



Oasis Academy Don Valley
Teacher of Science



Exceptional Education at the Heart of the Community

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the post Of Science Teacher at Oasis Academy Don Valley. I hope that you find the information provided helpful and welcome any further questions throughout your application process.

It is an exciting time to be joining Oasis Academy Don Valley as we expand our team in the secondary phase of our Academy. As a Teacher at Don Valley, you will play an important role in ensuring there is clarity in progression allowing all of our students to make outstanding progress leading to exceptional outcomes.

We are looking to recruit someone with a firm belief that all children can achieve. It is an exciting time to be joining Oasis Community Learning as we are seeing our efforts coming to life. We have achieved sustained improvement with over 81% of our Academes achieving Good or Outstanding. We improve at a faster rate than the national average transforming lives and learning. Over 90% of parents whose child attend an Oasis Academy believes that their child is happy, well-taught and learning.

In this pack, you will find information on both Oasis Academy Don Valley and Oasis Community Learning as a multi-academy trust. I have also included a job description outlining expectations and duties for the role along with a person specification you can use to match your experience and suitability against.

Visits to the Academy are strongly encouraged as you will be able to meet with Senior Leaders from Oasis Academy Don Valley and get a feel for the academy and all we stand for. Please do get in touch with the Academy on 0114 2200 400 if you would like more information.

If you wish to apply for the position with us, please complete all sections of the Application Form, which can be found on our website www.ocicareers.org including the Equal Opportunities form.

Following the closing date, shortlisting will take place and applicants will be contacted. If you are invited to interview, we will provide further details nearer the time.

Thank you again for your interest in joining the Oasis family, and we hope to hear from you soon. Yours sincerely,

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Oasis Community Learning

Thank you for your interest in joining the Oasis Community Learning (OCL) family. We are looking for talented teachers who share in our vision and values, to join our team.

It is our vision that every young person in our academies reaches their potential, no matter what their starting point and leaves us with an aspirational, fulfilled and prosperous future ahead of them. We are at an exciting time for our organisation. In 2020 we introduced the OCL One Plan, uniting all areas of our organisation to achieve our mission by providing clear direction for the next five years, and a new entitlement for every child.

One of these entitlements is access to online learning wherever you are; each student in Oasis will receive an iPad to use at school or at home. Together, we will provide our young people with the opportunities that they deserve to realise their potential.

Our people are our most important resource and our catalyst for change. Are you the one to help us do this?

We hope that you find everything you need in this brochure and welcome you to get in touch with the academy you are applying for with any questions you may have.

John Barneby

CEO, Oasis Community Learning

About Oasis Community Learning

Oasis Community Learning is one of the largest trusts in the UK and has a vision to create 'exceptional education at the heart of community.' We are a family of 52 academies: 31 primary, 18 secondary and 3 all through.

We specialise in working in socially deprived communities, and we have intentionally positioned our education services within some of the most challenging and disadvantaged communities in the country. Over 80% of our academies are now rated as Good or Outstanding. In keeping with our vision of community, each academy offers a wide range of integrated and holistic provision to both our students and the local community through its Hub strategy.



Our offer to you

Clear career progression opportunities As a large trust, we are able to provide clear career progression opportunities from NQT, through to middle leader, senior leader, Principal and Regional Director roles. In partnership with external providers, we provide accredited and bespoke training programmes including the NPQML, NPQSL and the NPQH. We also work closely with the NIoT to deliver high quality CPD in pedagogy, behaviour management and curriculum

development

Curriculum development and reduced workload

Our NLPs and National Curriculum Leads have worked hard to create the Oasis Curriculum; a comprehensive set of lesson plans and materials for all subjects currently taught at secondary phase. By the end of 2020 we plan to have our primary curriculum ready too. Your time as a teacher is valuable, and we hope that this will support you with managing your workload and work-life balance.

Trust-wide opportunities for you to make a difference

There are a wide range of opportunities for teachers to support and play a key role in trust wide initiatives. This can be through: Pioneering new systems and approaches, based on current educational research – being at the cutting edge of educational thinking and development.

Assessment: Our NLPs have developed year group assessments in secondary and through a unified approach to exam boards we are able to work together to promote highly effective teaching strategies to secure the best outcomes for our students. For primary we have whole phase assessment systems to track achievement in every cohort in each academy.

Support and sharing best practice

As part of a regional family of Oasis academies, you will enjoy the support and challenge of your peers within the region as well as from across the trust.

National Lead Practitioners (NLPs)

NLPs are highly effective teachers who are released from their own academy for 1.5 days a week to design curriculum and promote best practice in academies across the trust. As part of Oasis, you will have the opportunity to become an NLP.

Regional Improvement Networks (RINs)

Networks exist to share effective practice, moderate students' work, raise standards, collaborate, undertake training, reduce workload, and give opportunities for leadership.

Best Practice Directory: Through our intranet we have numerous strands of best practice that academies can access.

Oasis Teaching School: We have a Teaching School based at Oasis Academy Limeside in Oldham, Manchester, which acts as a source of best practice CPD.

Conferences: We hold CPD conferences across the UK to share best practice and pedagogy - regionally and nationally. These are enhanced through support from our NLPs.

More information about our NLPs and best practice is available in our Video Gallery on our [website](#).

Our curriculum

In line with the Oasis Education Charter, the curriculum is the heart of our academy's educational provision. Through this and our commitment to an exceptional climate for learning and great pedagogy, we make learning the foundation of every lesson. We have designed our curriculum to meet the needs of all, striving for personal as well as academic and vocational excellence.

We know that the development of character does not happen by chance but by purpose and intention: it is therefore an explicit part of our curriculum. We work hard at preparing our students to be the best version of themselves, today and in their futures.

Our curriculum is highly effective. In order to ensure that all our students receive the best, broad and exciting lessons and to make teachers' workload manageable, we have designed the Oasis Curriculum for all secondary subject areas. Led by our National Curriculum Leads, by the end of the academic year we plan to have this extended into the primary phase, so that children from age 2 to 18 have the very best possible curriculum entitlement.

The Oasis ethos

Our ethos is a part of everything we do. We are looking for people who not only share in our vision but are champions of our ethos and 9 Habits.

Our ethos is:

A passion to include everyone

A desire to treat everyone equally, respecting differences

A commitment to healthy and open relationships

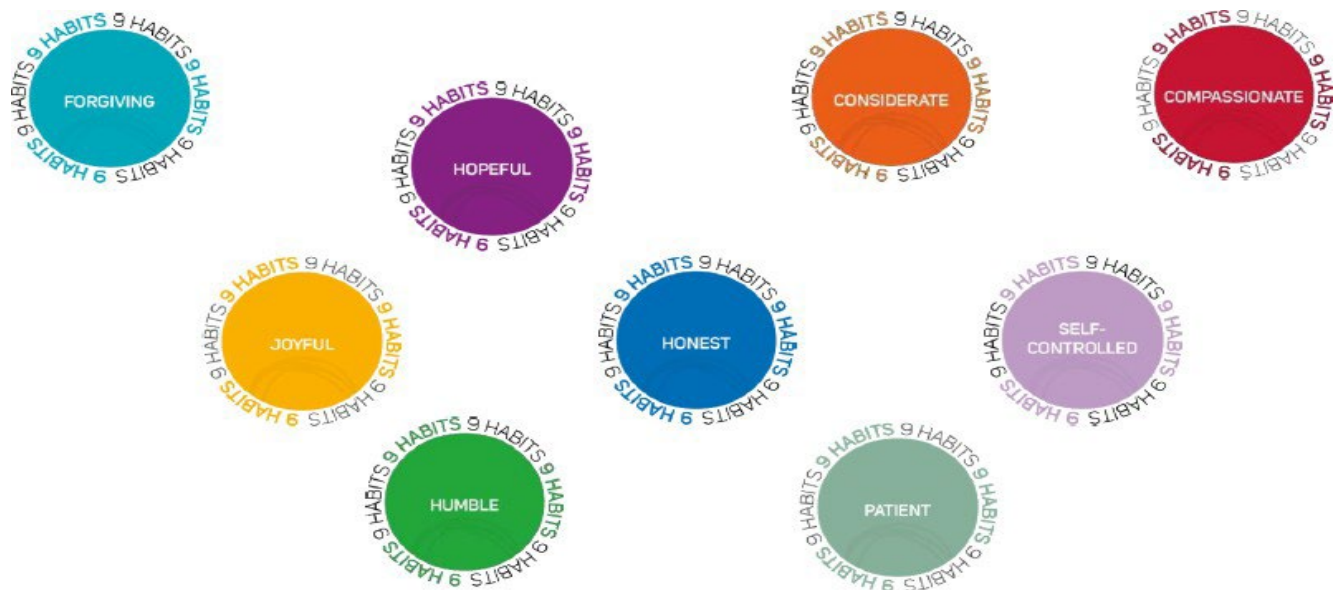
A deep sense of hope that things can change and be transformed

A sense of perseverance to keep going for the long haul

Putting the community into Oasis

Community Learning: Oasis Hubs Developing and running Hubs is core to the global purpose of Oasis and vision for healthy communities. To this end, our staff are committed to working in an inclusive, integrated and empowering way so that all people experience wholeness and wellbeing. We want to see local communities that are characterised by trust, safety, cohesion, mutual support, vibrancy, health and opportunity, as well as increasing capacity to address their own issues. We want to see those who are excluded brought back into the community to share the experience of wholeness and wellbeing.

Each Oasis academy is part of an Oasis Hub that responds to the needs of the local community through many different forms of outreach. Our united goal is to see the entire community transformed for the better.



About Oasis Academy Don Valley

At our Academy our mission is simple, to provide all children with an exceptional education which is at the heart of our community. Within the Academy, we celebrate diversity and relentlessly focus on the attainment of all of our students.

We achieve this by having high expectations of behaviour, through focused routines, an unwavering focus on outcomes and by offering the very best teaching and support. At Oasis Academy Don Valley students learn, behave and are well mannered.

Our Academy is values driven and from the moment children join our academy family we expect them to live our values. In our academic culture children are focused on working hard and endeavour to do well, striving to be the very best version of themselves.

The Academy has gone from strength to strength since opening in September 2015 and we believe we are developing a strong reputation across our community. We are especially proud that this year we were the first choice Academy for 97% of our families.

The relationships we have with our parents and wider community are extremely important to us because it is only by working together that our children can achieve their social, emotional and academic potential. That is why keeping children safe and challenging them to rise to our high expectations is our main priority.

Our Academy mission is to:

‘Provide an exception education at the heart of the community, which provides our students with the character and capacity to have a successful future

Oasis Academy Don Valley wants to be an integral part of our community as we recognise takes the whole community to create an exception Academy.



At Oasis Academy Don Valley, we are creating a thriving Academy that is at the heart of our community, committed to developing successful learners for the future, through delivering outstanding outcomes for all. Through this we will ensure that our learners' leave us prepared to have a successful future. We will aim to create an exciting, secure and happy environment, which provides opportunities for nurturing personal growth and fostering the development of enquiring minds.

Our Academy is a happy and vibrant place where expectations are high, everyone is valued and encouraged to be their very best. Our staff are passionate about achieving the very best for every child and we are committed to becoming an outstanding academy with inspirational teaching and learning an expectation.

Children, their families and our community play a large part as we celebrate each moment of our journey, so together we can feel proud of all that we achieve.

Our Values

- **Pride**
 - We endeavour to be proud of what we achieve
- **Respect**
 - We respect our similarities and our differences
- **Enthusiasm**
 - We approach everything we do with enthusiasm
- **Courage**
 - We approach every new opportunity with courage
- **Hope**
 - We maintain a deep sense of hope that the future can be transformed

Our Beliefs

- **Every Child**
 - All children can be successful, regardless of their background
- **No Excuses**
 - Adults – Teachers and other Academy staff, parents and carers are responsible for ensuring children achieve their potential
- **High Expectations**
 - Children, Staff, Schools and Communities will live up to the expectations placed upon them
- **Lead Learning**
 - The most important things that happen in a school happen in classrooms
- **No Islands**
 - When great Schools, Staff and Children work together, anything is possible

Job Description

POST:	Teacher
RESPONSIBLE TO:	The Principal, under the day-to-day management and leadership of the Faculty Leader
GRADE:	MPS or UPS
KEY RELATIONSHIPS:	Academy Leadership Team; relevant teaching and associate staff; LA representatives; partner professionals; parents; local community; other Oasis Academies and Oasis Community Learning central staff.
LOCATION:	Oasis Academy Don Valley
WORKING PATTERN:	Full-time and as described in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (part time may be possible)
DISCLOSURE LEVEL:	Enhanced

JOB PURPOSE:

To uphold the Teachers' Standards. To make the education of students your first concern, and be accountable for the highest possible standards in work and conduct. To act with honesty and integrity; have strong subject knowledge, keep your knowledge and skills as a teacher up-to-date and be self-critical; forge positive professional relationships; and work with parents in the best interests of the students you are responsible for.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Teaching

- Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge students
- Promote good progress and outcomes by students
- Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge
- Plan and teach well-structured lessons following the Oasis Curriculum

- Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all students
- Make accurate and productive use of assessment
- Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment

Care and guidance

- Undertake responsibility for a tutor group or for any other arrangement for the care and guidance of students as is required by the Academy.
- Be prepared to undertake responsibility, as required, for the delivery of the PSHCE programme.
- Promote good attendance and monitor in accordance with the Academy's attendance policy.

Wider professional responsibilities

- Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the Academy
- Support the creation of an exceptional extracurricular provision that extends beyond the school day
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues
- Deploy support staff effectively
- Take responsibility for improving teaching through appropriate professional development, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues
- Communicate effectively with parents with regard to students' achievements and wellbeing

Personal and professional conduct

To uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside Academy, by:

- treating students with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher's professional position
- having regard for the need to safeguard students' well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions
- showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others
- have proper and professional regard for the Academy ethos, policies and practices and maintain high standards in your own attendance, punctuality and dress.

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.

Person Specification Teacher

For further information, please refer to the Oasis Community Learning Purpose, Ethos and Values document which accompanies this job description.

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Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant degree • Qualified Teacher Status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post graduate study in field of expertise
Experience, Skills and Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent written and communication skills, including appropriate ICT skills • A high level of organisational skills • Experience of working within a school setting • An up-to-date knowledge of the curriculum specific to the subject applied for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working effectively as a Form Tutor
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility and a willingness to be involved in the wider life of the academy • A commitment to lifelong learning and a willingness to contribute to furthering their own learning through CPDL • Commitment to the Academy's Equal Opportunities policies • Personal drive and energy to motivate and inspire students • Capable of establishing positive relationships with parents • The ability to cope with complexity, ambiguity and uncertainty • A genuine liking for and commitment to students even when the going gets tough! • Have a willingness to demonstrate commitment to the values and behaviours which flow from the Oasis ethos 	