



# **Recruitment Pack**

**Achieving Excellence Together** 



# Welcome, from the Head

#### **Dear Candidate**

Thank you for considering this opportunity. We are excited to offer a unique opportunity for a knowledgeable and skilled person to join our forward-thinking team at Kingsbury Green Academy, a school with ambitious goals and ever-improving outcomes. This role is perfect for an individual who is eager to contribute to a high-performing educational environment. If you are passionate about making a real impact, we want to hear from you. We seek candidates who are driven to enhance the educational experiences and life chances of our students. Since joining Kingsbury Green Academy (KGA) in September this year, I can confidently say that it is a vibrant and welcoming place where both staff and students thrive. As an experienced headteacher and trust leader, I sought to return to headship at a school that fosters a strong sense of community and belonging. I was eager to be part of a school dedicated to delivering an ambitious and broad curriculum through excellent evidence-informed teaching. I was searching for a school which was committed to offering a variety of trips, after-school clubs and activities that help students explore their talents and passions.



Most importantly, I wanted to be in an environment where positive relationships amongst staff and students are nurtured through mutual respect. KGA excels in all these areas. Behaviour of students is excellent, outcomes for children improve every year, and there is a dedicated team of staff and governors working in supportive partnerships with parents and students.

When you join KGA, you also become part of The Ascend Learning Trust (ALT), a collaborative network of secondary and primary schools committed to enhancing student experiences through the sharing of best practices, pooling resources, and tackling common educational challenges. At ALT, staff well-being is a top priority. The trust emphasises professional development through exceptional training and coaching while valuing work-life balance. We respect your time by never asking staff to complete tasks that don't directly benefit our students. We also avoid short deadlines and last-minute calendar changes and we never ask you to complete unnecessary administrative tasks. This dedication to staff well-being is more than just a promise. Each year, every staff member is entitled to book one day's leave on a day of their choosing as a "well-being day". This year's two-week October half-term has also enabled staff and parents to enjoy more affordable holiday options. Moreover, our summer term concludes earlier than most, allowing for an extended summer break.

Joining KGA means joining a supportive and forward-thinking community where your well-being and professional growth are truly valued and our vision and values guide everything we do here:

#### **Vision and Values**

We are committed to delivering a rich and diverse curriculum through passionate and knowledgeable teaching. We aim to engage all learners and support them in making exceptional progress, regardless of their starting points. We believe in achieving excellence collectively by:

- Embracing every opportunity for growth and development.
- Breaking down social, economic, and academic barriers to help students reach their full potential.
- Valuing hard work and perseverance as the keys to success.
- Inspiring every individual to be bold, courageous, and aspirational.
- Fostering a culture of mutual respect and pride in ourselves, our school, and our community.

As Headteacher, I assure you of a supportive and dedicated senior team, a stimulating and happy work environment, and the opportunity to work with exceptional young people. You will join a team of professionals who are committed to making a difference and to shape the future of Kingsbury Green Academy.



### **Dear Applicant**

Thank you for taking an interest in Ascend Learning Trust, where we pride ourselves on our core motto 'Together we Belong, Believe, Become'. As a community of schools, we strive to achieve this through our relentless commitment to our values of 'Compassion, Aspiration, Respect, Dedication and Integrity' for all of our students, with the potential of every individual within our community valued. As a result of our newly founded values, we strive to ensure that students receive an incredibly high standard of academic and pastoral care to enable them to leave school with the very best platform for their future. The schools within Ascend Learning Trust are a family, and as such they support each other to continuously improve, providing strength to each other.

As a mother of 3 school age children at both primary and secondary level, I know how important young people's school experience is and it is a privilege to lead an organisation whose purpose it is to support this. As the newly appointed CEO of Ascend Learning Trust (from September 2023) I am fully committed, along with all of our staff to ensuring that each child's education is the very best that it can be.

This pack will give you details of the job description and list the main duties of the post, together with further details of the competencies (skills), experience, qualifications, knowledge and abilities required to do the job. It is important that you identify the competencies, experience, qualifications, knowledge and abilities that will be assessed by application form, as you will need to provide evidence that you meet these criteria.

### References

We will require two satisfactory references before a job offer is confirmed; one of which must be your Line Manager / Headteacher in your present or most recent employment.

Please remember to check that your referees are actually available to provide a reference, as failure to do this could cause a delay in confirming your appointment.

Further information about the Ascend Learning Trust and the Academies within it, is available on our website <a href="mailto:info@ascendlearningtrust.org.uk">info@ascendlearningtrust.org.uk</a> We hope you will feel inspired to apply to work within the Trust.

Yours sincerely

Jane Coley
Ascend Learning Trust CEO

# **School Cleaner**



Salary: Grade B - £11.59 an hour

**Type of role:** Permanent, part time (either 10 or 15 hours)

and term time plus 2 weeks (41 weeks)

Closing date: 09.00am, Friday 4th April 2025

**Interview date: TBC** 

Anticipated Start date: As soon as possible

### Job description

The job description lists all the main duties of the post, together with further details of the competencies (skills), experience, qualifications, knowledge, and abilities required to do the job.

The criteria listed within the job description detail the areas which will be assessed at both application and interview. It is important that you identify the competencies, experience, qualifications, knowledge, and abilities that will be assessed by application form, as you will need to provide evidence that you meet the criteria.

All employees have the responsibility to:

- Ensure any documentation produced is to a high standard and is in line with the Trust brand style.
- Be aware and comply with all policies and procedures relating to safeguarding, child protection, health, safety and security, whistleblowing, confidentiality, and data protection, reporting all concerns to the appropriate person.
- Participate in training and other learning activities as required.
- Participate in the Trust Performance Management process.
- Provide appropriate guidance and supervision and assist in the training and development of staff as appropriate.
- Promote the area of responsibility within the Trust and beyond.
- Represent the Trust at events as appropriate and as directed by the Chief Executive Officer.
- Support and promote the Trust ethos, vision, and values.

### Job description

Undertake, as part of a team, the cleaning of any area within the school, as designated by the line manager, to provide a clean, hygienic and safe school environment.

Duties will include cleaning, sweeping, vacuum cleaning, emptying of litter bins, polishing and dusting of the designated areas, which may include areas such as toilets, shower areas and fixtures & fittings, using where appropriate powered equipment and approved cleaning agents. Duties may vary between term time and school closure periods.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- To carry out cleaning tasks set out in the school's cleaning schedule.
- The school is divided in to designated areas and the daily cleaning duty could be in any of these areas as directed by the cleaning supervisor.
- To use all cleaning materials and equipment in a safe and proper manner in accordance with any instructions and specifications provided and undertake appropriate training, as and when required.
- Cleaning equipment, i.e. Vacuums, buffing machines, floor shampooers, brooms, mops, etc. and cleaning agents will be used regularly to undertake duties.
- To maintain good working relationships with other school staff and to co-operate with necessary changes to the daily work routines to assist the smooth operation of the school.
- Cover colleagues on sick leave as instructed by the Cleaner Supervisor
- To observe Health & Safety requirements and report the breakdown of any cleaning equipment or any perceived hazards in the workplace to the Cleaning Supervisor.
- In addition to cleaning tasks some lifting may be required. Routine cleaning may include the movement and handling of cleaning equipment, machinery and school furniture. Occasional use of step ladders may also be required.
- The duties will be undertaken on the school premises, and may involve cleaning vomit, graffiti or excrement from toilet areas.
- To complete any appropriate records or documentation required by the Cleaning Supervisor.
- To undertake any other reasonable duty as directed by the Site Manager or Cleaning Supervisor, according to the needs of the school.
- To support the general works of the Premises & Maintenance Department in any way as may be reasonably be required.

## **Person Specification**

### **Key Skills**

- Ability to work as part of a team and support other cleaning staff as required.
- No formal qualifications or previous experience is required. Initial training in basic cleaning methods and the use of associated materials and equipment will be provided.



# How to apply

Applications should be submitted directly via MyNewTerm, you can access our careers page using the following link:

Kingsbury Green Academy MyNewTerm



Please note CVs will not be accepted. You must complete the application in full giving details of all employment, training, and gaps in employment since leaving school.

Please ensure the closing date for applications is met, we cannot be held responsible for lost or late applications. Due to the large number of applications is it not always possible to respond to each application but we aim to respond within two weeks of the vacancy closing date.

If you would like to arrange a visit to the school, or for more information about applying, please contact the recruitment team on 01793 781485.

# Kingsbury Green Academy



Thank you for visiting our employer profile. We hope you'll enjoy learning more about the excellent opportunities for teaching at Kingsbury Green Academy and living in the nearby area.

Kingsbury Green Academy, which is part of the successful Ascend Learning Trust, opened its doors for the first time on the 5th of September 2019. We are an ambitious, forward thinking 11-18 Academy situated in a beautiful location on the outskirts of Calne in Wiltshire.

### **Our Facilities**

The school has superb facilities which include: 13 Science Labs, a Design and Technology complex, digital media centre and the latest computer-aided design and ICT facilities. Sport is important at Kingsbury Green and we enjoy a sports hall, gymnasium, tennis courts and 33 acres of sports fields, as well as the use of the neighbouring 'Calne Community Campus'.

The Arts are supported with Art and Design studios, a photography dark room and processing facilities, fully equipped Drama studios and three purpose-built music rooms with practice rooms for instrumental tuition.

We also have a cafeteria with outdoor covered eating area, gardens, an on-site nursery (babies to preschool) and a purpose-built Sixth Form Centre.

### **Our Location**

Our Campus is set on the edge of town, with views across the beautiful rolling Wiltshire countryside. Calne offers a great rural quality of life but is not far from other nearby towns and the M4, giving easy access to Bristol and to the South West. Wiltshire is home to the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge and boasts many other sites of historical interest.

Calne is some 19 miles east of Bath, 6 miles east of Chippenham, 13 miles west of Marlborough and 16 miles south west of Swindon. We welcome visits to the school for prospective candidates.

# About Ascend Learning Trust

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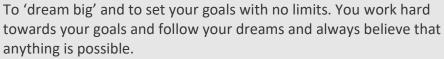
As a community of schools we strive to achieve this through our relentless commitment tour values of 'Compassion, Aspiration, Respect, Dedication and Integrity' for all of our students, with the potential of every individual within our community valued.



### Compassion

To always show kindness, inclusivity and empathy to each other and to encourage others to behave this way. To care for those around you and to consider the needs of all.







### Respect

To treat everyone as you would always wish to be treated in both words and actions. This means listening to others, appreciating differences, showing kindness and always being considerate.



Always try your very best to commit to and achieve all of your goals and never give up even when things are tough. Face challenges courageously and keep focused on your goals.



Holding true to what you believe in and act in a way that shows this. Always be honest and if you are in the wrong accept feedback and apologise.



Our vision at Ascend Learning Trust is to create a sense of belonging for everyone. All our young people receive a holistic world-class education regardless of where they come from or their life challenges. They will leave their Ascend community with outcomes that opens doors to a fulfilling and successful future.

### Work for us

As well as our commitment to staff development opportunities we also offer a wide range of services which supports your employment journey with us, these Include:

### **Benefits**

We also offer an excellent staff benefit package which include discounts on high street stores, restaurants, cinemas and gyms as well as having a wellbeing hub and a cycle to work scheme. Examples of great discounts currently on offer include:

- Discounted Gym Membership
- Hundreds of offers and discounts and cashback on local and national stores.
- Employee Assistance Provider
- On site flu vaccinations
- Excellent Pension schemes





### Wellbeing

We are committed to ensuring all staff have a safe environment to work in and we promote good health and wellbeing. As a signatory of Mindful Employer, we are committed to reducing the stigma attached to mental health and work with schools to develop a strategy for wellbeing for each school.

#### This includes:

- Developing a wellbeing statement which focuses on the commitment to support staff health and wellbeing,
- Providing opportunities to ensure there is a trained mental health first aider in each school,
- Supporting staff through a dedicated EAP which offers counselling, CBT courses and advice and guidance to all staff,
- Offering OH support to ensure staff are supported when required.

### References

We will require two satisfactory references before a job offer is confirmed; one of which must be your line manager / headteacher in your present or most recent employment.

If you are at school/college or are leaving university, please give details of the name and address of your Headteacher or tutor.

Please remember to check that your referees are actually available to provide a reference, as failure to do this could cause a delay in confirming your appointment.

All staff are required to undertake employment checks which include:

- References (for all staff and volunteers)
- Right to work in the UK (ID check)
- Qualification checks
- Barred List check
- DBS check (for all staff and volunteers)
- Childcare Disqualification check (primary only)
- Online Search checks
- Health checks

Ascend Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We particularly welcome applications from under-represented groups including ethnicity, gender, transgender, age, disability, sexual orientation, or religion.

Please note any position that involves working with children requires declaration of ALL convictions/cautions regardless of whether these are deemed as spent and a DBS check will be carried out before any employment commences.

References will be obtained before interview at shortlisting stage and may be used in the interview process. If previous employment has included working with children, then at least one referee must be from this employment regardless of whether this is the current or most recent employment. Any gaps in employment must be detailed and an explanation provided in the relevant section.