

# **HR** Apprentice

**Application Pack** 

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#### Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in the post of HR Apprentice at Altus Education Partnership.

Altus Education Partnership was formed in 2017 out of Rochdale Sixth Form College, an Ofsted Outstanding provider and grew from our desire to improve education in the borough of Rochdale as a whole.

The Trust currently comprises four academies:

- Rochdale Sixth Form College (RSFC) opened in 2010 to address the significant underachievement in A Level
  performance in the borough. Since then, it has raised achievement in the area dramatically and is recognised nationally
  as a centre of excellence. The college is Ofsted Outstanding, Sixth Form College of the Year 2021, and regularly one of
  the highest performing colleges in the country according to the DfE's performance tables and national achievement
  rate tables.
- Edgar Wood Academy is a secondary school opened in a new build in 2021 under Wave 13 of the free schools'
  programme. The school has already established a strong reputation in the local community and is significantly oversubscribed for 2023-24.
- Kingsway Park High School is an Ofsted rated Good school with a strong track record of providing its students with an excellent education. The school will soon benefit from a new teaching block opening at the end of 2023.
- Bamford Academy is an Ofsted rated Good school providing a caring and nurturing environment for all of its pupils; it is a popular first choice for many parents and young people in the local community.

Altus is now on the cusp of significant and quite rapid growth, with a high number of schools indicating an interest in joining the Trust, with of seven of these schools entering into a Trust Partnership Agreement. This means that while the Trust currently has around 4,500 students and 450 staff in four academies, within three years this could easily increase to around 10,000 students, 1000 staff and ten or more schools. Additionally, the Trust has codified and solidified its relationship with a number of key educational partners in the borough. Most notably, and uniquely in the sector, Altus has a memorandum of understanding with Hopwood Hall College around the curricula the two colleges offer and to support transition of students to post-16 education.

As an integral member of the HR team, the HR Officer role involves providing expert advice, leadership, and support across various HR functions. This position plays a pivotal role in shaping HR policies, fostering employee relations, and promoting health and wellbeing initiatives across the Trust. If you feel inspired by our strategy and what we are trying to achieve, I'd be delighted if you submitted your application. Full details and all documentation are in this pack; if you wish to discuss the post further, please email recruitment@altusep.com

I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Richard Ronksley

CEO

## Making your application

I hope that when you read this pack you are inspired to apply for the post. If you are, then this is what you need to do:

#### **Application**

- 1. Complete the Altus Education Partnership application form.
- 2. Provide a supporting statement of <u>no more than two sides of A4</u> which should address the criteria in the person specification.
- 3. Send your application by email to <a href="mailto:recruitment@altusep.com">recruitment@altusep.com</a>.

#### **Deadline**

The deadline for the post is 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 to arrive no later than 12.00 midday.

The dates for interview are to be confirmed.

#### **Shortlisting**

We will unfortunately be unable to notify candidates who are not on the shortlist; therefore, if you have not heard from us your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.

#### Salary

National Minimum Wage

#### **Start Date**

### **Immediately**

#### For an Application Pack

1. Visit www.altusep.com or

2. Contact: recruitment@altusep.com

Altus EDUCATION Partnership is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff to share this commitment. This position is subject to an Enhanced DBS check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

In accordance with the recommendations set out in KCSIE the Trust carries out online searches on shortlisted candidates.



### **Altus Education Partnership Vision, Mission and Values**

#### **Our Vision & Mission**

To create and successfully run a family of inclusive academies from early years to 18 that enables all students, regardless of background, to progress to an aspirational career, a fulfilling life and make a positive contribution to their local community.

#### **Our Values**

- Unrelenting commitment to improve the quality of our provision and enhance the lives of our students.
- Openness in the way we build trust and bring purpose to our work as a Multi Academy Trust.
- Accountability through the rigorous, transparent and forensic analysis of all aspects of our performance.
- Commitment to the principles of inclusion and equality.
- **Dedication** to the borough of Rochdale and its surrounds.
- Collective responsibility for one another and the results of all our students "if one fails, we all fail".

#### The Ambition is that by the time students leave they will:

- Have achieved their personal academic potential giving them a greater choice in life.
- Have the highest aspirations and developed the self-esteem, confidence, and emotional resilience to exploit their potential.
- Be contributing members of the community and have compassion for others.
- Be able to celebrate their success and that of others.
- Have developed the confidence to overcome barriers to success.
- Be articulate, creative, and prepared for future growth and learning.
- Be happy!

#### Shared Objective for all Staff: "To maximise students' achievements"

- At Altus Education Partnership we do this through engaging our students in their subjects and inspiring them to enjoy their studies in a totally positive atmosphere.
- Our students are challenged to achieve through a culture of high expectations and a belief in their ability.
- Above all, staff at Altus Education Partnership like their students and demonstrate this through their daily conduct and interaction.



## **Job Description**

Job Title:	HR Apprentice
Reports to:	Director of HR
Contract:	Full time (37 Hours per week), Permanent, All year round
Salary:	National Minimum Wage
Start Date:	Immediate start
Location:	You will be based at our Trust office with occasional travel to the academies

**Overview:** As an HR Apprentice, you will gain hands-on experience in various aspects of human resources with a particular focus on recruitment and HR administration. This role is designed to provide you with the skills and knowledge necessary to build a successful career in HR.

#### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Assist in the recruitment process, including advertising roles, ensuring 'safer-recruitment' practices, carrying our pre-employment checks, scheduling interviews and preparing all related documentation.
- Support the recruitment selection process, including preparing recruitment materials.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date employee records.
- Assist in the preparation of HR reports, including data entry and analysis.
- Support the HR team in various administrative tasks, such as filing, document preparation, and correspondence.
- Assist in ensuring compliance with company policies, procedures, and employment laws and regulations.

#### **Wider Team Support and Personal Development:**

- Respond to staff and manager queries, forwarding as necessary.
- Continuously develop professional knowledge, staying updated on HR initiatives and best practices.
- Share knowledge, insights, and learning with the team.
- Contribute to the continuous improvement of HR activities and services.
- Attend and actively participate in HR team meetings.
- Support the wider HR function by assisting in Trust events and curriculum teams as required.

#### General

This job description is a representative document. Other reasonably similar duties may be allocated from time to time commensurate with the general character of the post and its grading. The person appointed will be expected to work flexibly and the exact nature of the duties described above is subject to periodic review and is liable to change.



# **Person Specification**

Criteria	Essential Desirable	How identified	
Qualifications			
Level 2 (GCSE A* - C) or equivalent in English and Maths.	E	Application form	
Abilities / Skills / Experience			
Motivated and Eager to Learn	Е	Application form Interview	
Proactive and able to use initiative	Е	Application form Interview	
To be a positive and self-motivated team player.	Е	Application Form interview	
Strong Problem Solving Skills	Е	Application Form interview	
Ability to maintain confidentiality.	Е	Application Form interview	
Knowledge			
Intermediate IT skills including Word, Excel, and Outlook and be able to establish, maintain and up-date databases accurately.	D	Application Form interview	
An understanding and commitment to Equality and Diversity, Safeguarding and Health and Safety.	D	Application Form interview	











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