



**OAKBANK
SCHOOL**

RECRUITMENT PACK

Proud to be part of the
GREENSHAW
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Dear candidate

Thank you for your interest in the role of Head of English at Oakbank School. We are proud members of the Greenshaw Learning Trust, a 'family' of like-minded schools, that collaborate to provide mutual support, share their good practice and learn from each other, whilst retaining and developing our own distinctive character.

Oakbank School is committed to a journey of transformation, where staff, students and parents are determined to improve the quality and experience of education for its community. We believe that every child deserves to not only access the full curriculum, but should thrive in their curriculums, developing academically, personally and holistically as a result of passionate and adaptive teaching, resulting in committed learning that secures successful outcomes. Our current phase of school improvement features our entire team working together at pace to offer greater stability, more innovation and creativity. The aim is for greater consistency for all students, enabling them to manage their learning and themselves more effectively.

The Trust is a vibrant and forward-thinking community of teachers, support staff and learners committed to educating the 'whole child' to improve life chances, whilst securing the best possible outcomes for students. We encourage all young people to work hard and make the most of the opportunities they are given. Our amazing team of teachers and support staff themselves demonstrate and encourage a lifelong love of learning, both within and beyond our curriculum.

As one of the highest performing multi-academy trusts in the country, we currently have schools across South London, Berkshire, Surrey, Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire, and Plymouth. We are continuing to grow and have further schools joining us on a regular basis.

We strive to be an inclusive and diverse employer and we encourage applications from underrepresented demographics. We recognise the need to achieve a good work-life balance and encourage discussions regarding flexible working across our schools and Shared Service teams. We aim to create the conditions under which our colleagues are able to thrive and to deliver exceptional work for the young people and communities which we serve. To get a feel of life at Greenshaw Learning Trust, please download our 'Why you should work for GLT' recruitment brochure on our jobs portal.

Oakbank School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, therefore this appointment will be subject to vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure.

The school website provides a clear picture of our aspirations and our vision: however, please do not hesitate to contact us to seek further information from our School HR Manager, Tara Jeffrey. We very much look forward to receiving applications from candidates whose personal qualities, values and experiences support and reflect ours.



Yours sincerely

Jonathan Heap, Interim Headteacher, Assistant Director of Secondary Education GLT

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

At Oakbank School, we have built our ethos on a strong set of core values which underpin everything that we do. Our aim is to give students at Oakbank School a better chance of success than if they attended any other school in the country.

Our mission

An ambitious school in which students are provided with exceptional opportunities that equip them with the skills, knowledge, and personal attributes to thrive in school, and beyond.

Our values

Our core values permeate all that we do. In our achievement-orientated culture, teaching and learning is our highest priority. We want our students to be healthy and have a great life. We are deeply committed to opening the hearts and minds of our future-focused young people.

Our core values are 'work hard, be kind'.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

CONTRACT

Permanent

SALARY

Salary calculated in line with Teacher pay scale, Main or Upper + TLR1 £10,173 (starting salary and pay points will be discussed at interview)

HOURS OF WORK

32.5 hours per week, full time

PLACE OF WORK

Oakbank School, Hyde End Lane, Ryeish Green, Reading, RG7 1ER.

PENSION SCHEME

Under the Social Security Act 1986 the post holder has the right to make their own pension arrangements. They may choose to contribute to the Teachers' Pension Scheme or a Personal Pension Scheme.

GLT will recognise continuous local government service for redundancy purposes in line with the Redundancy Payments (Continuity of Employment in Local Government, etc) (Modification) Order 1999

HOLIDAY ENTITLEMENT

Subject to Working Time provisions of the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document your holidays coincide with periods of school closure.

PROBATION PERIOD

New employees are required to complete a six-month probationary period.

STATUTORY CHECKS

All employment offers are made subject to checks in line with Government guidance (some of which are dependent upon the role/individual). These include: online checks, evidence of identity and right to work in the UK, an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check, overseas criminal record check if the successful candidate has worked or resided overseas in the last five years, confirmation of a satisfactory medical report, satisfactory references, evidence of qualifications, DfE teaching/management barred list check.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Post:	Head of English
Responsible to:	Assistant Head Teacher
Responsible for:	Teachers of English

ROLE OVERVIEW

We are looking for an enthusiastic subject specialist to join our committed English Department. The successful candidate will motivate, challenge, support and inspire our students. They must also have relevant experience in a similar role with a proven track record.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for students and to support a designated curriculum area as appropriate.
- To monitor and support the overall progress and development of students as a teacher/tutor.
- To facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides students with the opportunity to accelerate with their learning.
- To contribute to raising standards of student attainment across the school.
- To share and support the school's responsibility to provide and monitor opportunities for personal and academic growth.

TEACHING, LEARNING AND STUDENT PROGRESS

- To undertake a designated programme of planning and teaching across all key stages (KS3, 4 and 5) and to teach consistently high-quality lessons.
- To be a role model for students, inspiring them to be actively interested in your subject.
- To ensure the effective/efficient deployment of classroom support.
- To maintain discipline in accordance with the school procedures, and to encourage good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and home learning.
- To lead, monitor and evaluate the assessment and feedback to students in line with whole school and department policy.
- To follow department monitoring and tracking systems relating to student's attainment, progress and achievement.

- To mark, grade and give written/verbal and diagnostic feedback as required.
- To undertake assessment of students as requested by external examination bodies, curriculum areas and school procedures.
- To assess, record and report on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of students and to keep such records as are required.
- To update professional knowledge and expertise as appropriate to keep up to date with developments in teaching practice and methodology.
- To liaise with the relevant pastoral leaders to ensure the implementation of the Student Support system.
- To prioritise and manage time effectively, ensuring continued professional development in line with the role.
- To follow the school policies and procedures.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- To continue personal development in the relevant areas, including subject knowledge and teaching methods.
- To engage actively in the Performance Management process.
- To participate in whole school professional learning programmes.
- To take part in the staff development programme by participating in arrangements for further training and professional development.

SAFEGUARDING

- Be keenly aware of the responsibility for safeguarding children and to help in the application of the Safeguarding Policy within the school.
- Comply with the school's Safeguarding Policy to ensure the welfare of children and young persons.
- Greenshaw Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people therefore this appointment will be subject to vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure.

The duties and responsibilities in this job description are not restrictive and you may be required to undertake any other duties that may be required from time to time. Any such duties should not however substantially change the general character of the post.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

The successful candidate will meet the following person specification. Please note that the listed criteria will form the basis of the selection process. Applicants should address all elements of the Person Specification, demonstrating experience and where appropriate citing supporting examples, within their application.

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications and training		
Good Hons. Degree.	x	
Qualified Teacher Status.	x	
Willingness to undertake further CPD.	x	
Relevant postgraduate studies.	x	
Evidence of wider professional development		x
Skills and experience		
Excellent interpersonal and teamwork skills	x	
Excellent communicator – sensitive, compassionate and effective	x	
Knowledge of strategies to inspire and improve outcomes for students	x	
Outstanding organisational skills to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the role	x	
Knowledge of strategies to recognise and reward efforts and achievements and the ability to encourage students to become self-reliant and independent learners	x	
Personal attributes		
Able to establish good working relationships with a wide range of people - students, colleagues and parents	x	
A willingness to become involved in all aspects of school life	x	
Committed to the safeguarding of children	x	

THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

APPLICATION

To apply for a vacancy, please register for an online account and complete the online application form on the GLT website. In the application form you should demonstrate how you meet the requirements set out in the person specification. Include specific examples which support your application. You will have the opportunity to upload additional documents in support of your application if required.

Please ensure you enter your correct email address when registering for your online account. This is the email address we will use to contact you about your application.

Applications must be received no later than 11.59pm on **22nd October 2025** Applications received after this date will not be considered. We reserve the right to interview candidates as applications are received and close the advert prior to the closing date should an appointment be made.

INTERVIEW PROCESS

Shortlisted applicants will be invited by email to attend an interview. References may be taken up after shortlisting. Please indicate on your application form if you are happy for us to do so. As part of your interview, you may be asked to undertake a practical test related to the knowledge and abilities in the person specification.

TAKING UP POST

The successful applicant will take up the post on 1st January 2026



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