

Recruitment Pack Cleaner



Welcome to THAT

Thank you for your interest in joining The Howard Academy Trust. We are a family of 9 academies—4 primary, 4 secondary, and 1 alternative provision—working across Medway, Kent, and Bexley. As a Trust, we are committed to delivering the highest standards of education for all children and young people, regardless of their background.

Our vision, "Working together to create a community of successful learners" underpins everything we do. We firmly believe that every child deserves access to at least a good education, and we are proud that every academy within our Trust has maintained or improved its Ofsted rating. Notably, Temple Mill Primary School and Waterfront UTC made the remarkable journey from Special Measures to Good at their first inspection since joining us—a testament to the dedication and expertise of our staff.









At The Howard Academy Trust, we recognise that our people are central to our success. We are committed to supporting and developing our staff so that they, in turn, can provide an outstanding education for our students. Each of our academies serves its own unique community, and our role as a Trust is to provide the support, guidance, and collaboration needed to drive continuous improvement.

We are always looking for talented and passionate individuals to join our team. If you share our belief in the power of education and want to be part of an organisation that truly makes a difference, we would love to hear from you.



Owen McColgan
Chief Executive
The Howard Academy Trust



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Benefits

The Howard Academy Trust is very pleased to offer our staff a vast range of benefits, both professional and personal, as we believe that our excellent teaching and support staff should be supported at work and rewarded for the great work they do.



Platinum Workplace Wellbeing Award







Free flu jabs every autumn



Employee Assistance Programme with Free Counselling



Mental Health First Aiders in all schools



Early finish for teaching staff on Fridays for CPD/PPA



Multiple routes into teaching



Opportunities for collaborative CPD



Trust-wide training and networking events



Career Progression and upskilling opportunities



Bespoke in-house Into Leadership Courses



LGPS/TPS Pension Scheme & Generous Contributions



Competitive salary with annual pay progression



Early salary withdrawal with Access EarlyPay



Minimum 25 days annual leave for full time staff. plus bank holidays



Discounted hire of school facilities



Cycle to work scheme



Free car parking at each Trust site



EV Charging across sites



On site catering with a full lunch menu



Discounted gym membership



A diverse and inclusive workplace



Staff referral scheme



Flexibility for life events



Annual Trust Awards





The Howard School 1,500 Pupils on Roll Located in Rainham, Kent



Temple Mill Primary School 240 Pupils on Roll Located in Strood, Kent



Deanwood Primary School 230 Pupils on Roll Located in Rainham, Kent



Thames View Primary School 450 Pupils on Roll Located in Rainham, Kent



Waterfront UTC 370 Pupils on Roll Rated Located in Gillingham, Kent



Miers Court Primary School 410 Pupils on Roll Located in Rainham, Kent



The Abbey School 1,100 Pupils on Roll Located in Faversham, Kent



Hurstmere School 960 Pupils on Roll Located in Sidcup, London



The Rowans AP Academy 93 Pupils on Roll Located in Chatham, Kent

Welcome to

The Abbey School



The Abbey School joined THAT on 1st April 2023, after celebrating the school's best academic results ever in 2022. The Abbey School is a mixed secondary school with a thriving population of over 1100 students. We believe that school should be a place where young people can discover and develop their own individual talents. This means an education that is structured around the individual strengths and needs of each child.

At the end of their time with us, we aim for all our young people to leave the school confident, happy and well equipped to take their place in employment or further education. We are particularly proud of the support structures that exist within the school which we continually enhance. Our students acquire not only an excellent foundation in learning, but also attributes such as resilience, leadership, creativity and team-working skills.

Aspiration at The Abbey School does not only mean wanting to do well in tests or gaining qualifications. It refers to the broader sense of accomplishment gained through personal development and through participation in a large variety of opportunities offered to our students. Our school emphasises the importance of working collectively both within the school and with local partners.

When you visit our school, I am sure that you will recognise not only the warm welcome of our students but also their enjoyment and passion for learning. Our school motto, "Be The Best You Can Be", reflects our educational values. It is inclusive of all that belong to our community, and it is our aim that all members of our school show respect for one another.

















Job Title: Cleaner

Contract Type: Part time, Permanent, Term Time Only +4 weeks

Renumeration: National Minimum Wage

Core Purpose and Scope

The holder of this post is expected to carry out the professional duties as described below, as circumstances may require and in accordance with the Trust's policies, under the direction of the Senior Leadership Team and Principal. The post-holder is required to fully support the vision, ethos and policies of the Trust.

THAT Vision & Values

As a Trust, our Vision and Values are achieved through:

- Excellent teaching and learning that promotes inclusivity;
- Regular opportunities for collaborative CPD to ensure best practice across academies;
- A proactive network for joint working across academies, for staff at various career stages;
- The highest standards of behaviour and conduct achieved through clear expectations and positive relationships;
- The unique character of each academy is valued and contributes to the THAT whole Trust ethos:
- Shared whole trust values of dignity, respect and ambition.
- High aspirations for all involved with the Trust;
- Each academy is a hub for its local community and families;
- Facing outwards and working in collaboration with other organisations and stakeholders;
- A centralised team that allows academies leaders to focus on their core purpose of education.

Values and Behaviour

Teaching & Support Staff play a vital role in making the education of their students their first concern, and are accountable for achieving the highest possible standards in work and conduct. All members of staff must act with honesty and integrity; have strong knowledge within their field, keep their knowledge and skills up-to-date and are self-critical; forge positive professional relationships; and work with parents in the best interests of the students in the school.

Personal and Professional Conduct

The post holder should conduct themselves professionally at all times, treating students and staff with mutual respect, regardless of personal beliefs, in accordance with Trust ethos, policies and practices.

Key responsibilities:

- To work as part of the Premises team to maintain the cleanliness of the Trust site, ensuring it is safe, presentable and a pleasant place to be
- To perform all cleaning duties in line with the cleaning specification for the site including maintaining the cleanliness of: classrooms, offices, toilets and equipment on a day-to-day basis
- Day-to-day cleaning responsibilities in line with the cleaning specification
- Ensuring that chemicals are handled, used and stored correctly following COSHH assessments
- Being a key member of the team when completing deep cleans, including: stripping back and scrubbing floors and surfaces, removing chewing gum and graffiti and deep cleaning heavy use areas
- Locking and un-locking the school as and when required
- Looking after cleaning equipment and reporting any faults to the relevant supervisor
- Attending any necessary training
- Assisting with other premises jobs when there are lulls in the cleaning workload which may include: litter picking, snow/ leaf clearance and assisting with lettings functions such as preparation of areas

Administration:

 Monitoring and completing order forms for stock of cleaning materials in line with the cleaning product specification

Resources

• Operate relevant equipment/ICT packages (e.g. internet, intranet, E-mail)

Management

• This post does not have any management responsibilities

Additional Duties:

- All staff, with the support, of the Academy's designated DSL, have a responsibility for providing and safeguarding the welfare of the students and young people
- To be familiar with and support any health and safety procedures and ensure all duties and responsibilities are discharged in accordance with the Academy's health and safety at work policy

This job description does not form part of the Contract of Employment and is not necessarily a comprehensive description of the duties required but outlines the main responsibilities of the post. It will be reviewed regularly and may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the holder of the post. The duties may be varied to meet the changing demands of the Academy at the reasonable discretion of the line manager.

An Enhanced DBS check will be required for this post. The job description is current at the date shown, but, in consultation with you, may be changed by the Principal to reflect or anticipate changes in the job commensurate with the grade and job title. The successful candidate must have a commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Person

Specification

Please refer to these requirements when completing the application. The Person Specification is related to the requirements of the post as determined by the Job Description.

Essential	Desirable
Education and Qualifications	
A pass in Maths & English GCSE or equivalent	 Have a health and safety qualification or training
Experience	
Experience of working to a high standard within a cleaning role	 Experience of working within the academy or education sector.
Knowledge and Understanding	
 Have an in-depth knowledge of cleaning equipment and techniques Good understanding of health and safety and good practice in relation to cleaning Ability to manage time effectively to complete tasks to a high level Ability to work both alone and within a team to achieve specified standards Be flexible to changing demands of the post To undertake any training relevant to the role 	 Knowledge of child protection and safeguarding policies Sound understanding of equal opportunity issues within the workplace and the importance of culture and ethos and how this impacts on morale, high expectation and high standards
Characteristics and Competencies	
 Good time keeping skills The ability to be flexible in terms of shift pattern and varying tasks to complete during working hours Availability to work at required times Excellent communication including verbal and written skills Ability and keenness to promote the Trust's positive culture and ethos A high level of integrity, confidentiality and discretion. Ability to develop good personal relationships within a team, making an effective contribution to high morale 	



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