



Transforming Lives

EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Ashlawn School
Examinations Officer

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About Transforming Lives Educational Trust

Our History

The Transforming Lives Educational Trust (TLET) was established in October 2016 and is a Charitable Trust and Company Limited by Guarantee. TLET grew out of a partnership between a high performing secondary school and primary school in Rugby, Warwickshire. The desire to work together arose from continuing population growth in the local community, our belief that we can shape and influence practice wider than our current schools, and the desire to provide the community with more high-quality school places. The Trust is set to grow over the coming years and currently comprises of two secondary-phase academies, Ashlawn School and Houlton School, and two primary-phase academies, Henry Hinde Infant School and Henry Hinde Junior School. Currently we are responsible for approximately 2500 children and young people and, along with the Trust's Central team, 350 employees and £15m of public money annually.

Our Vision

We believe in the transformative power of learning and its singular ability to broaden horizons, deepen perspectives and extend potential.

Our family of academies will be recognised as the most forward-thinking and innovative organisations within the communities they serve, providing a springboard for our children, young people and staff so that they become exemplary citizens who strive to stretch their potential and become transformers in a diverse and ever-changing world.

Our Strapline

Transforming tomorrow, today.

Our Standards

One team, one goal

- ◆ We are totally united and committed to improve life chances.

Best daily deal, everyday

- ◆ We have the highest expectations for all, in all, from all, always.

No excuses

- ◆ We see it, own it, sort it.

Community First

- ◆ If it's important to you, it's important to us – we care.

Our Values

Tend the team – *listening to, sharing with, and learning from others so that we nurture the potential of all (loyalty)*

Reach for excellence – *only comparing ourselves to the best – seeking to match and then surpass it (excellence)*

Utalise innovation – *seeking forefront thinking and creativity, and leading the change (courage)*

Seize success – *holding onto our vision and building on our achievements (tenacity)*

Thank as you go – *recognising the contribution of others to the Trust's successes (kindness)*

Our Academies



Our Team

Without exception, everyone is deeply committed to the very highest outcomes, regardless of their role, recognising the strength of collective contribution and effort.

Leaders

Academy leaders, driven by exceptional Principals, focus relentlessly on pupils and their outcomes, with everything else as peripheral. They are restless in their leadership, seeking ever better ways to improve in a culture of success. They do what it takes to make the difference.

Central team leaders, motivated by an inspiring Executive, lead high performing teams who add value to our academies by providing the environment in which others thrive. They unburden academy leaders, enabling them to keep the main thing, the main thing – pupil outcomes.

Governance, for our academies and for the Trust, is robust, rigorous and proportionate, providing professional support and challenge so that leaders strive to the limit of what is possible with a sharp focus on outcomes and excellence.

Our leaders never allow the urgent to distract them from the important, navigating a clear route to long-term success.

Teachers

Our teachers are highly effective in the classroom, both in the uncompromising quality of their teaching and in the perceptive and individualised attention they give to pupils. They are passionate about the subjects they teach and dedicated to the children in their care. Our teachers are carefully recruited and expertly supported to make sure they, like our pupils, are always at the top of their game.

Support Staff

Our support staff are the backbone of our organisation and are specialists in their areas of responsibility. Like our teachers, they are well-trained and highly effective at ensuring the smooth operation of our Trust day in, day out.

Our Aims

1. Our children achieve more, and make better progress, by attending a TLET academy than would otherwise be expected.
2. Others hold our academies, and the Trust, in the highest regard.
3. Our accommodation and premises are safe, well maintained and with facilities that are constantly improving.
4. Infrastructure and management systems are effective and cohesive, underpinned by sound financial management.
5. Our Trust operates at least seven academies, with due regard to growing responsibly, sustainably and with a mix of primary and secondary phased academies.
6. The welfare of our children and staff is promoted effectively in a safe environment where they are protected from harm.

Why Work for TLET?

At TLET, we want to be an employer of choice for our employees.

We believe that the children and young people in our care deserve the very best staff who are highly effective at what they do. We want our employees to take great pride and satisfaction in their work. This means that one of our fundamental priorities is to ensure that all of our employees feel valued, knowing that the role they fulfil is vital to transforming the life chances of others. Put simply, we are loyal to our employees and receive their loyalty in return.

Comprehensive Induction

When joining TLET, you will have access to a detailed induction programme which is designed to ensure you feel confident in your new role from your first day with us. This is led by our HR team in partnership with your line manager and focuses on our culture, safeguarding, site orientation, key people and TLET expectations, among other things. We know the importance of a great start for our children and young people when they join one of our academies, so we place just as much importance on the way new employees transition into TLET.

Tailored Training

We believe in giving our children and young people the best daily deal. To this end, all of our employees have access to individualised performance development programmes and tailored training to ensure we are all restless in our pursuit of excellence. We work with respected training providers such as ECM Consultants, Challenge Partners and our own TLET

Education Improvement Service, harnessing a blended training platform of virtual and face-to-face sessions.

Tending the Team

At TLET, we recognize that working in schools is extremely rewarding, but we haven't lost sight of the fact that it is often challenging and burdensome. All our employees have access to our TLET wellbeing offer to promote your mental and emotional wellness. This centres around a suite of staff provision such as bitesize online wellbeing training to help maintain work-life balance, free access to professional counselling and even shopping vouchers! In short, we take care to care.

TLET Central Team

As an employee at TLET, you will benefit from our extensive and expert Central Team who are based in Rugby making them highly accessible and responsive. The Central Team deliver leadership, finance, estates, business operations, HR and IT expertise to our academies with the intention of making it easier for others to do their job. Our Central Team work in partnership with our academy leaders to ensure that support is tailored to the needs of each academy.

Furthermore, we follow the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document, the National Joint Council guidelines and recognise continuity of service for all employees joining TLET to ensure that our employees are looked after well compared with others in different settings.

About the Role

Thank you for your interest in the position of Examinations Officer at Ashlawn School.

This pack has been designed to help you should you choose to submit an application to us, which we sincerely hope you do. The pack aims to answer all of your initial questions, but if not, please do not hesitate to contact us. It is extremely important to us that you feel comfortable and confident to proceed with your application as we aim to make the very best appointment possible.

So, who are we looking for?

We are delighted to offer this exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic Examinations Officer to join our successful school.

The Examinations Officer is responsible for the coordination and organisation of both internal and external examinations. You will be responsible for managing the effective and efficient administration of examinations and must be familiar with the requirements and regulations by the awarding bodies and the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) ensuring these are adhered to before, during and after the examination period.

You will communicate with the examination boards, relevant staff and when necessary, individual students with respect to: entries for all examinations, amendments, late entries and withdrawals, results, enquiries about results, post-results service, certificates, coursework and resits, for both module and final examinations. During busy exam periods you will be responsible in running examinations including practicals: preparation of exam room(s), meet/update invigilators, dealing with student special arrangements, assist with the distribution/collection of exam papers, recording absentees, exam changeovers, starting exams, prepare and pack scripts for dispatch.

You will have administrative experience including diary management and successful monitoring of procedures and processes. You will be competent in the use of ICT and experience of using data management information systems and/or online systems. There is a high need to have excellent communication skills, both oral and written, and the experience of communicating with people at all levels across an organisation. You will be an excellent team member who is highly motivated and actively seek out ways of improving your own performance and that of others in order to ensure the organisation is highly efficient, effective and sustainable. At your core is a strong moral purpose to provide the best deal for all stakeholders, but especially for the children and young people whom we serve.

You will need experience of the administration of school examinations, organised, can work effectively in a team and have a strong record of success.

Why work for Ashlawn?

- A large, oversubscribed bi-lateral school committed to supporting all members of the school community to succeed
- You'll be working within a community of passionate, committed colleagues who genuinely support each other
- A staff wellbeing team implements various strategies to boost staff engagement including various activities, events, conferences, and many other staff benefits
- Excellent opportunities to develop and grow in the successful and expanding Transforming Lives Educational Trust, a growing Multi-academy Trust based within the local community
- To be part of an 11-18 provision with opportunities to teach in the sixth form

A Welcome from The Principal of Ashlawn School

Thank you for your interest in our school.

As the recently appointed principal of Ashlawn School, I remember well the excitement of considering a new challenge and opportunity. I also know that recruitment is a two-way process. We are looking for the right person for the position; someone who really buys into our vision of ensuring that all staff and students have the right opportunities to maximise their potential in all areas. You are looking for the right school in which to develop and progress, to contribute to the success of others and to get the support that you need to feel happy in your role. We hope that you agree that Ashlawn is exactly that kind of school.

We have a lot to do to move Ashlawn forwards, to regain our position of trust within our community and to become the outstanding school that we know that we can be. We are looking for someone who has the commitment and resilience to being a leader that supports this goal.

We welcome visits to Ashlawn prior to application because we are proud that:

- Our students are motivated and want to succeed
- Behaviour is excellent
- The variety of opportunities both within and out of the classroom provides all students with the opportunity to develop their interests and skills in a wide range of areas

At Ashlawn School, everybody counts. Staff and students will talk about the support they get from each other – we truly are a community. Our key aim is to give every child the opportunity to flourish and develop into life-long learners, engaged in the world around them and ready to take their place in the world as resilient, caring, disciplined, well-educated and employable adults.

If you want to lead a highly effective team, contribute to our excellent standards and have high aspirations for young people then Ashlawn School is the right school for you!

We look forward to meeting with you, so you too can appreciate our wonderful school and its community.

With best wishes

Paul Brockwell
Principal

What next?

We want to hear from you if you are as excited as we are about this fresh opportunity within our successful and growing Trust. In return, we can offer the right candidate the chance to work within our innovative and forward-thinking Trust as well as offering excellent professional development and progression.

We encourage you to consider the information in this pack carefully and use it to picture yourself within the role at Ashlawn. Should you wish to discuss any element of the pack in more detail, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to receiving your application.

How to Visit & Apply

Please read the information in this pack. If you are interested in this job opportunity, please apply by downloading the application form from our website [website \(www.tlet.org.uk\)](http://www.tlet.org.uk). Completed application forms should be emailed to careers@tlet.org.uk or posted to:

HR Department (Careers)
c/o Houlton School
Signal Drive
Houlton
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV23 1ED

If you have any questions about the role or would like to visit Transforming Lives Educational Trust or one of our Academies, please don't hesitate to contact us by emailing careers@tlet.org.uk or selecting option 1 on our telephone menu – 01788 593900.

If you decide to apply you should include a supporting statement with your application form (either in the application or as a covering letter) on no more than two sides of A4, giving your reasons for applying for the post, addressing information you have read in the pack and particularly the person specification, and outline any relevant experience and personal qualities you would bring to the Trust.

Please do not send a general letter; we are really looking for someone who is prepared to respond to us as an individual Trust. You can be sure that we will take time and care in reading your letter; we appreciate how much time and energy goes into writing it.

**Timeline may be subject to change*

Recruitment Timeline*	
17/08/2023	Position advertised
Ongoing	Closing date for applications (9am)
TBC	Final Shortlisting and contact with candidates References will be requested at this stage
TBC	Final Panel Process

Job Description

Location:	Ashlawn School
Job Title:	Examinations Officer
Salary:	NJC14 (£25,409.00) – NJC16 (£26,357.00) Actual Salary: £22,361.94 to £23,196.26
Contract:	Support Staff Terms and Conditions Monday to Friday 8am-4pm Term time + 15 days <i>This post may include the rare weekend to cover 11+ and MFL entrance exams</i>
Start date:	ASAP
Responsible to:	TBC

MAIN ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Organise and process exam entries throughout the academic year
- Liaise with Heads of Department with regards to the relevant examination boards and syllabuses studied to examination level
- Liaise with the Heads of Department and staff with regards to examination access requirements
- Liaise with examination boards as appropriate
- Provide exam timetables and invigilation timetables in advance of examination sessions, including mock exams and all public exam periods
- Undertake all administrative procedures pertaining to exams, both public and internal
- Ensure security and confidentiality of all exams as directed by exam board regulations and school policies and procedures
- Deal with routine enquiries, providing general information about the exams process including results and post-result services – in person, by phone and email
- Ensure all invigilation staff are appropriately deployed and are provided with administrative support
- Be a first point of contact for students/pupils requiring help/support and referring them to other appropriate staff in school
- Handle incoming mail, ensuring appropriate distribution
- Handle outgoing mail, franking and posting, maintaining records of postage
- Maintain records/files/databases, inputting and retrieving information ensuring accuracy
- Undertake word processing, generating standard letters
- Lock all filing cabinets and ensure safe storage of keys

Transforming Lives Educational Trust is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. An Enhanced DBS Disclosure is required for all staff within the Trust.

This job description sets out the duties and responsibilities of the post at the time it was drawn up. Such duties and responsibilities may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed. Such variations are a common occurrence and cannot themselves justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.

The post holder will have a shared responsibility for the safeguarding of all children and young people. The post holder has an implicit duty to promote the welfare of all children and young people.

Person Specification

Job Title:	Examinations Officer
Reports to:	TBC

The post holder will have a shared responsibility for the safeguarding of all children and young people. The post holder has an implicit duty to promote the welfare of all staff, children and young people and to be committed to promoting diversity and inclusion.

SPECIFICATION	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths & English GCSE 4 or above • Good working knowledge of computer software packages including Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook • Experience using SIMS software 	Trained on SIMs Exam Module Experience of use of exam board ICT software Google Drive
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good knowledge of examination boards and procedures • A minimum of 2 year's administrative experience in an Examinations office • Experience of diary management • Successful development and monitoring of administrative procedures and processes • Experience of a high degree of professional autonomy in relation to the key areas of school administration 	
Knowledge/Skills (Ability to)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent numeracy and literacy skills • Effective verbal and written communication skills • Good time management skills 	Working knowledge of relevant policies/procedures / codes of practice / legislation, including Data Protection and Child Protection

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent organisational skills • Produce and process data and documents to ensure accurate reports and information • Ability to organise and prioritise own workload • Ability to handle sensitive and confidential information and issues appropriately • Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek CPD • Ability to work independently & show initiative when problem solving • Ability to work as part of a team • Ability to establish good working relationships at all levels – students, teachers, senior management, board of trustees etc. 	Ability to resolve complex problems, some of which are not covered by existing rules, procedures or instructions
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible & reliable • Adapt to changes and new technology • Professional and confident • Good time management skills • Excellent attendance and punctuality • Commitment to and evidence of promoting all areas of safeguarding, pupil welfare, and health and safety at work 	

All posts within TLET are subject to pre-employment and vetting checks, including reference checking and enhanced disclosures checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).