

The logo for Oasis Academy Oldham is located in the top left corner. It features a teal background with a white outline of a building. The word "Oasis" is written in white, and "Academy: Oldham" is written in white on a dark blue banner.

Oasis

Academy:  
Oldham

Oldham

Part of Oasis Hub Oldham

# Head of Geography

To start January 2019



## Welcome from the Principal

You are reading this application pack at an exciting time for our school.

Our students are getting experiences that are the envy of many other schools. We are proud to have celebrated record results and we were recently shortlisted for the Greater Manchester Secondary School of the Year.

I am sure that you will do your research on the academy and see that in recent years the school has overcome challenges to get to this point. We do not shy away from that.

In fact, it is something that drives us on. We embrace new ideas, share best practice and constantly look for ways to improve outcomes for our students. We want to challenge the norm and set our expectations high.

That is what I believe makes this role so appealing. You will be able to have a real and demonstrable impact that will help transform the life chances of our students.

You will also be joining the wider Oasis Community Learning network, an organisation committed to the provision of high performing schools and healthy communities in a nurturing and inclusive system.

This means that the career progression opportunities for talented educationalists are enviable. You will be able to work with our partner schools, and we are in a relatively unique position of developing a secondary partner free school just a short distance away. The possibilities to develop your career are very clear.

To support this, we pride ourselves on a delivery of a high quality, bespoke extensive programme of professional development which is succeeding in rapidly raising standards of teaching and learning.

If you choose to join us I am sure you will find your working life rewarding, stimulating and fulfilling. You will find that there are great opportunities to contribute in a range of ways to the work of the academy and to your own personal and professional development.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Prospective candidates for posts at all levels are warmly welcomed and strongly encouraged to visit us prior to application. Please contact the academy to arrange a visit if you are able to and take a look at the academy virtual tour on our website. I look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you in person.

Yours sincerely,

**D Gobbi**  
**Principal**



## Application details

We hope you find the information pack helpful. If you feel that that this is a post for which you would like to apply, please complete all sections of the Application Form along with the Equal Opportunities monitoring form (CVs are not accepted) and return it to [recruitment@oasisoldham.org](mailto:recruitment@oasisoldham.org)

Closing date for applications is: **Noon on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2018**

Interviews will be held **w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2018**.

If you have not been invited to attend by 17:00pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October you should assume that your application has not been successful.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide feedback on your application at this stage.

If you would like to know more about us before you apply please see our website [www.oasisacademyoldham.org](http://www.oasisacademyoldham.org), or if you are not clear about any aspect of the application procedure, do not hesitate to contact the school for clarification.

We wish you well and thank you once again for your interest in what we think will be a challenging and rewarding post.



## Oasis

Oasis was established in 1985 and has now grown into a group of charities working to deliver housing, training, youth work, health care, family support and primary, secondary and higher education. In the UK we employ over 4,000 staff as well as working with thousands more volunteers. We also work in nine other countries around Europe, Asia, Africa and North America

## Oasis Community Learning

Oasis Community Learning is an educational trust established in 2004 with the express purpose of transforming learning, lives and communities through the development of Oasis Academies. Currently there are 47 Academies in the Oasis family of academies across primary, secondary and post 16 phases.

## Our Purpose

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## Our Ethos

Our ethos is an expression of our character - it is a statement of who we are and therefore the lens through which we assess all we do. This is encapsulated by the following five statements:

- 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.

## **Oasis Aims** “Exceptional Education at the Heart of the Community”

**Transform Lives** - Every person matters and everyone is loved and valued

**Transform Learning** - We have a passion for learning and we want everyone to achieve their full, God-given potential

**Transform Communities** - We are committed to community development and the aim of all our work is to increase community cohesion, locally, regionally, nationally and globally

### **Oasis Philosophy of Education**

Three important ancient Hebrew words underpin Oasis' whole life learning and philosophy of education:

**Shalom** (peace; completeness; nothing missing; nothing broken; wellbeing; wholeness)

**Healthy Communities** (peace; completeness; nothing missing; nothing broken; wellbeing; wholeness) Seeks to ensure that every classroom encounter, each piece of curriculum planning, each assessment experience are all shaped, informed and delivered in the light of our desire for wholeness and well-being in the widest sense of the word; for everyone at every level of their lives - academically, vocationally, physically, spiritually, morally, socially, economically, environmentally and culturally

**Yada** (to know; to see; to perceive; to understand; to experience; to have a relationship with)

**Deep Learning** (to know; to see; to perceive; to understand; to experience; to have a relationship with) Gives students the opportunity to encounter and experience learning personally and relationally. It is never an abstract, theoretical or academic idea simply to be contemplated but, rather, primarily about gaining wisdom – the practical application of knowledge to every area of life. Life is not straightforward; learning from failure and mistakes and being resilient is an important part of it. It is hands-on learning throughout life which can only be obtained through on-going active, intentional engagement with it and with others.

**Rabbi** (my teacher; my guide; my role model; a term of respect)

**Inspirational Leadership** (my teacher; my guide; my role model; a term of respect)

Through personal example and strong relationships, all teachers are encouraged to be inspirational role models for their students. In this way, a teacher is not simply a purveyor of 'knowledge', dropping it into the minds of those they teach. Instead, they are communicating and bringing knowledge, wisdom and understanding through their words, actions and whole lives, helping students to reflect and think for themselves.

### **Oasis Offer**

Underpinned by our values and beliefs, all our work is designed to ensure each student receives the very best educational offer. Oasis operates as a national family of Academies, split into four regions.

The regional teams provide standards leadership and a professional governance service.

The Oasis family of Academies is led by empowered - and empowering – resilient leaders who, through their deeply held beliefs and values, always strive to make decisions in the best interests of the students and their communities.

Each Oasis Academy has its own identity and purpose and serves its local community by working with it to transform learning, aspirations and opportunities.

As a family, Oasis Academies work interdependently, benefitting from sharing best practice and inspirational pedagogy. Leaders and teachers build understanding of what is needed to secure the best possible sustainable outcomes for all learners.

Each Oasis Academy is committed to enabling children and students to become effective, enthusiastic, independent learners, committed to life-long learning.

Each Oasis Academy is dedicated to the task of working continuously in pursuit of excellence across all aspects of its life and work.



# Job Description

<b>POST:</b>	Teacher
<b>RESPONSIBLE TO:</b>	The Principal, under the day-to-day management and leadership of the Faculty Leader
<b>GRADE:</b>	MPS 1-6
<b>KEY RELATIONSHIPS:</b>	Academy Leadership Team; relevant teaching and associate staff; LA representatives; partner professionals; parents; local community; other Oasis Academies and Oasis Community Learning central staff.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Oasis Academy Oldham, Hollins Road, Oldham, OL8 4JZ
<b>WORKING PATTERN:</b>	Full-time and as described in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document
<b>JOB PURPOSE:</b>	To ensure high quality curriculum provision and effective teaching and learning within the curriculum area and to carry out the professional duties of a qualified teacher in accordance with the current DCFS Teachers' Pay and Conditions document

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### A. Teaching

- Plan work in accordance with the learning zone/curriculum area programmes of study and so that it addresses the personalised learning needs of every student and in line with the Learning Gateways the Academy promotes
- Liaise with relevant colleagues on the planning of units of work for collaborative delivery
- Work in collaboration with associate staff attached to any teaching group
- Take account of students' prior levels of learning and achievement and use them to set targets for future improvements
- Set work for students absent from school for health or disciplinary reasons
- Maintain positive relationships by adherence to the advice given to staff in the Positive Behaviour Management Policy
- Set high expectations for students' behaviour by establishing a purposeful working atmosphere in accordance with the Behaviour for Learning strategies.
- Provide students with the opportunities to develop the skills required in order to learn
- Listen to the views of students about their preferred methods and styles of learning
- Enable students to use their preferred methods and styles of learning where appropriate
- Set appropriate and demanding expectations for students' learning, motivation, and presentation of work.

### B. Assessment, recording and reporting

- Maintain notes and plans of lessons undertaken and records of students' work in line with the Academy's Teaching and Learning policy.
- Mark, monitor and return work within a reasonable and agreed time span, as determined by the Academy or learning zone, providing constructive oral and written feedback and clear targets for future learning as appropriate.
- Complete student records of achievement in line with policy and as specified in the published calendar.

- Attend the appropriate Parents' Evenings to keep parents informed about the progress of their child.
- Be familiar with the code of practice for identification and assessment for Special Educational Needs and keep appropriate records and personalised learning plans.

### **C. 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, including tutor, student, interviews and coaching and mentoring
- Be the first point of contact for parents
- Monitor (and set targets for) the social, personal, academic and vocational progress of individuals in their designated group
- 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.

### **D. Professional standards**

- Support the ethos, vision, principles and values of the Academy
- Treat colleagues, students and all members of the community, with respect and consideration
- Treat all students fairly, consistently and without prejudice
- Set a good example to students in terms of appropriate dress, standards of punctuality and attendance.
- Support the aims of the Academy through attendance at and participation in events such as open evenings, option evenings and the like.(as appropriate to responsibilities).
- Support the ethos of the Academy by upholding the code of conduct, uniform rules, etc
- Take responsibility for own professional development and participate in arrangements as adopted by the Academy for the assessment of his/her performance and that of other teachers
- Reflect on own practice as well as the practices of the Academy with the aim of improving all that we do and achieving excellence
- Read and adhere to the various policies of the Academy and implement Academy improvement plans
- Participate in the development and management of the Academy by attending various team and staff meetings
- Undertake duties as prescribed within the Academy's policies
- Ensure that all deadlines are met as published in the school calendar
- Undertake professional duties that may be reasonably assigned to them by the principal
- Be proactive and take responsibility for matters relating to health and safety
- Promote lifelong learning and promote enrichment and extension activities as part of the Academy's community hub

### **E. Knowledge and understanding**

- A clear and well thought out understanding of current educational issues, theory and practice
- Have a detailed knowledge of the relevant aspects of the National Curriculum and other statutory requirements
- Have a secure knowledge and understanding of their specialised subject(s) equating to degree level, including the subject knowledge.
- Understand progression in their specialised subject(s).
- Cope securely with subject-related questions which students raise and know about students' common misconceptions and mistakes as related to their specialised subject.

### **F. Planning and setting expectations**

- Identify clear teaching and learning objectives, content, lesson structure and sequences appropriate to the subject matter and the subject being taught.
- Set appropriate and demanding expectations for students learning and motivation. Set clear targets for students learning building on prior attainment.
- Identify students who have Special Educational Needs, and speak English as a second language and know where to get help in order to give positive and targeted support. Implement and keep records on personalised learning needs.

### **G. Teaching and managing students' learning**

- Ensure effective teaching of whole classroom, groups and individuals so that learning objectives are met, momentum, pace and challenge are maintained and the best use is made of learning time.
- Use teaching methods which keep students engaged, including stimulating students' intellectual curiosity, effective questioning and response, with clear presentation and good use of resources.
- Set high expectation for students' behaviour establishing a good standard of discipline through well focused teaching and through positive and productive relationships.

### **H. Assessment and evaluation**

- Assess how well learning objectives have been achieved and use this assessment to establish future learning objectives.
- Mark and monitor students' classwork and homework providing constructive oral and written feedback, setting targets for students; progress.
- When applicable, understand the demands expected of students in relation to Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 courses as well as post 16.

### **I. Student achievement**

- Secure progress towards student targets. Reward achievement using the guidance from the Academy

### **J. Relationships with parents and the wider community**

- Know how to prepare and present informative reports to parents.
- Recognise that learning takes place outside the Academy context and provide opportunities to develop students' understanding by relating their understanding to real and work related examples.
- Understanding the need to liaise with partner professionals responsible for students' welfare, care and guidance.

### **K. Managing own performance and professional development**

- Understand the need to take responsibility for their own professional development and keep up to date with research and developments in pedagogy and in the subjects that they teach
- Understand the professional responsibilities in relation the Academy policies and practices.
- Set a good example to the students in their presentation and in their personal conduct
- Evaluate their own teaching critically and use this to improve their effectiveness.

### **L. Managing and developing staff and other adults**

- Establish effective working relationships with professional colleagues including, where applicable, associate staff and colleagues from the Oasis learning Community Family

### **M. Managing resources**

- Select and make good use of resources

### **N. Safeguarding Children**

- Oasis Community Learning is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo appropriate checks, including enhanced DBS checks.

### **O. Other Duties**

- The post holder will be subject to performance objectives agreed annually.
- 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.
- To take on any whole school initiative or responsibility that the Principal may direct.
- All teachers take an active role in the Academy's care and guidance of students and may be expected to fulfil the role of form tutor or similar role as determined by the Academy.



- All teachers actively support and contribute, as required, to the Academy's programme for Initial Teacher education trainees.

**The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the Statement of Conditions of Employment.**

**The duties of this post may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the post or level of responsibility entailed**

# Teacher Person Specification



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Essential		Desirable
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualified Teacher Status</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Degree</li> </ul>
<b>Experience, Skills and knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent written and communication skills, including appropriate ICT skills</li> <li>• A secure knowledge of the importance of data as a means both to measure and to extend progress</li> <li>• A high level of organisational skills</li> <li>• The ability to create a stimulating visual environment in the classroom.</li> </ul>	
<b>Personal Qualities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.</li> <li>• Willingness to undergo appropriate checks, including enhanced DBS checks.</li> <li>• Motivation to work with children and young people</li> <li>• Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people</li> <li>• Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours and attitudes to use of authority and maintaining discipline</li> <li>• Flexibility and a willingness to be involved in activities that promote the community hub</li> <li>• A commitment to lifelong learning and a willingness to contribute to furthering their own learning through CPD</li> <li>• Commitment to the Academy's Equal Opportunities policies</li> <li>• Personal drive and energy to motivate and inspire staff and students</li> <li>• Capable of establishing positive relationships with parents</li> <li>• Integrity</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ability to cope with complexity, ambiguity and uncertainty</li> <li>• A genuine liking for and commitment to students even when the going gets tough!</li> <li>• Have a willingness to demonstrate commitment to the values and behaviours which flow from the Oasis ethos</li> </ul>	
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