- At least three years teaching experience at Secondary level (R);
- Values driven (R);
- Strong and evidenced teaching ability, focused on excellent outcomes for all, especially the most vulnerable (D);
- Excellent communication, interpersonal & organisational skills (D);
- Excellent analytical numeracy and literacy (D);
- Proven ability to motivate others towards an aspirational goal (D).

**We will invest in any necessary training for you.**

# Main responsibilities in the classroom

- You actively create a strong classroom culture by building strong relationships with pupils, having an organised classroom environment and bringing a sense of joy to your work.
- You foster pupil collaboration and a high level of engagement in lessons.
- You use assessment information in the classroom to inform teaching, checking and intervening to address barriers to learning and misunderstanding. You use feedback and self and peer assessment to ensure that pupils know where they are and what they need to do to progress.
- You set homework in line with the school policy.
- You plan backwards from the intended outcome at the medium term and lesson level, ensuring that the needs of all learners are met.
- You deliver lessons that offer clear exposition and modelling, with opportunities for pupils to practise and receive feedback throughout.
- You carry out form tutor duties with care and diligence, carefully crafting a supportive, trusting and honest relationship with tutees and their families which drive progress towards the school vision and upholds high standards.

# Main responsibilities around the classroom

- You support pupils, especially those who are vulnerable, to make excellent progress in line with the school vision.
- You set a clear path for pupil outcomes that fits with the school's vision and the pupils' flight-plan that drives planning and curriculum design throughout the year.
- You use a range of assessment tools to know clearly where pupils are in their learning, what they need to do next and how to effectively support them, at the individual, group and class level.
- You constantly seek to develop professional understanding around all aspects of the role, including subject knowledge, understanding of child development, attachment and specific areas of AEN.
- You work closely with families to support them to effectively support their children, operating with sensitivity, empathy and high expectations.

# Main responsibilities beyond the classroom

- You support learning beyond the classroom by organising trips and supporting extra-curricular activities wherever relevant.
- You will support pupils in all aspects of their conduct around the school by carrying out duties and other responsibilities.
- You work closely with colleagues, supporting their development and the progress of all pupils.
- You will formally report to parents on the progress of their child in line with the calendared contacts and at regular intervals informally.
- You will participate in school events such as the Summer Fair in order to support the wider school community.
- You will actively seek to promote the work of The Reach Children's Hub where it will benefit your pupils.
- You follow all school practices and protocols relating to Safeguarding and Child Protection.
- You act as a guardian to and steward of the building and the community, ensuring that resources are taken care of.
- You take responsibility for your own development, seeking opportunities to learn, grow and lead.
- You set goals that are driven by the school priorities and you regularly evaluate progress against your goals, seeking feedback and adjusting your course where necessary.

# Employee benefits

We care deeply about our entire team. In order to take care of our students, we need to take care of one another. For this reason, Reach Schools offer great employee benefits throughout the year.

- **Weekly instructional coaching**  
Professional development is important to us, so much so that we offer collaborative and non-hierarchical coaching in a fun and shame-free environment, every week.
- **10 inset days**  
To ensure outstanding staff training and provide time to deeply understand pupil data and plan for great outcomes.
- **5 days term time leave**  
We understand that accessing desired time off for teachers and school staff can be difficult. Throughout the year, we offer opportunities for team members to accrue term-time leave.
- **Flexible Working**  
A diverse workforce with work-life balance is crucial for our school's stability. If you need to adjust your schedule for personal commitments or seek part-time or hybrid working, don't hesitate to let us know.
- **Enhanced maternity pay**  
Reach Schools value families and community relationships. For this reason, we aim to be a support system for staff who are on maternity leave.
- **Free Friday breakfast**  
On Fridays we show our appreciation to one another as a staff team with encouraging shout-outs and delicious pastries.



# About the process

How to apply

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1. Please **read our ['Safer recruitment' statement](#)** on the following pages below.
2. **[Follow this link](#)** to **complete an online application form**.
  - The deadline for application is **Monday 24th February 2025**. We actively encourage early applications. Applications will be reviewed as and when they are received.
3. Suitable candidates will be contacted and invited to attend a **virtual/telephone screening**.
4. **In-person interviews** will be held shortly after.
5. If you would like to have an informal conversation to discuss the role, please contact the co-headteacher (Secondary) on [beck.owen@reachacademy.org.uk](mailto:beck.owen@reachacademy.org.uk).

# Safer recruitment

Reach Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. In order to meet this responsibility all candidates will be subjected to a rigorous selection process to discourage and screen out unsuitable applicants. This process is outlined below. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if further detail is required.

## Disclosure

This post is classified as having substantial access to children, and appointment is subject to an enhanced police check of previous criminal convictions (DBS). Applicants are required, before appointment, to disclose any conviction, caution or binding over including 'spent convictions' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020). Non-disclosure may lead to termination of employment. However, disclosure of a criminal background will not necessarily debar individuals from employment – this will depend upon the nature of the offence(s) and when they occurred.

The amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020) provides that when applying for certain jobs and activities, certain convictions and cautions are considered 'protected'. This means that they do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account. Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website.

## **Interview**

Candidates will be subject to an in-depth, in-person interview and assessment, along with a telephone interview in some circumstances. At each stage of the process, candidates will be asked to address any discrepancies, anomalies or gaps in their application form or arising from information gained at the previous stage of the recruitment process.

## **Reference checking**

References from previous and current employers will be taken up for shortlisted candidates before interview and, where necessary, employers may be contacted to gather further information or address any discrepancies, anomalies or gaps in the reference provided.

## **Online searches**

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) asks schools to carry out online searches on shortlisted candidates as part of the process of assessing suitability.

## **Probation**

All new staff will be subject to a probation period (which may, in certain circumstances, be extended). The probation period is a trial period, to enable the assessment of an employee's suitability for the job for which they have been employed. It provides Reach Academy with the opportunity to monitor and review the performance of new staff in relation to various areas, but also in terms of their commitment to safeguarding and relationships with pupils.

## **Equal opportunities**

Reach Academy is dedicated to providing equal opportunities and will monitor the recruitment process rigorously to ensure fair access and opportunity for all.

Reach Academy is committed to ensuring our workforce is reflective of our diverse student population and is therefore committed to increasing representation of staff of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds across all roles and at all levels.

If you require assistance in reading this information or in completing the application form, please contact [recruitment@reachacademy.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@reachacademy.org.uk).