Oasis Academy Don Valley

Second in Math's

Exceptional Education at the
Heart of the Community

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the post of Second in Charge of Math's 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 Second in Department, 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.oclcareers.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.

Transferring between academies to support academy improvement or to gain additional experience in preparation for promotion. Leading a Regional Improvement Network for your subject or year group.

Becoming one of our NLPs or National Curriculum Leads.

Joining strategy groups to develop best practice (e.g., Assessment, SEND, Early Years, Equality and Diversity, Safeguarding. Becoming a middle and/or senior leader in our Trust.

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.

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.

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 of Math's – Second in Department of Math's
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Curriculum Leader of Math's
JOB PURPOSE:	Delivery of exceptional outcomes for all students
KEY RELATIONSHIPS:	Curriculum Leader of Math's
SALARY:	MPS/UPS + TLR 2
LOCATION:	Oasis Academy Don Valley
WORKING PATTERN:	Full Time
DISCLOSURE LEVEL:	Enhanced
RESPONSIBLE FOR:	In addition to carrying out the professional duties of a qualified teacher in accordance with the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document, the post holder, in consultation with their line manager and the Principal, shall take responsibility for:

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

Strategic Direction and Development of excellent outcomes within Math's

- Contribution to and maintenance of policies and practices, which promote high achievement and excellent outcomes for all students from all start points.
- Creating an environment where students and staff develop and maintain positive attitudes towards teaching and learning.
- Using data effectively to monitor and evaluate student progress; planning, implementing and evaluating effective intervention to support all students to improve their achievement.
- To stay abreast of changes in the educational landscape, ensuring the effective preparation of our young people as they transition from Key Stage 2 into Key Stage 3.
- Support the Curriculum Leader of Maths in all aspects of learning and progress in the pursuit of excellence in the English department.
- To deputise for the Curriculum Leader in their absence.

Teaching and Learning within Math's

- Leading the development of appropriate, challenging and differentiated schemes of learning that ensure all students make rapid and sustained progress.
- Securing and sustaining effective teaching of the subject through structured monitoring and evaluation of all aspects of teaching and learning and active participation in the Academy's monitoring evaluation and review cycle.
- Ensuring teaching and learning objectives are clear to all members of the

curriculum team.

- Ensuring effective development of students' literacy, numeracy and ICT skills within the subject.
- Developing the curriculum to meet the needs of all students; introducing, planning and implementing new courses of study to meet KS4 and KS3 curriculum initiatives and developments.
- Analysing progress of students regularly against prior attainment and local and national norms and identify students at risk of underachieving and tailor the curriculum as appropriate.
- Developing and monitoring a literacy/reading curriculum to meet the needs of all students; introducing, planning and implementing new programmes to ensure high levels of numeracy throughout the Academy.

Efficient and Effective Deployment of Staff and Resources within Math's

- Establishing clear expectations and high standards of professionalism and collaboration across the department.
- Contributing to the development of the English team to ensure excellent outcomes.
- Providing structured support and assessment for ECT/ITT trainees to enable them to meet the relevant professional standards.
- Ensuring a safe working and learning environment through application or appropriate risk assessment.

Teaching Commitment

- The post holder will be expected to teach in line with the Academy's generic teacher's job specification. Designated non-contact time for leadership and management responsibilities will be made available. All teachers take an active role in the Academy's pastoral care of students and the post holder will be expected to fulfil the role of class tutor.

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.

Other

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 postholder will be expected to have an agreed flexible working pattern to ensure that all relevant functions 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 duties of this post may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the post or level of responsibility entailed.

Person Specification

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications	
Qualified Teacher Status	Other recognized qualifications in English based subjects
A degree in appropriate subject	

Professional Development	
Evidence of a commitment to own professional development	Recent relevant in-service training in Management and Leadership

Experience	
Evidence of high achievement in teaching across the Key Stages	Professional development/ mentoring of colleagues
A keen interest in developing the teaching of English	Experience of leading a development within a team
Evidence of developing Schemes of Learning across the Key Stages	development of partnerships with other schools, business and the community
Working effectively as a Form Tutor	
Effective use of Assessment for Learning to engage students as partners in their learning	

Knowledge	
Use of assessment and attainment information to improve practice and raise standards	An understanding of KS2 curriculum
se of strategies to promote good student relationships and high attainment in an inclusive environment	
An understanding of Health and Safety regulations affecting the curriculum area	

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Skills	
Excellent communication and presentation skills	Ability to use and promote a wide range of teaching methodologies
Competent user of ICT	

Commitments	
Actively supports the Academy's aims	Innovative curriculum development and partnership with other schools in the wider community, including business and university links
Active participation in Academy developments	
To leading extra-curricular activities/ educational visits / out-of-hours learning	

Personal	
Passion for Teaching	
Energy, enthusiasm and flexibility	
Resilience and a positive outlook on life	
Ability to work under pressure and determination to succeed	

The Oasis Education Charter

The Oasis Education Charter is who we are, how we are distinctive and the entitlement we provide for our children and their communities.

Oasis **Ethos**

Our ethos is rooted in what we believe and who we are.

- We have a passion to include everyone.
- We have a desire to treat everyone equally, respecting differences.
- We have a commitment to healthy and open relationships.
- We have a deep sense of hope that things can change and be transformed.
- We persevere and keep going for the long haul.

Oasis **Learning**

The purpose of education is to understand what it means to be human - living intentionally and asking two key questions: Who am I? Who am I becoming?

- The foundation of our students' learning is made up of five integrated objectives.
- We develop competence, striving for excellence in skills, knowledge and qualifications.
- We foster character and self-belief and encourage our students and staff to become the best versions of themselves through the 9 Habits.
- We embrace community, advocating the value of living interdependently with others.
- We equip our students and staff to be engaged local and global citizens who strive for a better society
- We nurture and empower a life-long passion for learning in all the people we serve.

Oasis **People**

As an interdependent family, we enjoy exceptional strength and opportunity.

- We believe that good relationships are at the heart of everything we do.
- We support and encourage each other in championing the Oasis ethos.
- We work, learn and develop together so that students and staff can share and benefit from everyone's best practice.

Oasis **Purpose**

We work in partnership with our communities to transform lives, where everyone is included, can contribute and is able to reach their God-given potential. We deliver this through an Oasis Hub our model of integrated community development.

- We deliver education in the context of our Hubs.
- We create a culture of excellence for all.

Oasis **Inclusion**

Our vision is driven through a passion and commitment to include everyone.

- We believe all our children and young people are precious; we prioritise social inclusion and integration in all we do.
- We model and set high aspirations and expectations for every child and young person and member of staff.
- We provide opportunities and experiences for all of our students, as well as their wider families, giving advantage to the disadvantaged.

Oasis **Curriculum**

The curriculum is the heart of Oasis's educational provision.

- We make great learning the foundation of every lesson.
- We design our curriculum to meet the needs of all.
- We strive for personal as well as academic and vocational excellence, achieving outcomes that drive social mobility, and give everyone freedom of choice through their lives

A number of reference documents support the Oasis Education Charter, and are available on www.oasiscommunitylearning.org

THE 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 across 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 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 the local community by working with it to transform learning aspirations and opportunities.

As a family, Oasis Academies work interdependently, benefiting 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 development.

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