

# Lion Academy Trust

Information and Application Pack or the position of:

Deputy Head Teacher – Leadership Scale L13-L18

Location: London & Nationwide

(Not Suitable for NQT’s)

Dear Candidate

Thank you for the interest you have shown in the post of Deputy Head Teacher.

The Lion Academy Trust is looking to recruit 4 outstanding, enthusiastic, innovative and committed Deputy Head Teachers to support the Trust’s continual improvement. This will be alongside other Deputy Head Teachers, Heads of School and the wider trust executive team. If you are excited by innovation and challenge, and if you are energised by opportunities to lead, develop and share your practice, whilst learning with your colleagues and from the children you work with, then we look forward to hearing from you.

The Lion Academy Trust is made up of several schools in Waltham Forest, and Essex that serve a multi-cultural community and all our schools are on a journey to being truly outstanding schools.

We can offer you:

• Rapid and structured career progression - our growth and your growth are linked;

• Competitive salaries and performance related incentives;

• Vibrant schools situated in some culturally diverse areas across the country with

exposure to a wide range of settings and rewards;

• Lively, friendly and aspirational children who are determined to make the most of their

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• Innovative CPD which is of the highest quality.

• A supportive and forward thinking Trust Board and Senior Executive; and

• An employer who is constantly seeking to moderate and reduce the workload on all staff

through innovation and use of related technologies.

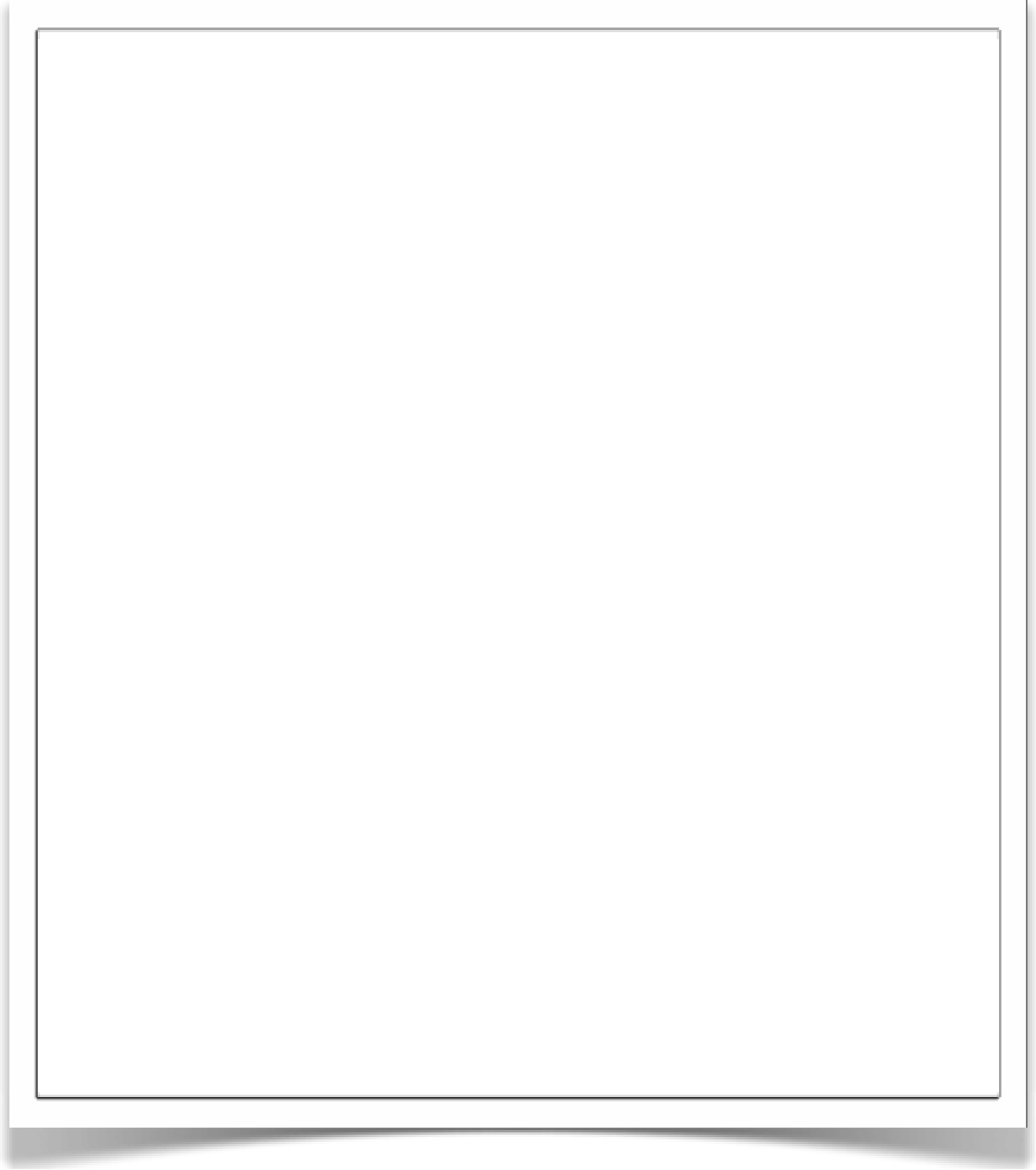
The following pages provide further information about the Lion Academy Trust. A detailed job description and person specification are enclosed which explain the attributes you will need to succeed in this role.

We are seeking Deputy Head Teachers to commence from as soon as possible or in the next relevant term. I trust the information provided is helpful. For informal discussions, or to arrange a site visit, or if you do have any questions please contact:

Hayden Tyers, Director of Schools & Deputy Chief Executive Officer or send an email to recruitment@lionacademytrust.net

Yours sincerely Justin James

Chief Executive Officer



**We are seeking committed, positive and ambitious candidates who are:**

* Innovative, creative and strategic thinkers;
* Resilient and confident leaders with a passion for working at all tiers of a school and organisation;
* Able to lead, motivate, challenge and inspire whole school communities;
* Able to demonstrate an ability to teach and model the highest possible standards of learning and teaching;
* Dynamic and enthusiastic with the vision and energy to help lead schools to excellence;
* Friendly and approachable with excellent communication skills and a passion for teaching; and
* Experienced in school improvement with a proven track record of success and strong leadership in developing teaching and learning.

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The Lion Academy Trust is a non-profit making educational charity with over twenty years of experience in running schools in and around London and is growing to meet the demand of schools in need of support nationally, through our two new hubs.

The Lion Academy Trust is a sponsor of schools in need of a structural and education change to how they operate for the benefit of their pupils and local communities.  Successful candidates need to share our no excuses and have an inherent belief that all children, irrespective of context or background have the right to an outstanding education and can succeed.

If you are looking to become a Head in an organisation that has a proven track record of promoting staff with the right skills, attitude and disposition into senior leadership posts, we offer amazing opportunities for mentorship, leadership development and training to further your career in a supportive and secure environment.

Successful candidates will be expected to work across the range of our current and newly opening schools as part of their development and training - exposing aspirational and driven Deputy Head Teachers to the widest range of settings, challenges and opportunities to develop your practice.

The successful candidate will also work closely with the Trust Executives and the trust board to move our schools forward, ensuring that our pupils have the best possible education and school experience.

We support a range of school improvement services including brokering support from our Specialist Leaders of Education to assist other schools.

We run a series of internal networks including NQTs, subject leaders, EYFS leaders, SEN and Inclusion leaders. Alongside our internal programmes we also facilitate and host licensed national programmes such as National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders, Middle Leaders and Headteachers.

Lion Academy Trust have high expectations, ambitious and hardworking staff and above all happy and enthusiastic children with a thirst for learning.

The Lion Academy Trust



**Our Schools**

## At Barclay Primary School, Sybourn Primary School, Brook House Primary School, Maple Grove Primary School, Leigh Beck Junior School and Thomas Gamuel Primary School, we believe that all children and students have a right to have an excellent education in order to give them the best life chances irrespective of race, colour, creed or circumstance. We have high aspirations for our children, staff and communities. At the heart of our schools, are dedicated staff teams who are committed to being part of schools that enable all staff and students to make outstanding progress.

We believe that that obstacles and barriers both real and perceived can be overcome by clear, strategic and targeted support that creates culture change based on sharing good and outstanding practice, collegiality, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. This underpins our high expectations and action and drives all the staff to provide opportunities for our children in order for them to reach the highest possible levels of attainment and achieve exceptionally well in all walks of life.

We believe that outstanding teaching and learning must be central to every decision made and every development introduced.

We are inclusive, caring schools where every child matters, we recognise that all children have talents and abilities to celebrate, and part of our role is to help children to discover these. We challenge and develop our children to become curious, autonomous learners who are inspired and stimulated through a rich and varied curriculum that is appropriate to individual needs. We develop children’s learning skills and by setting high expectations and exacting standards, we prepare our children to flourish, have high self-esteem and self-belief.

We believe that teacher learning and continued professional development is central to our success. Teachers will be given opportunity and challenged to continuously improve practice.

Teachers will be supported to:

* Adapt to changing demographics and environments
* Facilitate and lead outstanding learning opportunities and experiences for children
* Become outstanding teachers and learning must be central to every decision made and every development introduced.

As a Trust, we are committed to ensuring that we train, develop and recruit outstanding professionals so that we provide only the best for all our pupils. Through our links with quality tertiary providers we have access to the most up to date research and training that is at the forefront of educational development and transformation. Through effective use of this professional and leadership development we are able to provide learning journeys for aspiring professionals at all levels to develop into outstanding practitioners and leaders within our school.

We are on the journey towards being schools that continually develop and provide high quality education to our local communities and become a group of strong self-sustainable and self-sufficient institutions working and contributing within the Lion Academy Trust.

## The Lion Academy Trust believes that access to outstanding education is a right for all our children and young people.

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We aim to work closely with our parents, other schools and organisations, building partnerships, which benefit, not only our children, but others in the wider community, both on a local, national and global level.



How to apply

To apply please forward:

* A completed Application Form
* Application monitoring form

Candidates who are invited to interview will have a further opportunity to explore the content and context of these responses.

Please send your completed application by email to: [recruitment@lionacademytrust.net](mailto:recruitment@lionacademytrust.net)

Recruitment process

The recruitment process:

We will treat all enquiries, formal and informal in confidence. Potential applicants are welcome to visit the Schools within the trust. The closing date for applications is 27th April 2018 at 12 noon.

A selection of candidates will be invited for interview on 7th May 2018.

Candidates will have the opportunity to spend time with key people involved in the school.

Alternatively, find out more information and download an application pack from

**the Lion Academy Trust Website** [**www.lionacademytrust.net**](http://www.lionacademytrust.net/)

