

Job Application Pack

Trust Deputy Headteacher

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The Vacancy

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General Information

The following information is provided to assist staff joining the Trust to understand and appreciate the work, content of the post and the role they are to play in the organisation. Whilst every effort has been made to outline all the duties and responsibilities of the post, a document such as this does not permit every item to be specified in detail. Broad headings have been used which assume all the usual associated routines.

Trust Deputy Headteacher

Required: September 2021

Leadership Pay Range 20 – 25

£67,364 - £76,141 per annum

An excellent and exciting opportunity has arisen for an exceptional and inspirational leader to work as a Deputy Headteacher supporting our Trust and school improvement team, with a focus on inclusion.

We are a South East Essex Multi Academy Trust, currently comprising three secondary schools and one primary school: The King John School in Benfleet, The James Hornsby School in Basildon, Castle View School in Canvey Island and Laindon Park Primary School and Nursery in Basildon.

We are seeking applications from candidates with the right skills, experience and potential to add to our dynamic Multi Academy Trust. This post will predominantly be based within The James Hornsby School, and the responsibilities associated with this post will include SENCO for James Hornsby, oversight of our innovative 'Zenith Minds' and enhanced provisions on The James Hornsby site and SEND provision across the whole Trust. The Trust is determined to ensure that no child is left behind, and central to this aim is ensuring that our pedagogy, curriculum offer and interventions, as well as staff knowledge and expertise all enable our student with SEND to flourish.

All the students in our care deserve the very best from our schools and the successful candidate will have a deep resonance with the Trust's Mission, Aims and Values, which should be clearly reflected at both the application and interview stages. The Trust will ensure the successful candidate has the very best resources and support to drive strategy and lead change, and thus provide a truly quality education for all. Zenith Multi Academy Trust is an exciting and dynamic community of professionals working together to achieve the very best outcomes for its pupils; as such this is a wonderful career opportunity.

If you would like an informal discussion with the Chief Executive Officer prior to applying, please contact her PA, Claire Day, on claired@zmat.co.uk

Please refer to www.zenithmultiacademytrust.co.uk for further information and to download

an application pack.

Vision & Ethos

The Trust was set up in December 2017. As a Multi Academy Trust we are fully committed to excellence in all MAT pillars: governance, education and business operations.

Zenith understands that the future of the education system relies upon schools/academies and MATs working closely together to share best practice, improving each students' life chances and increasing the capacity of the MAT's role to enhance social mobility.

We work with our growing family of local primary, secondary and teaching schools whilst collaborating with other MATs to make this vision a reality.

We endeavour to:

- Provide a quality educational experience for all;
- Build more flexible capacity to improve standards faster for local children;
- Work inclusively within our communities embracing the varied localities we serve within our articulated values;
- Be supportive, share expertise, whilst working collaboratively holding each other to account;
- Develop the very best leaders of tomorrow on improving education and transforming lives;
- Ensuring that pre-conditions that enable students to learn are identified and addressed.
- Provide a coordinated approach to safeguarding, whereby schools fulfil their responsibility effectively. Ensuring all professionals' approach to safeguarding is child-centred.

Safeguarding Children & Young People

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are therefore expected to behave in such a way that supports this commitment. Appointment to this post will be subject to the following satisfactory pre-employment checks:

- Health
- Identity
- Relevant work qualifications
- Right to work in the UK
- Barred List Check (previously List 99)
- Disclosure & Barring Service Check (for all staff and volunteers)
- References
- Childcare Disqualification Declaration Check (relevant Primary School posts only)

Applications

To apply for the role please download the application form from the vacancy page on https://www.zenithmultiacademytrust.co.uk/vacancies/, completed applications should be submitted to recruitment@zmat.co.uk. CV's will not be accepted without a completed application form.

You must complete the application form fully and give details of all employment, training and gaps in employment since leaving secondary school to the present day. Any additional information, which you wish to bring to the notice of the selection panel should be included in your letter of application (supporting statement). Please ensure you say why and how you meet the criteria from the person specification in your letter of application.

Closing Date: Midday, Monday 12 April 2021
Interview Date: w/c 19 April 2021

If you have any queries, wish to discuss the role informally or undertake a visit to the Trust, please do not hesitate to contact us via email recruitment@zmat.co.uk or telephone 01702 426707.

Due to the number of applications we receive, it is with regret that we cannot respond to every application, if you do not hear from the HR Department within two weeks of the deadline, please assume that on this occasion your application has unfortunately not been successful.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Welcome from the CEO



Dr Margaret Wilson CBE

We are a South East Essex Multi Academy Trust, currently comprising three secondary schools and one primary school: The King John School in Benfleet, The James Hornsby School in Basildon, Castle View School in Canvey Island and Laindon Park Primary School and Nursery in Basildon.

We have created a unique bespoke initiative to support young people with complex needs who are facing tough circumstances and/or personal problems – Zenith Minds. It is a MAT wide provision that offers child centred support tailored to each individual. This support includes educational psychologists, family liaison specialists and counselling services.

As a member of staff within the Trust you become part of a dynamic network of staff working to achieve a shared vision for all of our children. You will become a valued member of a small group of schools.

The Trust's core aim is to ensure that we enhance the life chances of all the young people within the Trust to enable them to fulfil their potential and achieve the best possible outcomes. This is at the heart of everything we do.

Why work for Zenith Multi Academy Trust?

Thank you for considering Zenith Multi Academy Trust as your potential new employer.

If you share our commitment to securing transformational change and sustainable school improvement and would like to be part of our vision to provide excellence in education, we would like to hear from you.

In return we can offer you:

- A friendly trust which looks after the wellbeing of all its staff
- High performing school settings with excellent facilities
- Access to high quality and bespoke CPD across the trust
- A supportive and positive induction programme
- The opportunity to develop your career with and across the Trust Schools

Staff Wellbeing

The Trust is committed to providing a working environment and management practices that promote good health and wellbeing of all its employees. The Board of Trustees' 'duty of care' towards employees, legislation and case law, require them to manage and safeguard the physical and psychological well-being of the Trust's employees, the Trust has adopted:

- The attendance management policy and procedure for staff which provides a framework with clear milestones enabling managers to effectively manage attendance;
- The health and safety policy which provides a framework for, and measurement of, safe places to work; and
- The staff wellbeing policy which focuses on obligations supporting staff's health and wellbeing.

The wellbeing and training of our staff are seen as critical in creating the most effective and talented staff team. The high calibre of our staff means that we are constantly striving to improve so that we can provide the outstanding level of education that our diverse and brilliant young people deserve.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

At Zenith Multi Academy Trust, all staff are encouraged to develop their knowledge, skills, understanding and attitudes to enhance their professional work, regardless of experience. We work towards 'a culture of excellence', where all staff have the opportunity to continue to improve and sharpen their knowledge and practice.

Working for Zenith brings other benefits:

- Free Benenden Healthcare Scheme
- Access to Benenden Healthcare rewards and discounts scheme
- Generous Teachers' Pension and Local Government Pensions
- Generous annual leave entitlement for full-time support staff up to 29 days + 8 bank holidays per annum
- Free access to on-site gym facilities
- Eye sight tests
- On-site free medical health checks
- On-site flu jab clinics
- Discounted external gym memberships

The Schools of Zenith Multi Academy Trust

THE KING JOHN SCHOOL

A QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL

Mr Daniel Steel, is the Headteacher at The King John School, as a parent of two young children himself, he leads the school through the eyes of a parent, with very high expectations and aspirations for his student. The King John School is a popular, oversubscribed school where students' very high attendance and levels of achievement reflect their commitment and enjoyment of school life. The school is a large, mixed comprehensive with a well-established sixth form, and serves the ever-growing communities of Thundersley and Benfleet, as well as welcoming students from further afield.

To enable their students to be happy and successful learners, they strive to create a caring, supportive and aspirational learning community, with high expectations and opportunities for all. They believe in offering a broad and balanced curriculum to enable students to flourish as individuals, and to achieve future success in whatever they choose to become later in life. This includes a strong emphasis on sport and the Arts. Opportunities for extra-curricular activities are extensive for all to support in developing knowledge, skills and cultural capital beyond the classroom setting. These opportunities include enterprise, creative performing arts, and a wide variety of trips and visits. Added to this their sporting expertise which puts them at the top of the county and national championships in a whole range of sports you will see the school has a lot to offer. They strive to nurture and develop global citizens of the future by celebrating success and valuing aspiration. They are determined every student should maximise their potential.

The recruitment, retention, and training of fully-qualified staff play a key part in their drive to secure strong academic outcomes for all students, and to instil a life-long love of learning. They understand the vitally important role of partnerships between families and school, and value their relationships with all members of the community they serve.

They have a thriving sixth form, which has been significantly extended to provide a wealth of additional state-of-the-art facilities. Students achieve well in a wide range of subjects and over a three year trend, the results are in the top 15% of over 2000 schools with 68% A*, A or B grades at A-level. Students' destinations are very strong, and they progress to Higher Education, including Cambridge and other Russell Group universities, apprenticeships and employment.

Laindon Park School & Nursery

Laindon Park is a small school located in a rural unspoilt area. Their building retains a Victorian character with many historical features. The Headteacher of Laindon is Mrs Portoles, who ensures that they are a school where the child is at the heart of everything they do and leads the decisions they make.

As Ofsted said about them "pupils are happy and enjoy school". The school is always aiming to improve, not only the education that they provide to pupils but also the services and goods that they provide to the local community. Their SAT results are consistently good and put them in the top 4% of primary schools in the country.

Castle View School
Pursue Excellence | Be The Best

Mr Durkin is the Headteacher of Castle View School. The school is a place where students are put first in everything the school does. Their aims are to pursue excellence, to be the best they can be and they achieve this by working together with parents and the wider community to bring out the very best in their young people.

A good education inspires, opens doors and makes a difference to the lives of individuals, their families and the wider community. Therefore, the school takes their responsibilities as educators very seriously, doing all they can to help their students achieve anything and everything they set their minds to. The school also takes great pride in providing a happy and harmonious learning environment – one where every student is known as an individual.

As well as valuing academic success, the school strives for every child to become a well-rounded, caring and confident individual who plays a part in their community, and has the skills and mindset to contribute positively to our wider society. The Headteacher would warmly welcome you to visit the school and discover what it is that makes Castle View School the right choice for you and your child.

The James Hornsby School
Together we excel

The James Hornsby School is an oversubscribed 'Good' school; as rated by Ofsted, where students are at the heart of all we do. We have a strong family ethos where we believe "Together we excel".

We focus on developing independent and resilient learners by removing barriers to success and providing a safe and happy environment that allows young people to strive.

Our curriculum provides breadth to ignite hope, drive ambition and enhance life chances by providing qualifications that open the doors to opportunity.

We believe our community is outstanding and as such we strive to achieve Outstanding learners and leaders at all levels, by providing outstanding curriculums and learning opportunities and promote outstanding attitudes and outcomes from all.

As a school we pride our self on our core values of:
A Family ethos
High Expectations
Desire
Hope and Aspiration
Innovation

The Headteacher Mrs Nicholls firmly believes that these are our key drivers for success not only for our students, but for our staff as well. We welcome the chance to meet with you and discuss your development opportunities as part of the James Hornsby and Zenith family!


The King John School


Laindon Park Primary School


The James Hornsby School


Castle View School

Job Description

Trust Deputy Headteacher Job Description Core Purpose

The Deputy Headteacher shall play a major role under the overall direction of the CEO and Headteacher in;

(a) Formulating the aims and objectives of the Trust and School;

(b) Establishing the policies through which they shall be achieved;

(c) Managing staff and resources to that end; and

(d) Monitoring progress towards their achievement;

The Deputy Headteacher shall undertake any professional duties of the Headteacher reasonably delegated to him/her by the headteacher.

The Deputy Headteacher shall undertake the professional duties of the Headteacher in the event of his/her absence from the school

Principle Accountabilities

Management

Responsibilities will be discussed at interview and will be matched to your experience, strengths and development needs.

Safeguarding

Fulfil personal responsibilities, and support the headteacher in securing compliance by those working in school, for safeguarding as set out in the Children's Act, Statutory Guidance and by the Local Children's Safeguarding Board. These include:

- Operating a culture of listening to children and taking account of their wishes and feelings, both in individual decisions and the development of services;
- Operating clear whistleblowing procedures,
- Sharing information, with other professionals
- Operating safe recruitment practices
- Ensuring appropriate supervision and support for staff, including undertaking Induction, safeguarding training and reviews of practice
- Operating and monitoring clear policies for dealing with allegations against people who work with children.

Specific Duties

Teaching

- Plan and teach lessons to the classes they are assigned to teach within the context of the school's plans, curriculum and schemes of work.
- Assess, monitor, record and report on the learning needs, progress and achievements of assigned pupils.
- Participate in arrangements for preparing pupils for external examinations.
- Whole school organisation, strategy and development
- Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the school's policies, practices and procedures in such a way as to support the school's values and vision.
- Work with others on curriculum and/or pupil development to secure co-ordinated outcomes.
- Supervise and so far as practicable teach any pupils where the person timetabled to take the class is not available to do so.

Health, safety and discipline

- Promote the safety and well-being of pupils.
- Maintain good order and discipline among pupils.

Management of staff and resources

- Direct and supervise support staff assigned to them and, where appropriate, other teachers.
- Contribute to the recruitment, selection, appointment and professional development of other teachers and support staff.
- Deploy resources delegated to them.

Professional development

- Participate in arrangements for the appraisal and review of their own performance and, where appropriate, that of other teachers and support staff.
- Participate in arrangements for their own further training and professional development and, where appropriate, that of other teachers and support staff including induction.

Communication

- Communicate with pupils, parents and carers.
- Working with colleagues and other relevant professionals
- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Testimonials

Working at King John for the past six years has provided me with a wide range of fantastic opportunities and wonderful experiences. I was encouraged to attend a middle leaders training programme provided by the trust which gave me the knowledge and confidence to be successful in a promotion to Director of English and media. I was also lucky enough to attend the media department trip to Hollywood with a group of KS4 students and was encouraged to organise my own trip to The Globe theatre for KS3 students.

- Director of Learning, The King John School

Working at the King John School is a privilege. Given the school's reputation I am very proud to be a part of the organisation and enjoy coming to work each day. As a school, King John promotes progression with leaders giving staff their full trust and support in professional development. During my time at King John I have been able to grow and flourish by being exposed to work across the school, within our trust schools also as part of the Benfleet Teaching Schools Alliance. Working at the King John School has certainly progressed my career.

- CPC Director, The King John School

Having worked within Zenith for a number of years I have been afforded so many opportunities to develop. I came to the school as a Head of year and after discussing my drive to be on the leadership team I was given extra responsibilities to ensure the progression was effective and that I was ready to interview for a role. With this in mind I was asked to lead on several faculties and drove the Equality and Diversity within my school. This then led to me being asked to join a school within the MAT to take on the role of associate assistant headteacher. I have now secured a permanent position in this school and couldn't have done it without the opportunities given to me by the Trust.

- Assistant Headteacher, The James Hornsby School

I started working at James Hornsby in January 2012 and began working here as a learning facilitator; almost eight years on and I am now currently the head of mathematics. In this time I have had the opportunity to complete many roles within the school. Working in the behaviour support unit, as an achievement officer and then as a maths instructor, while I was completing my maths degree at university. The leaders within the school identified my skill set and provided me with the support and guidance to move through these positions.

- Maths Teacher – The James Hornsby School