



Occupational Therapist

Salary scale: £37, 657.83 - £46,160.69 (G37-H44) £29,667.34 - £36,366.00 plus SSA £750 per annum

In case of any queries about applying please contact - recruitment@macintyreacademies.org

REASONS TO WORK AT QUEST ACADEMY:

- Supportive, forward thinking
 Multi Academy Trust (MAT).
- Sponsored by MacIntyre Charity who have a strong reputation nationally as a high-quality person-centred establishment.
- Friendly and caring atmosphere.
- Weekly joint planning time every
 Friday 1.45- 3.30.
- Staff who work collaboratively, share resources and ideas.
- Positive, enthusiastic and dedicated staff team.
- Ideas are sought and welcomed.
- Wellbeing of staff is considered.
- A unique, innovative earning
 environment that is child centred.
- The Leadership team is approachable and supportive.
- Great opportunities for staff development and significant emphasis on staff CPD.
- Wonderful pupils and supportive families.
- Innovative curriculum and bespoke holistic assessment.

Quest Academy is a special school which provides 100 places for children of both sexes aged 7 –19 years who have social, emotional and mental health needs and/or an autistic spectrum condition.

We recently achieved the "Family First Quality" award which is a national award given to schools who are able to "demonstrate how families lie at the heart of everything they do."

As a new school we have termly monitoring DfE visits which have been positive and indicate that we are on track to achieve at least a good Ofsted outcome in Year 3.

We are looking to appoint someone who:

- Has a passion for making a difference and is willing to go to the extra mile.
- Has a compassionate approach.
- Is an exceptional administrator.
- Is ambitious for the future on pupils behalf.
- Understands the importance of working together with stakeholders.
- Shares the same vision and values as the school.
- Views change as an opportunity to build upon the school's current successes.
- Is innovative and willing to try out new ideas.
- Has high expectations of themselves and others.









Our Mission-

To create a school community where everyone can "be who they are and become who they are not yet".

Our Ethos-

We use the Spanish word **Querencia** to describe the way we work together, creating a sense of belonging through mutual trust and connectivity.

Our Core strategies-

Planning, Accountability, Communication and Empowerment.



INTERACTIVE IMMERSIVE CLASSROOM

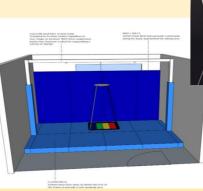


SOFT PLAY

SENSORY ROOM DESIGN



CAFE







SCIENCE

CONCEDT FOR LIBRARY

Our Address: Quest Academy Anderson Avenue Rugby

STAFF BENEFITS

- Free onsite Gym or a discounted local gym.
- Easy access to Rugby railway Station and close to the M6, A5 and M1.
- State of the art technology and facilities in a brand-new building.
- Access to the Employee Assistance Programme to support health and well-being.
- Cycle to Work Scheme upon successful completion of probation period.
- Pension scheme with generous employer contributions.

HOW TO APPLY

Full details of this vacancy can be found on the school's website:

http://www.thequestacademy.org/home

Or via the link below:

(insert link)

You can contact the school at:

quest.office@macintyreacademies.org





AT QUEST ACADEMY WE BELIEVE:

- In a strong sense of community placing the child and their family at the heart of everything we do.
- That our pupils deserve an outstanding education.
- In the need to be ambitious for pupils' futures.
- In growing our own teachers and leaders for tomorrow.
- That happy staff and pupils supports everyone to be the best that they can be.
- Believe in being outward facing.

OUR CORE VALUES

- Compassion: We focus on the positives.
- **Ambition:** We challenge ourselves (pupils, families, staff and schools) to go further.
- Partnership: we are better when we work together.

Recent comments from Parents:

"Can't find fault with the school, it exceeds our expectations and communication is excellent"

"The school is excellent and supports my child and its parents in whatever way possible.

Highly commended."

OUR CURRICULUM

Our overriding aim is to ensure that our pupils become:

- Successful learners
- Confident individuals
- Responsible citizens

We place equal emphasis on our pupils developing the skills and knowledge from the four areas of our holistic curriculum:

- Academic
- Skills for Life
- Engagement
- Wellbeing









MacIntyre Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All positions will require an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and registration with the DBS Update Service together with all other relevant recruitment checks including obtaining references. Referees will be asked to assess suitability of candidates to work with vulnerable adults, children or young people and will be verbally verified. MacIntyre Academies' Safeguarding Policy can be found on our website and candidates will be asked about this as part of the recruitment process.

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Recruitment Advertisement Occupational Therapist

Job Title: Occupational Therapist Reference No(s): QA OT 092024

Salary: £37,657.83 - £46,160.69 (G37-H44) *Pro Rata Actual, £29,667.34 - £36,366.00

Location: Rugby, Warwickshire

Start Date: TBC Hours of Work: Full time (35 hours per week)

39 weeks per year paid 44.6

Be part of a team that is passionate and committed to making a positive difference to the lives of the pupils and their families; in an innovative school in Rugby, for children and young people with autism and/or social, emotional and mental health needs.

About Us

In September 2019, MacIntyre Academies Trust opened a new and exciting Academy in a purpose-built state of the art building in Rugby, Warwickshire for children and young people with social, emotional and mental health needs and/or au tism, aged between 7 years and 19 years. The school has specialist facilities including a sensory room, therapy room, interactive immersive classroom, soft play room, recording studio and photography suite. We are very proud of our holistic curriculum which enables the pupils to benefit from blended therapy in the classroom. We have a café located at the front of the school where parents can meet and the pupils can display the items they have made within the school which will be available to purchase. We are passionate to support our pupils and families from the local community to ensure the best outcomes.

Whilst the new building was being constructed the academy was located in a temporary modern school building on the outskirts of Nuneaton and opened with 30 pupils in September 2017 rising to 55 pupils in September 2018.

MacIntyre Academies is delighted to have been chosen to set up this Academy which joins the existing 'Endeavour Academy' in Oxford which opened in 2014 and 'Discovery Academy' which opened in September 2015 and Venture Academy in 2020. MacIntyre Academies is sponsored by MacIntyre Charity, which over the last 50 years, has developed a strong reputation nationally, as a high quality, person centred organisation.

The Role

You will be responsible for developing and providing a high quality specialised pediatric occupational therapy service to children and young people aged 9 to 19 who have autism and / or social & emotional difficulties. This will include carrying out student assessments to include sensory integration. You will support and enhance the young person's ability to perform every day activities and participate in multiple environments.

You will work with the leadership and staff teams in the academy. You will contribute to the creation of an ethos, supporting a vision and direction which enables effective support, and achievement by students, and, a sustained improvement in the young people's spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical well-being.

Your role will support young people in preparation for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life. This is an exciting yet challenging time to join this academy and really make your mark whilst developing your career. If this challenge inspires you then we are waiting to hear from you.

About You

You will have the relevant degree or diploma to practice and hold the knowledge and experience of working with young people with autism and associated learning difficulties. You will have demonstrable experience of undertaking the assessment and implementation of sensory integration.

You will need to have knowledge and experience of developing working practices in line with regulatory organisations and the Academy's policies. You will also need to be a facilitative and effective communicator both written and verbal to enable you to build strong links with all internal and external stakeholders

Benefits – Our people are the heart of our success

- A competitive salary
- Discretionary Special School Allowance £750 per annum (pro rata role dependent)
- Excellent local government pension scheme
- Family Friendly policies
- Wellbeing, Bereavement and Menopause policies
- Enhanced Sick Pay
- · Wellbeing initiatives in your setting
- Full induction
- Training and development and the support of a trained line manager and dedicated senior leaders
- Access to further professional development
- Cycle to Work Scheme
- Annual MAT Life Day to take for that special occasion
- Annual Flu Jabs
- Free eye tests through Specsavers
- An Employee Assistance Programme to Support your health and wellbeing an access to various perks including discounts Tesco, Cineworld, Go Ape and many more
- Death in Service
- Long Service Recognition
- Recommend a Friend Scheme £100 Voucher
- Trained Mental Health First Aiders
- Enhanced DBS Certificate (Paid for by MacIntyre Academies)
- Self service portal to facilitate leave and amend personal information
- We have an active employee engagement programme which includes Termly 'You are Awesome' awards, an annual Employee Big Thank you Day, Annual CPD Trust wide conference.
- Access to Blue Light Card/ Discounts for Teachers which offers thousands of amazing discounts online and on the high street for social care staff/ Teachers and support staff

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Job Description Occupational Therapist

JOB DESC	RIPTION	
School:	Quest Academy	
Job Title:	Occupational Therapist	
Grade:	G37 (£37,657.83) – H44 (£46,160.69) FTE (Pro Rata for 35 hours Per week)	
Hours:	35 Hours – Monday to Friday – working pattern to be agreed upon appointment	
Responsible To:	Assistant Principal SEND & Provision (SENCo)	
Responsible For:	To provide a specialised paediatric occupational therapy service to children and young people aged 7 to 19 years of age who will have a primary area of need as social, emotional and mental health may have autism and or associated complex needs as their secondary area of need.	
Key Relationships / Liaison with:	SLT, Class Teams, Learners, Parents / Carers, external professional stake holders	
Job Purpose:	The Position of Occupational Therapist to be one of considerable responsibility and confidentiality. The post holder will be expected to show judgement and initiative at a level which is commensurate with this expectation of MacIntyre Academies Trust.	
	The successful candidate will require an up-to-date knowledge and experience of legislation and policies relevant to social care and health.	
	The main purpose of this role is to use OT skills to support and maintain safe practice and services for Quest Academy learners and to develop and deliver training to maintain high standards of practice using innovation in your practice. The successful candidate will need to have knowledge of a range of services including assistive technology, the digital switchover, equipment, appropriate compensatory techniques and moving and handling experience to support or represent the service as required in different professional forums.	
	The candidate needs to be adaptable to new ways of working and have a keen interest in improving services. The successful candidate will be required to be flexible to meet the needs of the service.	
	The role requires autonomy and excellent organisational skills and also requires the ability to work flexibly according to the needs of the service, which can be both dynamic and fast paced.	



Key Responsibilities:

- 1. To assess and evaluate the young person's functional performance and impairments
- 2. To deliver individual and group OT sessions.
- 3. To assess and evaluate the young person's functional performance and impairments.
- 4. To develop and provide a specialised paediatric occupational therapy service undertaking assessment, interpretation of assessment results, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, advice and review.
- 5. To work alongside other specialist and support staff to support pupils in class so that they can assess their lessons.
- 6. To develop, plan and implement specialist OT treatment programmes and strategies to enhance the young person's ability to perform everyday activities and participate in multiple environments.
- 7. To establish realistic goals and meaningful outcomes with the young person, parent/carer and classroom staff.
- 8. To ensure that young people and their parents/carers are involved in the planning and prioritisation of their care plans wherever possible.
- 9. To monitor and review the progress of the young person against set targets and to modify targets as appropriate.
- 10. To monitor, evaluate and modify treatment(s) in order to measure progress and ensure effectiveness of intervention.
- 11. To evaluate outcomes of specialist interventions.
- 12. To ensure that children and young people within the school are referred to other services as appropriate.
- 13. To assess the young person's need for small aids and specialist equipment, advise and recommend appropriate items for use at home and school.
- 14. To check size and suitability of equipment as required including the adjustment of equipment to suit the young person's changing needs in a range of performance contexts
- 15. To work closely with young people and their parents/carers agreeing decision making relevant to individual care management.
- 16. To demonstrate appropriate physical management of young people with disabilities.
- 17. To appropriately manage programmes for young people who have challenging behaviour
- 18. To attend relevant multidisciplinary meetings where relevant.
- 19. To produce high quality, functional reports for annual review meetings etc.
- 20. To undertake any other duties as required by your line manager.

Strategic Direction and Development of the Academy:

- 1. To contribute to the creation of an ethos, provide the vision and direction which enables effective support, and achievement by students providing sustained improvement in their spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical well-being in preparation for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.
- 2. To support the Principal in securing the commitment of parents, carers, stakeholders and the wider community to the vision and direction of the academy.
- To ensure high standards of quality in the delivery of Occupational Therapy requirements



Leading and Developing People:

- 1. To lead, exemplify and evaluate excellent practice.
- 2. To provide high quality support and mentoring to all staff and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that they are able to support the daily delivery of occupational therapy programmes.
- To ensure that all staff are working in accordance with relevant Codes of Practice relating to OT requirements.
- 4. To promote the health and safety of employees at work and of people supported through the implementation of MacIntyre Academies Trust Policy for Health, Safety and Welfare at Work in accordance with all relevant statutory requirements.

Accountability:

- 1. To demonstrate clinical effectiveness by use of evidence based practice and outcomes measures.
- 2. To produce reports and care plans reflecting specialist knowledge.
- 3. To ensure that people we support are treated with respect, dignity and equality.
- 4. To be aware and observe legal requirements, policies and procedures relating to occupational therapy.
- 5. To be personally responsible for the standard and quality of your practice.
- 6. To safeguard and promote the welfare of the people we support.
- 7. To develop risk assessments and ensure that each person is supported through a positive approach to risk management.
- 8. To maintain the confidentiality of information.
- 9. To adhere to the academies policies and procedures.
- 10. To liaise with and manage the relationship with Ofsted, Local Authorities and other stakeholders and partners.
- 11. To be responsible for your own personal and professional development and undertaking learning and development activities as required.
- 12. To participate in regular supervision sessions and annual appraisals.
- 13. To work in accordance with relevant codes of practice and governing legislation.

Strengthening Community:

- To work in partnership with parents, carers and other agencies in the provision of spiritual, moral, social, emotional and cultural well-being of students and their families.
- 2. To promote a culturally inclusive ethos which actively values and promotes diversity, unity and community cohesion, and support students to become successful citizens.
- 3. To work in liaison with all relevant agencies in order to adequately safeguard and protect the students. To be part of a team that provides outreach to other providers.

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Additional Duties:

- 1. To safeguard and promote the welfare of all children and young people in the school by being familiar with and aware of the School's Safeguarding and protection issues, procedures and guidelines and to adhere to them at all times.
- 2. To bring to the attention of a senior colleague any matter of concern over the wellbeing, safety or safeguarding of a person we support.
- 3. To be aware of your responsibilities in accordance with the current Health and Safety at Work Act.
- 4. To be aware of your responsibilities in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and be familiar with the content of the MAT Data Protection Policy, Acceptable use of ICT Policy, Password Policy and any other associated policies and procedures.

Training Required:

The below listed training and any further identified training, must be completed via our online training portal upon employment commencing.

- Prevent
- Safeguarding Children & young people, Adults & Children, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults
- Code of conduct
- Accident Reporting
- GDPR Data protection Essentials
- GDPR Information & Security
- KCSIE
- KCSIE annual update
- Health & safety Essentials & Basics
- Equality & Diversity
- Fire Awareness in Education
- Mental Health Awareness
- Stress Awareness
- Slips, Trips & Falls
- Display Screen Equipment
- Risk Assessment
- Manual Handling
- Conflict resolution
- Team Teach
- Infection prevention and Control
- H&S for managers and supervisors
- Autism
- Positive Behaviour Support



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Satisfactory completion of an enhanced check through the Disclosure and Barring Service (this will be taken up if offered the post).	
Assessing and problem-solving complex manual handling situations which could also	Desirable
lead to a reduction in the need for additional care.	
Experience working with young people with SEND.	Desirable
Experience in managing medication and updating medication records.	Desirable
Knowledge of the OfSted standards.	Desirable
Experience in the delivery of training to individuals or groups.	Desirable

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Respecting and Understanding Others	 Reacts sensitively to other people and recognises different viewpoints, beliefs, values and opinions. Treats children and young people we support and colleagues with respect, dignity, honesty and equality. Adapts their working style and level of support to an individual's needs or wishes. Works cooperatively with colleagues and assists when they need support. Values the different contributions that people can make within a team. 	 Is self-aware Has empathy, humility and kindness Is approachable and quickly gains rapport with people Treats others with respect Shows and promotes positive behaviours Discourages and challenges negative behaviours Gives and receives effective feedback and acts to improve personal performance 	 Is dismissive of others' perspectives Is rude or disrespectful Gives importance to own feelings but not those of others Adopts a patronising attitude or shows little empathy when working with others Doesn't consider the individual needs of others Tries to resolve concerns alone when it is out of their remit or expertise Does not invite or respond to feedback 	
Influential Communication	 Listens actively and display enthusiasm in their communication. Uses and presents information in a manner which is persuasive, logical and understandable to the receiver. 	 Communicates well in different formats and forums Manages emotions to minimise negative impact on others Uses information and logical arguments that relate to needs of others 	 Has difficulty communicating verbally or in writing Takes stress out on others; loses patience or temper Misses cues that the communication style isn't appropriate 	



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			Uses the same communication style for all interactions
Facilitating Success and Improvement in Others	 Support, motivate and inspire others to try new tasks or activities. Seek assistance appropriately and receive feedback from others. 	 Can be fluid and flex their approach, being creative and doing things differently Willing to get involved Provides proactive, constructive feedback to others to support their development 	 Is inflexible about own system and way of doing things Views certain tasks as being outside of their job description Creates a culture of dependence Uses well proven or familiar approaches without adapting, improving or refining Does not give feedback or celebrate success
Supporting Learning and Teaching or Care in an Educational Setting (for those in an operational role)	 Is ambitious, has consistent and high expectations of staff and pupils Demonstrates personal enthusiasm for and commitment to the learning process Demonstrates the principles and practice of effective learning and teaching Initiates and supports research and debate about effective learning and teaching Provides appropriate support intervention based upon a detailed knowledge of individual pupils Provides care to the highest standards, with special attention to the dignity of the young person 	 Overcomes disadvantage as a barrier to achievement Is highly inclusive and child centred Promotes rich opportunities for learning both within and out of the classroom Follows care plan and other documents Takes measures to protect the young person's dignity while providing personal care 	 Does not differentiate Is not creative and always uses familiar methods Does not reflect or plan improvements Does not celebrate pupils success Pupils are not given feedback or challenged Don't pay enough attention to the young person needs
Results & Quality Focus	 Completes work to a high standard, with a high degree of attention to detail Takes personal responsibility for the quality 	 Wants to learn from others, has an enquiring mind Consistently maintains high standards and expectations 	 Has low or inconsistent standards Makes promises they are unable to keep;



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	of their work and be willing to 'go the extra mile'. Looks for continual improvement in own performance Work to agreed policies and procedures.	 Proactively considers ways and opportunities to add value Challenges less effective behaviour of colleagues to lead to improvements Is a strong advocate and positively promotes best practice 	sets unrealistic or no timescales for tasks Completes only the tasks which are expected of them; fails to go the extra mile Ignores or overlooks ineffective behaviour Responds reactively Misses opportunities to promote best practice
Problem Solving and Decision Making	 Is able to collect, interpret and evaluate information effectively Can develop a deep understanding of a problem, exploring alternative ways of resolving problems including new possibilities. Makes timely and well considered decisions, is aware the impact their decisions may have and willing to make difficult but necessary decisions to improve the practice. 	 Identifies and uses various sources of information, interpreting information in a timely manner, relevant to the situation Uses a logical approach to evaluate a situation and ensures all aspects are considered Thinks creatively, seeking to innovate Involves others in decision making processes, when appropriate Understands the implications of their decisions Understands when to escalate a decision or issue, and does so when needed 	 Misses key information as a result of rushing, or creates additional time pressures by taking longer than necessary Overlooks aspects of the problem resulting in an incomplete solution being created Uses only traditional solutions or develops unworkable new solutions to problems Completes decision making on their own Does not fully understand or consider the implications of the decisions they make Escalates decisions or issues inappropriately
Resilience to Change and Challenges	 Is open to change and embracing new developments / initiatives Adapts well in new and unfamiliar situations responding to changing plans quickly Works independently without direction Is resilient and copes well in emergency situations 	 Is open to change and new ways of working Proactively volunteers to be involved in new initiatives and developments Responds to new and unfamiliar situations in a timely, composed and appropriate manner using their initiative Adopts a positive manner in the face of setbacks or obstacles 	 Exhibits a rigid way of thinking Focuses on their existing workload; leaves others to be involved in initiatives Appears irritated or impatient in new or unfamiliar situations, takes time to adjust to changes to ways of working and finds it hard to work without direction from others



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		 Responds quickly to changing circumstances; able to adapt plans or priorities as required Develops contingency plans so that unexpected factors do not impact on final outcomes Demonstrates resilience in possible emergency situations; remaining calm, controlled and professional 	 Focuses on setbacks or obstacles instead of how to address them Finds it uncomfortable when required to change their plans or priorities in response to circumstances; or is unable to do so Plans tasks or actions in a linear way with little or no contingency planning Becomes flustered, confused or unprofessional when faced with a possible emergency
Personal Development	 Is committed to achieving high standards for their own self-development Is able to reflect on self-development needs and address them. Meets agreed development action plans as agreed with line manager. Achieves positive feedback from peers, senior colleagues and external stakeholders. 	 Strives towards targets and seeks responsibility Demonstrates critical self-reflection and judgement Is honest, owns up to mistakes, doesn't hide them Asks for feedback Is positive and enthusiastic about their job Monitors tasks for accomplishment & quality Meets agreed development action plans as agreed with line manager 	 Stops or is put off by obstacles Questions or doubts own ability Seeks excuses rather than solutions Fails to meet deadlines Fails to acknowledge the feedback of others Does not volunteer for new challenges and avoids unfamiliar tasks Persistently underperforms, fails to meet targets and deadlines