



Head of Computing



Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the position of **Head of Computing** at Oasis Academy Enfield. We are part of Oasis Community Learning www.oasiscommunitylearning.org which runs over 50 academies across the UK. We need an enthusiastic and talented teacher to join the Computing department for January 2023 or sooner.

I hope you find the information pack helpful. If you would like to know more about us before you apply please see our website www.oasisacademyenfield.org. We welcome visits to the Academy. For an informal, confidential discussion, or to arrange a visit please contact Salma Begum, PD Officer, on 01992 655 424 or enfield.HR@oasisenfield.org

If you would like to apply, please complete the Application Form (CVs are not accepted) and return it by either of the following ways:

Email: enfield.HR@oasisenfield.org

Post: PD Officer
Oasis Academy Enfield
9 Kinetic Crescent,
Innova Park,
Mollison Avenue,
Enfield, EN3 7XH

The closing deadline for applications is no later than **8am on Tuesday 18th October 2022**. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis so early applications are encouraged.

Please ensure you provide the name, address and status of two referees, one of whom should be your current Headteacher. Candidates should be aware we will seek references on shortlisted candidates and may approach previous employers for information to verify particular experience or qualifications before interview.

Interviews will be on **Friday 21st October 2022**. If you have not been invited to attend by **Thursday 20th October 2022**, you should assume that your application has not been successful. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide feedback on your application at this stage.

I wish you well and thank you once again for your interest in what we think will be a rewarding post.

Yours sincerely,



Anthony Williams
Principal

About Oasis Academy Enfield

Oasis Academy Enfield opened in September 2007 as a new academy. Initially a group of portacabins and a pioneering spirit, the Academy moved into its £30 million purpose-built accommodation two years later on Innova Business Park, 12 minutes walk from Enfield Lock Station.

The Academy has enjoyed considerable success in its 15 year history. In 2018, Ofsted confirmed that we continue to be a good academy.

Academy leaders and staff share high expectations for all students

Students behave well, and treat each other and staff with respect

Safeguarding is a strength of the Academy, and staff are proactive at supporting the children to stay safe both in school and out

Students feel safe and happy in school. Parents support this view and are happy with the progress their children are making

We provide students with high quality teaching, which not only enables them to make to the best possible progress and achieve the highest grades, but also equips them with the skills, behaviour and character, which will help them be successful and make a positive contribution to their community.

We have a thriving Sixth Form provision that enables us to offer a wide range of courses and the highest standard of teaching and enrichment activities. We want all our students to gain the qualifications that enable them to move onto college, work, apprenticeships or university. Around 95% of our sixth form students progress to university with two thirds going to Russell Group and other leading universities following a wide range of courses from English, History to engineering, psychology and law.

We are committed to providing staff with high quality professional development. Masterclasses run by experienced colleagues focusing on academy priorities are available to all teachers. We hold middle and senior leadership courses run by Institute of Education at UCL open to all staff who want to develop their skills in their current role or look towards the next step in their career.

The induction of new staff is important. We have a tailored programme for staff in training, which is tailored to meet their needs. All new staff have an experienced mentor who will meet with them and support them as they settle into the Academy. In addition, NQTs are also have an Induction Tutor who is responsible for supporting them in successfully completing their Induction year.

As part of the Oasis family of academies we benefit from wide range of opportunities to network with colleagues across the region and nationally through a variety of joint training and professional development opportunities. National Lead Practitioners offer advice and guidance and share resources through concerns and visits to the academy. The annual regional conference brings all the staff across London and the South East together to network and share best practice from across the region.

The Academy mainly serves the ethnically and economically diverse local communities of Enfield Lock and Enfield Island Village. A number of students travel from Ponders End, Edmonton and further afield to the Academy. The intake is mixed, some students live in the private housing close to the academy and others come from some of most deprived housing areas in the country. High numbers of students are eligible for pupil premium. There is a high proportion of students with English as an additional language (54%) with over 60 languages spoken. Turkish, Black Caribbean, Black African and White British are our biggest ethnic groups. Despite the challenges many of our students face in their day to day lives our students are ambitious and work hard, seeing education as the key to a successful future.

Oasis was established in 1985 and has grown into a group of charities working to deliver housing, training, youth work, health care, family support and primary, secondary and higher education. In the UK Oasis employs over 4000 staff as well as working with over 1000 volunteers. Oasis work in ten other countries around Europe, Africa, Asia and North America. Our academy is twinned with projects in Uganda and Kyrgyzstan.

Oasis Community Learning is an education trust established in 2004 with the express purpose of transforming lives and communities through the development of Oasis Academies. There are over 50 academies each with their own character and identity and as one organisation are committed to share effective practice across the group. As a leading academy sponsor Oasis is a growing organisation which is committed to improving the life chances of children, young people and the communities they live in.

The Oasis Hub Enfield supports the work of the Academy providing integrated, high quality services that benefit the whole person and the whole community. This is achieved by bringing together the Oasis ethos and values, local and national resources and expertise, and working together in and with local partners. Enfield Hub's work includes youth work, family support services, holiday activities, volunteering, community engagement, lettings as well as the Academy.

To view the prospectus and watch a short video on Oasis Academy Enfield please follow the link below:
<https://www.oasisacademyenfield.org/about-us/working-at-oasis-enfield>



About Oasis Community Learning

The vision of Oasis Academies is to create both outstanding schools and community hubs. As well as delivering first-class and innovative education, Oasis builds 'Hubs' in the area it works in; creating safe and inspiring local neighbourhoods that provide integrated and diverse services to benefit the whole person and the whole community.

Oasis Community Learning seek to create and sustain networks of excellent learning communities working in the context of the Oasis Ethos where every student can reach their full potential. Oasis believes this can be achieved through clear leadership, outstanding staff, a positive and affirming environment, strong partnership between students, parents/carers and the local community, along with the wider national and international links the Oasis' global operations create.

Our ethos is an expression of our character- it is a statement of who we are and therefore a lens through which we assess all we do. The work of Oasis Community Learning is motivated and inspired by the life, message and example of Christ. This is encapsulated by the following five statements:

- a passion to include everyone
- a desire to treat everyone equally, respecting differences
- a commitment to healthy and open relationships
- a deep sense of hope that things can change and be transformed
- a sense of perseverance to keep going for the long haul

The full Education Charter explains how our ethos impacts in Oasis Academies and can be found on www.oasiscommunitylearning.org

About Computing and ICT

Computing and ICT are very popular subjects at the Academy. Computing is taught as a discrete subject in Years 7 to 9 on a carousel basis. Students are given the opportunity to join a lunch time coding club as part of our enrichment program and we are keen to expand this offer. GCSE Computing is offered from Year 10 onwards. There are frequent development opportunities both within Computing and the wider academy. NQTs are well supported by a subject mentor, the NQT Tutor and the Academy Induction Programme.

The Computing department is situated on the D floor adjacent to our IT technician's suite. The learning area comprises of 3 computer rooms, a mac room. The Learning Area is well-equipped with Interactive Whiteboards in every room. There are extra computing facilities on the B floor and the library. All teaching staff are provided with a laptop and ipad. Schemes of work and a wide variety of teaching resources are held electronically on the Oasis Zone SharePoint platform.

The Academy has world class educational Computing facilities including:

- Site wide, high-speed, wireless coverage supporting hundreds of wireless devices.
- Extensive use of mobile technology both inside and outside of the building
- A wide range of exciting peripheral devices to support curriculum delivery
- Brand new interactive presentation tools in every teaching space
- Apple based technology deployed in the music and media areas.
- Site wide IPTV and video library facilities
- SharePoint (Enfield Zone) and a Cisco communications infrastructure

A cluster manager, cluster engineer and two technicians maintain the network across the Academy. In addition, Oasis UK IT manages our IT services which includes access to the central IT support team and help desk.

If you can inspire young people, are passionate about Computing and ICT education and prepared to go the extra mile we would welcome an application from you. The post is for a January 2023 start or sooner.



Job Description

POST:

Head of Computing

ACCOUNTABLE TO:

Principal, Academy Leadership Team Line Manager

GRADE:

MPS/UPS (Outer London) plus Teachers Pension Scheme, plus TLR 2c - £7,017

KEY RELATIONSHIPS:

Academy Leadership Team; relevant teaching and support staff; students; partner professionals; parents; local community; other Oasis Academies and Oasis Community Learning central staff.

LOCATION:

Oasis Academy Enfield

WORKING PATTERN:

Full-time and as described in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.

Disclosure level:

Enhanced DBS

JOB PURPOSE:

Provide strategic leadership for an area of the Academy, in consultation with the Principal, staff, parents and Academy Council, which brings about high standards of education. All leaders in the Academy share in devising strategies for raising achievement and ensuring high standards of behaviour.

The post holder shall have the professional duties in accordance with the current DFE School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document and wider responsibilities relating to strategic direction and development, teaching and learning, leading and managing staff and efficient and effective deployment of staff and resources in consultation with the Principal.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To assist the Principal, together with other members of the Academy Leadership Team, in providing leadership and in managing the Academy.
- To provide strategic and operational leadership for a specified department.
- To lead an area of whole academy development.
- To actively support the vision, ethos and policies of the Academy.
- To promote and safeguard the welfare of children you teach or come into contact with.

OUTCOMES:

1. Achievement and standards

- Set high expectations and stretching targets for your areas of responsibility which contribute significantly to Academy targets.
- Ensure a consistent and continuous focus on student achievement using data to track and monitor the progress in every student's learning.
- Evaluate student progress across specified areas of responsibility through the use of appropriate assessments and records and regular analysis of the data.
- Use national, local and Academy data effectively to analyse and evaluate student progress; planning and implementing effective interventions to support students.
- Continuously monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of learning outcomes.

Professional Standards - Attributes, Knowledge and Understanding

- Commitment to a collaborative Academy vision of excellence and equality that sets high standards for every student
- Ability to analyse and evaluate performance data.
- Demonstrate and articulate high expectations and set stretching targets for the Academy.
- Take appropriate action when performance is unsatisfactory within their specified areas of responsibility.
- Have an extensive knowledge and well-informed understanding of the assessment

2. Quality of Provision

- Contribute to raising the quality of teaching and learning so that lessons are good or better and there is no inadequate teaching within the Academy.
- Monitor the quality of teaching and students' learning through the analysis of performance data, observation of teaching, work scrutiny, student interviews in collaboration with the Academy Leadership Team.
- Contribute to the development of teaching and learning by supporting training programmes, coaching and mentoring of teachers.
- Develop and maintain Academy policies and practices which promote high achievement and inclusion through effective teaching and learning across the Academy.
- Seek opportunities to collaborate with other Academies, innovative and high achieving schools through the Oasis Community Learning and other relevant networks to share and develop excellent pedagogies.
- Takes a strategic role in the development of new and emergent technologies to enhance and extend the learning experiences of students.
- Implement strategies that ensure high standards of behaviour.
- Promote extra-curricular activities and out of hours learning which enhance learning opportunities.
- Have a teaching commitment in line with other Faculty Leaders within the Academy.

Professional Standards - Attributes, Knowledge and Understanding

- Recognises excellence and challenges underperformance at all levels and ensures corrective action and follow up.
- Ensures a culture of challenge and support where all students can achieve success.
- Have teaching skills which lead to learners achieving well relative to their prior attainment, making progress as good as, or better than, similar learners nationally.
- Understanding of school self-evaluation and an ability to make evidence based judgements.
- Ability to initiate and support research and debate about effective teaching and learning and develop strategies to improve performance.

3. Leadership and Management

- Be a supportive member of the Leadership Team of the Academy, playing a key role in the development of the Academy as it becomes an innovative, high performing, and emotionally intelligent organisation for the 21st century.
- Effectively manage an agenda of change to raise standards in specified area of Academy life.
- Take the lead strategic oversight for improvement and development of a specified subject.
- Play a key role in creating an environment within the Academy where students and staff develop and maintain positive attitudes towards each other, the environment and community.
- Contribute to the development and review of the Academy Improvement Plan, OfSTED Self Evaluation and the related documentation.
- Line manage designated teaching and support staff working collaboratively to raise student achievement and attainment across the Academy and provide effective support, guidance, challenge and information for all staff within designated areas of responsibility.

- Take an active role as a Team Leader within the Academy's Performance Management policy in addition to promoting and providing induction and Continuous Professional Development opportunities to ensure the professional effectiveness of teaching and support staff colleagues.
- Maintain clear expectations, high standards of professionalism and collaboration to meet the Academy Improvement Planning priorities.
- Assist in the appointment of staff and their deployment to make most effective use of their skills, expertise and experience to raise standards of achievement across the Academy.
- Ensure that all staff within the specified areas of responsibility have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities.
- Effectively manage and deploy relevant finances.

Professional Standards - Attributes, Knowledge and Understanding

- Acts as a lead professional, setting a professional example to staff and students.
- Makes professional, managerial and organisational decisions based on informed judgements.
- Knows about the use of a range of evidence, including performance data, to evaluate and improve aspects of school life, including challenging poor performance.
- Commitment to the equitable management of staff and resources.
- Able to delegate and monitor the implementation of management tasks

4. Personal Development and Well-Being

- Lead the implementation of the personalised learning agenda, raising achievement and improving the quality of teaching, learning and support within the subject area.
- Ensures a consistent and continuous subject area-wide focus on student achievement, using baseline and progress data to monitor progress.
- Recognise and reward students who are making good progress, and identify underachievement putting in place appropriate support to address the areas of weakness.
- Support the extended school programme including visits.
- Treat all members of the Academy community fairly, equitably and with respect to create and maintain the Academy ethos.
- Ensuring the safeguarding of all students through the implementation of effective policies and procedures
- Ensuring a safe working and learning environment through application of appropriate risk assessment and adherence to current Health and Safety regulations

Professional Standards for Teachers – Attributes, Knowledge and Understanding

- Have a commitment to choice and flexibility in learning to meet the needs of every student.
- Have sufficient depth of knowledge and experience to be able to give advice on the development and well-being of students.

5. Views of Learners, Parent/Carers and other Stakeholders

- Ensure an effective partnership with parents and carers to support students' academic and personal development.
- Ensure parents and carers are well informed about their child's progress and targets.
- Prepare guidance materials for parents and carers to help them support their child's learning.

Professional Standards – Attributes, Knowledge and Understanding

- Create and maintain an effective partnership with parents and carers to support and improve students' academic and personal development.
- Recognises and takes account to the richness and diversity of the Academy's community.
- Listens to, reflects and acts on community feedback.
- Builds and maintains relationships with parents, carers and the community that enhances the education of all students.

6. Professional Development

- Keep up to date with current research in school improvement in the specified areas of responsibility.
- Lead professional development activities, as appropriate, to update and develop the skills of colleagues.
- Provide regular coaching and mentoring for less experienced colleagues.
- Participate in Performance Management accordance with Academy policy.

Professional Standards – Attributes, Knowledge and Understanding

- Contribute to the professional development of colleagues through coaching and mentoring, demonstrating effective practice, and providing advice and feedback.
- Build a collaborative learning culture within the specified areas of responsibility.

The person undertaking this role is expected to work within the policies, ethos and aims of the Academy and to carry out such other duties as may reasonably be assigned by the Principal. The post holder will be expected to have an agreed flexible working pattern to ensure that all relevant functions, including extra-curricular activities, are fulfilled through direct dialogue with employees, contractors and community members.

All staff take an active role in the Academy's care and guidance of students.

The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the Statement of Conditions of Employment.

The duties of this post may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the post or level of responsibility entailed.

Head of Computing Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualified Teacher Status 	Degree
Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent relevant professional development 	Evidence of middle leadership training
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record of good and outstanding teaching experience Leadership experience in a mixed, comprehensive school Proven record of success in raising student achievement Understanding of what is required to secure effective teaching and learning to improve student performance in an inclusive environment Experience and understanding of the planning, monitoring, review and evaluation process Experience of academy/school self-evaluation 	Experience in more than one comprehensive school, at least one in challenging circumstances
Knowledge and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge and understanding of National Curriculum, GCSE, Level 3 Courses particularly statutory requirements Ability to use assessment data effectively to set targets and raise achievement Ability to provide appropriate challenge and support for students Knowledge of behaviour management strategies and an ability to maintain good discipline Ability to converse at ease with parents/students and members of the public and provide advice in accurate spoken English Understanding of the practical application of Equal Opportunities in an Academy context 	
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to motivate students and staff Good communication skills Good IT skills Ability to lead and work as part of a team Ability to use and act on own initiative Ability to reflect Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children Willingness to undergo appropriate checks, including enhanced DBS checks. Emotional resilience in working in a range challenging situations Have a willingness to demonstrate commitment to the values and behaviours which flow from the Oasis ethos 	

Explanatory Notes

Applications will only be accepted from candidates completing the enclosed Application Form. Please complete ALL Sections of the Application Form which are relevant to you as clearly and fully as possible (Sections A & B). CVs will not be accepted in place of a completed Application Form.

Safeguarding Children & Young People

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo appropriate checks, including enhanced Disclosure and Barring checks

1. Candidates should be aware that all posts in Oasis Community Learning involve some degree of responsibility for safeguarding children and young people, although the extent of that responsibility will vary depending on the nature of the post. Please see the job description enclosed in this Application Pack for further details.
2. Accordingly this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore all convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as “spent” must be declared.
3. If you are currently working with children, on either a paid or voluntary basis, your current employer will be asked about disciplinary offences, including those related to children or young people (whether the disciplinary sanction is current or time-expired), and whether you have been the subject of any child protection allegations or concerns and if so the outcome of any investigation or disciplinary proceedings. If you are not currently working with children, but have done in the past, that previous employer will be asked about these issues.
4. Where neither your current or previous employment has involved working with children, your current employer will be asked about your suitability to work with children, although it may where appropriate be answered not applicable if your duties have not brought you into contact with children or young people.

Interview Process

After the closing date, short listing will be conducted by a Panel, who will match your skills/ experience against the criteria in the Person Specification. You will be selected for interview entirely on the contents of your application form, so please read the Job Description and Person Specification carefully before you complete your form.

All candidates invited to interview must bring the following documents:

- Documentary evidence of right to work in the UK
- Documentary evidence of identity that will satisfy Disclosure and Barring check requirements such as a current driving license including a photograph and/or a passport and/or a full birth certificate
- Documentary proof of current name and address (i.e. utility bill, financial statement etc.)
- Where appropriate any documentation evidencing a change of name
- Documents confirming any educational or professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post.

Please note that originals of the above are necessary. Photocopies or certified copies are not sufficient.

We will seek references on shortlisted candidates for Academy based positions and may approach previous employers for information to verify particular experience or qualifications before interview. Any relevant issues arising from references will be taken up at interview.

For Academy based positions, in addition to candidates' ability to perform the duties of the post, the interview will also explore issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, including:

- Motivation to work with children and young people
- Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people
- Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours
- Attitudes to use of authority and maintaining discipline.

Conditional Offer: Pre-Employment Checks

Any offer to a successful candidate will be conditional upon: -

- Verification of right to work in the UK
- Receipt of at least two satisfactory references (if these have not already been received)
- Verification of identity and qualifications
- Vetting and Barring Checks
- Satisfactory Disclosure and Barring check
- Verification of professional status such as QTS Status, NPQH (where required)
- Satisfactory completion of a Health Assessment
- Satisfactory completion of the probationary period.
- Where the successful candidate has worked or been resident overseas in the previous five years, such checks and confirmations as may be required in accordance with statutory guidance

For teaching posts

- Verification of successful completion of statutory induction period (applies to those who obtained QTS after 7 May 1999)
- Verification of medical fitness in accordance with DFE Circular 4/99 Physical and Mental Fitness to Teach of Teachers and Entrants to Initial Teacher Training

You should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in your application being rejected or summary dismissal if you have been selected, as well as possible referral to the police and/or ISA and/or other relevant investigating bodies.