



Library Assistant



Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the position of **Library Assistant** at Oasis Academy Enfield. We are part of Oasis Community Learning which runs over 50 academies across the UK. We need a support assistant to join the inclusion team and who can inspire and motivate students with special educational needs and disabilities.

I hope you find the information pack helpful. If you would like to know more about us before you apply please see our website www.oasisacademyenfield.org. We welcome visits to the Academy. For an informal, confidential discussion, or to arrange a visit please contact our HR Officer, on 01992 655 424 or enfield.HR@oasisenfield.org

If you would like to apply, please complete the Application Form (CVs are not accepted) and return it by either of the following ways:

Email: enfield.HR@oasisenfield.org

Post: HR Officer
Oasis Academy Enfield
9 Kinetic Crescent,
Innova Park,
Mollison Avenue,
Enfield, EN3 7XH

The closing deadline for applications is no later than **8am on Monday 19th November 2018**. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis so early applications are encouraged.

Please ensure you provide the name, address and status of two referees, one of whom should be your current Headteacher. Candidates should be aware we will seek references on shortlisted candidates and may approach previous employers for information to verify particular experience or qualifications before interview.

Interviews will be on **Wednesday 21st November 2018**. If you have not been invited to attend by **Monday 19th November 2018**, 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.

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

Yours sincerely,



Juan Fernandez
Associate Principal

About Oasis Academy Enfield

Oasis Academy Enfield opened in September 2007 as a new academy. Initially a group of portacabins and a pioneering spirit, the Academy moved into its £30 million purpose-built accommodation two years later on Innova Business Park, 10 minutes walk from Enfield Lock Station.

The Academy has enjoyed considerable success in its 10 year History. In 2018, Ofsted confirmed that we continue to be a good academy.

Academy leaders and staff share high expectations for all students

Students behave well, and treat each other and staff with respect

Safeguarding is a strength of the Academy, and staff are proactive at supporting the children to stay safe both in school and out


Students feel safe and happy in school. Parents support this view and are happy with the progress their children are making

We provide students with high quality teaching, which not only enables them to make to the best possible progress and achieve the highest grades, but also equips them with the skills, behaviour and character, which will help them be successful and make a positive contribution to their community.

GCSE have improved this year with more students achieving the basics (English and mathematics) at both level 4 and 5. In addition performance in other areas has also improved significantly improving our progress 8 and attainment 8 scores.

At A level and BTEC Level 3 our students continue to make good progress. Three quarters of our students have progressed to university including Russell Group and other leading universities following a wide range of courses from English, History to engineering, psychology and law.

The Sixth Form works in partnership with Oasis Academy Hadley, just under two miles away. The joint Sixth Form offer enables us to offer a wide range of courses and the highest standard of teaching and enrichment activities. Students travel by minibus between the two academies.




The Academy mainly serves the ethnically and economically diverse local communities of Enfield Lock and Enfield Island Village. A number of students travel from Ponders End, Edmonton and further afield to the Academy. The intake is mixed, some students live in the private housing close to the academy and others come from some of the most deprived housing areas in the country. High numbers of students are eligible for pupil premium. There is a high proportion of students with English as an additional language (54%) with over 60 languages spoken. Turkish, Black Caribbean, Black African and White British are our biggest ethnic groups. Despite the challenges many of our students face in their day to day lives our students are ambitious and work hard, seeing education as the key to a successful future.

Oasis was established in 1985 and has 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 Oasis employs over 4000 staff as well as working with over 1000 volunteers. Oasis works in ten other countries around Europe, Africa, Asia and North America. Our academy is twinned with projects in Uganda and Kyrgyzstan.

Oasis Community Learning is an education trust established in 2004 with the express purpose of transforming lives and communities through the development of Oasis Academies. There are over 40 academies each with their own character and identity and as one organisation are committed to sharing effective practice across the group. As a leading academy sponsor Oasis is a growing organisation which is committed to improving the life chances of children, young people and the communities they live in.

The Oasis Hub Enfield supports the work of the Academy providing integrated, high quality services that benefit the whole person and the whole community. This is achieved by bringing together the Oasis ethos and values, local and national resources and expertise, and working together in and with local partners. Enfield Hub's work includes youth work, family support services, holiday activities, volunteering, community engagement, lettings as well as the Academy.

The Academy operates a totally inclusive admissions policy, accepting students irrespective of faith or ability. Our goal is to create an environment where students make very good progress, within an Academy, which values them as individuals.





About Oasis Community Learning

The vision of Oasis Academies is to create both outstanding schools and community hubs. As well as delivering first-class and innovative education, Oasis builds 'Hubs' in the area it works in; creating safe and inspiring local neighbourhoods that provide integrated and diverse services to benefit the whole person and the whole community.

Oasis Community Learning seek to create and sustain networks of excellent learning communities working in the context of the Oasis Ethos where every student can reach their full potential. Oasis believes this can be achieved through clear leadership, outstanding staff, a positive and affirming environment, strong partnership between students, parents/carers and the local community, along with the wider national and international links the Oasis' global operations create.

Our ethos is an expression of our character- it is a statement of who we are and therefore a lens through which we assess all we do. The work of Oasis Community Learning is motivated and inspired by the life, message and example of Christ. 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

The full Education Charter explains how our ethos impacts in Oasis Academies and can be found on www.oasiscommunitylearning.org

About the Library

Oasis Academy Enfield Library is based on the first floor of the Academy and provides an excellent working environment. We strive to ensure that students can work effectively, individually or in class in order to support their learning and the ethos of the Academy. We endeavour to support the curriculum at all levels from Year 7 to Sixth Form by providing up to date resources that aim to entice and engage students and staff in their development and maintain high quality teaching.

We have open access to all students and is used throughout the academy day including breaks and lunch times. We have a large book stock, both fiction, non-fiction and a careers section. In addition, we have computers in our IT suite with excellent internet access and black and white and colour printer.

Classes are held in the Library for all year groups and we provide resources for a range of courses in year 7 and 8. It is also an ideal environment for use by teachers working with small groups such as English as an Additional Language of which resources are available.

Encouraging and promoting reading for pleasure is a major focus area for the whole academy and we are passionate about books and reading. The Library takes a major role in reading promotions by organising competitions, displays and working in conjunction with the English Department for Book Week, World Book Day and other events.

The library is open from 7.30 and closing at 18.00 Monday to Thursday and 17.30 Friday. The Library Assistant supports the Librarian in opening the Library during the times.

This is an exciting time to work at the Academy. Not only are there the fantastic opportunities provided by the Academy, but we are rapidly moving forward as an academy creating an inclusive environment, where every student has the opportunity to meet their full potential. If you want to make a real difference to the lives of children in North East London we would welcome an application from you.



Job Description

POST:

Library Assistant

ACCOUNTABLE TO:

Associate Principal, under the day-to-day management and leadership of Librarian

GRADE:

Scale 3, Points 14-18
(£17,013 – £17,574 pro rata)

KEY RELATIONSHIPS:

Academy Leadership Team; relevant teaching and support staff; students; partner professionals; parents; local community; other Oasis Academies and Oasis Community Learning central staff.

LOCATION:

Oasis Academy Enfield

WORKING PATTERN:

37 Hours a Week x 39 Weeks a Year, Term Time only

JOB PURPOSE:

To assist the Librarian in promoting and developing the Academy Library in order to provide an efficient service to students and staff which supports brings learning and teaching.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To contribute to the Library provision for students and staff within the Academy
2. To facilitate the extended opening of the Library outside Academy day.
3. To promote and safeguard the welfare of children you teach or come into contact with.

DUTIES:

1. Strategic Development and Academy Development

- Responsible, as a member of staff, for promoting and developing a positive culture and to ensure diversity within the Academy community is recognised and respected.
- Contribute to the development of the Academy's vision, values and aims and to abide by agreed professional behaviours and attitudes.

2. Key Tasks

- Carry out general duties in the Library, including issue, renewal and return of stock.
- Supervision of students in the Library.
- Assist teachers and students with routine enquiries, including checking the Library computer database and locating items on the shelves.
- Assist Library users with the use of ICT and online resources.
- Actively promoting a culture of reading through the Library and the Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) programme.
- Support the Librarian in the delivery of the Academy's Accelerated Reading scheme
- Register new members by entering data into the Library computer system, ensuring accurate information is maintained in accordance to the Data Protection/Freedom of Information regulations.

- Carry out shelving, checking condition and ensuring stock is tidy.
- Process stock for shelves and to carry out routine maintenance, including minor repairs, labelling and jacketing.
- Process reservations: check overdue notices for overdue items and to carry out shelf checks as required.
- Carry out catalogue stock using the Library software

3. General

- Promote an environment that safeguards and protects children and when necessary take responsibility for ensuring the appropriate child protection procedures are followed.
- Ensure own professional competence remains sufficient to provide effective support by seeking support for your practice and development.
- Attend training including the Academy's Training Days.
- Participate in the Academy's Performance Management process.

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. The post holder will be expected to have an agreed flexible working pattern to ensure that all relevant functions, including extra-curricular activities, are fulfilled through direct dialogue with employees, contractors and community members.

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

The post holder will be subject to performance objectives agreed annually with the relevant body and these objectives will be reviewed annually.

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

Library Assistant Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE English and Maths at A*-C or level 2 equivalent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Degree
Knowledge, Skills and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICT Skills including word processing Good communication skills Good organisational skills, ability to show initiative and to pay close attention to detail Understanding of the practical application of Equal Opportunities in a school context Knowledge of behaviour management strategies and an ability to maintain good discipline 	
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to motivate students Good communication skills Ability to work as part of a team Ability to be a reflective practitioner Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children Emotional resilience in working in a range of challenging situations Have a willingness to demonstrate commitment to the values and behaviours which flow from the Oasis ethos 	

Explanatory Notes

Applications will only be accepted from candidates completing the enclosed Application Form. Please complete ALL Sections of the Application Form which are relevant to you as clearly and fully as possible (Sections A & B). CVs will not be accepted in place of a completed Application Form.

Safeguarding Children & Young People

We are 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 Disclosure and Barring checks

1. Candidates should be aware that all posts in Oasis Community Learning involve some degree of responsibility for safeguarding children and young people, although the extent of that responsibility will vary depending on the nature of the post. Please see the job description enclosed in this Application Pack for further details.
2. Accordingly this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore all convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as “spent” must be declared.
3. If you are currently working with children, on either a paid or voluntary basis, your current employer will be asked about disciplinary offences, including those related to children or young people (whether the disciplinary sanction is current or time-expired), and whether you have been the subject of any child protection allegations or concerns and if so the outcome of any investigation or disciplinary proceedings. If you are not currently working with children, but have done in the past, that previous employer will be asked about these issues.
4. Where neither your current or previous employment has involved working with children, your current employer will be asked about your suitability to work with children, although it may where appropriate be answered not applicable if your duties have not brought you into contact with children or young people.

Interview Process

After the closing date, short listing will be conducted by a Panel, who will match your skills/ experience against the criteria in the Person Specification. You will be selected for interview entirely on the contents of your application form, so please read the Job Description and Person Specification carefully before you complete your form.

All candidates invited to interview must bring the following documents:

- Documentary evidence of right to work in the UK
- Documentary evidence of identity that will satisfy Disclosure and Barring check requirements such as a current driving licence including a photograph and/or a passport and/or a full birth certificate
- Documentary proof of current name and address (i.e. utility bill, financial statement etc.)
- Where appropriate any documentation evidencing a change of name
- Documents confirming any educational or professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post.

Please note that originals of the above are necessary. Photocopies or certified copies are not sufficient.

We will seek references on shortlisted candidates for Academy based positions and may approach previous employers for information to verify particular experience or qualifications before interview. Any relevant issues arising from references will be taken up at interview.

For Academy based positions, in addition to candidates' ability to perform the duties of the post, the interview will also explore issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, including:

- Motivation to work with children and young people
- Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people
- Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours
- Attitudes to use of authority and maintaining discipline.

Conditional Offer: Pre-Employment Checks

Any offer to a successful candidate will be conditional upon: -

- Verification of right to work in the UK
- Receipt of at least two satisfactory references (if these have not already been received)
- Verification of identity and qualifications
- Vetting and Barring Checks
- Satisfactory Disclosure and Barring check
- Verification of professional status such as QTS Status, NPQH (where required)
- Satisfactory completion of a Health Assessment
- Satisfactory completion of the probationary period.
- Where the successful candidate has worked or been resident overseas in the previous five years, such checks and confirmations as may be required in accordance with statutory guidance

For teaching posts

- Verification of successful completion of statutory induction period (applies to those who obtained QTS after 7 May 1999)
- Verification of medical fitness in accordance with DFE Circular 4/99 Physical and Mental Fitness to Teach of Teachers and Entrants to Initial Teacher Training

You should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in your application being rejected or summary dismissal if you have been selected, as well as possible referral to the police and/or ISA and/or other relevant investigating bodies.