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Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the role of HR Manager at Yate Academy.

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.

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 comprise of thirty six schools: eleven in South London, six in Berkshire, one in Surrey, fifteen in Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire, and three in 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.

Yate Academy 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 websites provide a clear picture of our aspirations and our vision; however, please do not hesitate to contact us to seek further information from Michelle, Shellard, Regional HR Partner mshellard@greenshawlearningtrust.co.uk. We very much look forward to receiving applications from candidates whose personal qualities, values and experiences support and reflect ours.

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Eddie Rakshi Headteacher



# **Greenshaw Learning Trust – 'Always Learning'**

GLT is one of the highest performing multi academy trusts in the country that provides high quality comprehensive and inclusive education. The Trust is committed to meeting the needs of every student and our schools offer a broad curriculum and wide range of special needs provision in a welcoming and challenging environment.

We are extremely proud of our success, but we are not complacent. We believe that we can – as an academy trust, as schools and as individuals – always improve. We are all 'Always Learning'.

Each school in GLT is led by its own leadership team and a governing body, which have the support of the wider Trust to help them achieve their objectives for their school. Being part of the Trust provides our schools with an effective structure, collaboration, and support. Our culture of trust and openness fosters mutual support and continual improvement.

At GLT it is really important to us that our classrooms are disruption free and the schools are calm and orderly. Our shared behaviour policy assists to make this happen and enables our teachers to have the greatest impact on the educational outcomes of the children in their classes.

School-to-school collaboration is enabled by regular contact between school leaders. Our shared services professionals provide a wide range of effective, rapid and flexible support, advice and guidance to our schools, including curriculum support, school improvement, staff training and development, admissions, attendance, behaviour, safeguarding and SEND, pupil services, estates, finance, HR, IT, catering, clerking, procurement and governance.

From its establishment as a multi academy trust in 2014, the Trust has grown significantly and currently employs around 3,700 people and educates over 23,500 students. Further information about our schools can be found <a href="https://example.com/here-based-en-line-b



# **The Greenshaw Learning Trust Mission Statement**

We are ambitious for our schools and their students. We believe that there is no ceiling on what can be achieved by anyone, regardless of their circumstances or background.

We are committed to providing a supportive and inclusive learning environment, giving every young person the opportunity to fulfil their potential now, and in the future.

We seek to realise the power of individuals and organisations working together in collaboration whilst retaining their individuality, and we recognise that we can always improve.

# **Greenshaw Learning Trust Employee Benefits**

The GLT recognises that our employees are our most important asset, and we are aware that the quality and commitment of our employees is critical to our success. We offer all our employees the following staff benefits:

- A supportive ethos and concern for the well-being of all colleagues
- Excellent CPD opportunities and career progression
- Employer contributions to Local Government (LGPS) or Teachers Pension Scheme
- Access to Blue Light Card Scheme
- Access to Teacher Art Pass Scheme (teaching staff only)
- Cycle to Work scheme
- Gym membership scheme
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Free eye tests
- Car benefit scheme
- My Health discounts



# **Terms and Conditions**

**Line Managed by:** Regional HR Partner

**Contract:** Permanent

Salary: Salary calculated in line with NJC pay scale, points 23 - 28, £33,366 -

£37,938 per annum FTE. Salary will be pro rated for term time only. (Starting salary and pay points will be aligned with CIPD qualifications)

**Hours of Work:** Full time, 36 hours per week, all year round

(Term Time Only, plus INSETs and two additional weeks will also be

considered)

Place of Work: Yate Academy, Sundridge Park, Yate, Bristol BS37 4DX

Medical The appointment is subject to a satisfactory medical report

**Examination:** 

Superannuation: 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 Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) or a Personal Pension Scheme. Details of the Local Government Pension Scheme are available at:

https://www.lgpsmember.org

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their own pension arrangements.

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 The annual holiday entitlement is 26 days plus 2 extra-statutory days (For

**Entitlement:** FTE staff)

**Probation Period:** New employees are required to complete a six-month probationary period

Disclosure & Barring This appointment is subject to the receipt of a satisfactory enhanced

Service Check: Disclosure and Barring Service check

Right to Work This appointment is subject to verification of the right to work in the UK.

Check: Where the successful candidate has worked or been resident overseas in

the last five years, such checks and confirmations may be required in

accordance with the statutory guidance



# Job Description - HR Manager

The HR Manager is an essential role in managing the HR provision within the school. This is a stand-alone role reporting to a Regional HR Partner within the Trust. The post-holder will be responsible for operational HR, ensuring compliance with Trust and school policies and procedures, employment and education legislation and best practice, as well as promoting effective employee relations

#### HR

- Lead on the management of all HR, employment and employee matters for the school.
- Advise line managers on policy implementation.
- Coach and support line managers to develop their people management skills across a range of HR activities.
- Lead on ensuring data retention of staff and candidate data is kept in line with policy and GDPR.
- Understand the multiple variations of terms and conditions of staff driven by TUPE and ensure compliance.
- To be responsible for the coordination and production of letters of appointments and contracts to all employees including carrying out relevant employment vetting checks, to include:
  - DBS
  - medical clearance
  - right to work
  - qualifications
  - references
- Lead on holding and keeping the schools SCR up to date and in line with national guidance and Ofsted requirements.
- Meet with Ofsted inspectors during inspections and be accountable to them and the Headteacher for ensuring the school continues to have an accurate SCR.
- To be responsible for implementing the induction process for all new staff, governors and visitors; this includes organising vetting checks, arranging IT logins, issuing ID badges.
- To be responsible for organising probationary review meetings for all staff and 5-year service letters for all support staff.
- To ensure that all staff personnel details are included in individual secure personnel files and the school's HR portal is fully maintained. This includes compiling the Workforce Census.
- Oversee and manage staff attendance procedures, to include,
  - issuing leave of absence forms as per School's procedures;
  - ensuring Fit for Work certificates are sent in by the absent staff member;
  - logging all absences onto NEO People and for payroll purposes;
  - compile statistical absence reports as required;
  - ensure effective absence management and occupational health procedures are in place:
  - support line managers in absence management and promoting staff wellbeing;
  - monitoring absence records and ensuring procedures are following to instigate different stages of the procedures in due course;
  - organise and oversee return to work meetings and formal stage meeting are completed, ensuring line managers are following the procedures and produce letters as per GLT templates;



- process Occupational Health referrals, monitor progress and arrange Independent Medical Assessments (IMA) if necessary, and;
- ensure there is a consistent and regular line of communication with all absent colleagues.
- Monitor and record annual leave and holiday working for all support staff on 52-week contracts.
- Coordinate and liaise with the appropriate member of SLT to ensure the successful induction of Early Careers Teachers (ECT).
- To be responsible for processing statistical information from school's database system/s for personnel matters, such as payroll and staff details as requested by the Greenshaw Learning Trust.

## **Employee Relations**

- Attend informal and formal meetings in an advisory capacity, supporting the meeting Chair.
- Maintain comprehensive records in line with policy and legislation to ensure the Trust is able to defend its position at an Employment Tribunal if necessary.
- Establish and maintain excellent working relationships with agreed Trade Union Representatives within the school.
- Keep up to date with relevant employment law and GLT policies and procedures.
- Actively contribute to organisational change efforts such as restructuring, redundancy and TUPE in conjunction with Regional HR Partners.

#### Recruitment

- Manage the recruitment process for internal and external recruitment liaising with SLT to develop job descriptions and person specifications to meet School and legislative requirements.
- Manage and maintain relationships with recruitment agencies for the provision of temporary and supply staff where needed.
- Oversee and manage the vetting and induction of supply staff to ensure safeguarding is met.
- Ensure all aspects of Safer Recruitment are adhered to with structured systems in place to record appropriately.
- To manage the administration relating to recruitment, to include:
  - Advertisements
  - co-ordinating applications
  - short-listing procedures
  - interview arrangements
  - safer recruitment matters
  - vetting and barring checks
  - reference requests
  - be the first point of contact for all prospective candidates

## **Payroll and Pensions**

- To be responsible for the management of payroll and pensions for the School's directly employed staff.
- To oversee the Teachers Pensions portal and carry out tasks assigned by Teachers Pensions and requested by GLT HR.
- Ensure that all staff (permanent, temporary and casual) are paid in accordance with their agreed pay and conditions.
- Prepare monthly returns including:



- New starters, contract changes and leavers
- additional hours (overtime & additional payments)
- sickness deductions
- maternity and paternity pay
- deductions for salary sacrifice schemes
- changes in personal details
- salary sacrifice deductions
- Checking the salary report for accuracy, and correcting where necessary liaising with staff on salary changes.
- Reconcile the monthly payroll figures and ensure payments are allocated to correct budgets.
- Support the Finance Analyst to maintain accurate staffing salary budgets.
- Submit relevant data to the TPS/LGPS in accordance with the Service Level Agreement with the school and the Greenshaw Learning Trust.
- Administer the annual pay review process for both teaching and support staff

## **Staff Training**

- Coordinate the performance management process for support and teaching staff to ensure that meetings and relevant supporting paperwork are completed within the appraisal timescale.
- Coordinate staff training needs following the appraisal cycle for all staff and maintain the staff training records to include all training on a regular basis.
- Be responsible for ensuring that all staff have completed the Educare training modules relevant to their role, as defined by the Greenshaw Learning Trust.

# 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 in order to ensure the welfare of children and young persons.

#### Other responsibilities

- Undertake projects as assigned by the Headteacher and/or Regional HR Manager ensuring agreed outcomes are delivered in a timely manner
- To undertake any other similar duties as reasonably directed by the Headteacher and Regional HR Partner

The duties and responsibilities in this job description are not restrictive and the post holder 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.

Criteria	Essential	Desirable		
Training, Qualifications and Experience: On their application form, candidates will demonstrate that they				
have the following training, qualifications, and school experience:				
	<ul> <li>Educated to at least A-level standard (or equivalent)</li> <li>Educated to at least GCSE grade C/4 standard (or equivalent) in English and Mathematics</li> <li>Experience of working in a Human Resources related environment</li> <li>CIPD Level 3/5 qualification</li> <li>Knowledge and understanding of key HR processes eg recruitment, appraisals, absence management</li> <li>Working knowledge of relevant HR issues and an up-to-date understanding of HR good practice</li> <li>Experience of HR systems and databases</li> <li>Experience of managing a payroll system and some knowledge of PAYE</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Experience of working in a school or similar establishment</li> <li>Experience of school data and information systems in a school environment</li> <li>Understanding of Teachers Pensions / LGPS</li> </ul>		
<b>5</b>		Section of Control (19) and describe		
Personal and Professional Qualities and Attributes: In their statement of suitability and during the				
selection	selection process, candidates will demonstrate the ability to:  • Ability to use initiative to improve process and to be creative and analytical in order to			
	<ul> <li>find solutions to complex HR issues</li> <li>Courteous and effective when dealing with people, able to exchange information in a tactful and diplomatic manner</li> <li>Ability to maintain confidentiality and deal sensitively with related issues/individuals with tact, diplomacy and discretion</li> <li>Ability to work quickly, methodically and accurately under pressure and act flexibly to support others and respond to unplanned situations</li> <li>Excellent verbal and written communication skills, and the ability to communicate with colleagues, students, parents and other visitors in a professional manner</li> <li>Good interpersonal skills and an ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships</li> </ul>			
		<ul> <li>Efficient, accurate and excellent attention to detail</li> <li>Ability to work under pressure and to strict timelines</li> </ul>		
	Excellent organisational and administrative skills			
	<ul> <li>High standard of literacy and numeracy</li> </ul>	1		



**Additional Requirements:** In their statement of suitability and during the selection process, candidates will demonstrate that they can meet the following requirements:

- Knowledge and understanding of the education sector, a desire to work in a school, and a willingness to contribute to various aspects of school life
- Desire to enhance and develop skills and knowledge through CPD
- Demonstrate a commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and development of young people and help demonstrate a positive attitude to helping them achieve their potential
- Recognition of the importance of personal responsibility for Health and Safety
- Commitment to the school's ethos, aims and its whole community



## The Recruitment Process

## 1. Application

Visit our website to view our current vacancies <u>here</u>

To apply for a staff vacancy, please register for an online account and complete the online application form. The recruitment process is managed via your online account and you will receive regular notifications regarding the progress of your application.

You have the opportunity to upload an attachment to support your application if desired. In the application form you should demonstrate how you meet the requirements set out in the Person Specification. Please include specific examples which support your application.

Applications must be received no later than 11.59pm on **Sunday 2nd March 2025.** Applications received after this date will not be considered.

#### 2. Shortlisting

Shortlisting will be finalised on **Monday 3rd March 2025**. Shortlisted applicants will receive an email inviting them to select their preferred interview time. Please ensure you enter your correct email address on your application form and provide a contact telephone number. References may be taken up after shortlisting. Please ensure you indicate clearly on your application form if you are happy for us to do so.

## 3. Interview Process

Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 5th March 2025**. Applicants may also be asked to undertake a practical test related to the knowledge and abilities in the Person Specification.

### 4. Feedback

Unsuccessful shortlisted applicants will have the opportunity for professional feedback during the week following the interviews.

# 5. Taking up post

The successful applicant will take up the post 1st April 2025.

## 6. Additional information

For further information, please contact Michelle Shellard, Regional HR Partner 07592 504531.

# 7. Safeguarding

Greenshaw Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS and barred list check.