



Maritime  
Academy  
Trust

# Recruitment Pack Medway Strategic Attendance Officer

# Introduction

Maritime has been an adventure from day one. We are proud of how far we have come, but more than that, we are excited about where we are going.

We are passionate about breaking barriers for children and helping them realise they are capable of incredible things. We expect the same of ourselves -- thinking outside the box and achieving creativity through problem-solving. We are relentlessly focused on building a brilliant organisation to help build a solid start in life for every single one of our pupils.



Tiffany Beck, Chair of Trustees

This is an exciting time to join Maritime Academy Trust as we stand at a pivotal moment in our journey. Building on a recent period of growth, we are energised to refine and revitalise our vision and goals for the future.

Our Big Hairy Audacious Goal is to positively disrupt education so that every child has an excellent start in life. Achieving this requires fresh thinking, bold ideas, and a relentless drive to make a real difference for children and families.

At Maritime, we're not just about results – we're about people. We pride ourselves on being a friendly and supportive employer where fun and not taking ourselves too seriously are key to our culture. If you share our ambition and our values, we would love to welcome you to our team.



Nick Osborne, Chief Executive Officer

# Background

Maritime Academy Trust began as a partnership of three schools in Greenwich. The impact of our partnership work was striking – our schools transformed through targeted collaboration, innovative ideas and an entrepreneurial curriculum, firmly embedded in knowledge, that builds leadership and life skills into children. To secure this collaboration for the future, we created Maritime in 2016. Since then, our Trust has grown in strength, capacity and expertise.

We now serve 4000 pupils and 700 staff in thirteen schools across Greenwich, Bexley, Kent and Medway. We support the development of our schools in all aspects of education, finance, HR, IT, estates, operations and governance.

Our role as a Trust is to ensure meaningful collaboration drives improvement, innovation and efficiencies across the schools, enabling headteachers to focus on teaching and learning so every pupil can thrive.



# Maritime Mindset

We created Maritime around an idea - that education should be meaningful, that children should love learning, and that everyone who works with us should feel they make an impact. We believe in preparing children for a future we can't even imagine yet - through the life skills in a knowledge-rich, entrepreneurial curriculum: critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, character, citizenship, and communication. This is how they'll be able to adapt in an ever-changing world. Children celebrate their learning through their Big Outcomes.

We work together across our Trust through our Maritime Behaviours which frame our approach to every day, every opportunity and every challenge: collaboration, adaptability, supportiveness & trust, humour & positivity, humility & honesty, and creativity & innovation.

Each of our schools is different, but they do share three main things:

- A belief in a curriculum that is engaging for children and challenges them to develop skills as well as knowledge.
- An expectation of outstanding behaviour in school so children feel safe and are in an environment which helps them learn to the best of their ability.
- A strong belief in collaboration, looking to learn from each other and also willing to support others when they are in need.



# Our Academies

Our academies are located across London and the South East.



Barnsole Primary School



Bligh Infant & Junior School



Brooklands Primary School



Danecourt School



Ebbsfleet Green Primary School



Featherby Infant & Junior School



Greenacres Primary School



Hook Lane Primary School



Millennium Primary School



Nightingale Primary School



Timbercroft Primary School

# Medway Hub Maritime Attendance Officer Academies

Below are the Academies that you will be responsible for as part of this role located across Medway - please click on the URL's below to find out more about each individual academy



Barnsole Primary School

<https://www.barnsoleprimary.medway.sch.uk/>



Featherby Infant  
& Junior School

<https://www.featherby-jun.medway.sch.uk/>



Bligh Infant & Junior  
School

<https://www.blighprimaryschool.co.uk/>



Danecourt School

<https://www.danecourtschool.com/>



# Your Maritime Benefits

The Maritime Academy Trust is able to provide our children with a phenomenal education because we employ the very best Teachers and Support Staff, who share our vision, values and behaviours. We want our employees to feel valued and offer a competitive package of benefits.

National Terms & Conditions



Mental Health First Aiders



Enhanced maternity & paternity benefits



CPD & Progression opportunities



Early salary access & financial advice



Interest free Travel Work Loans



Access to face to face counselling sessions



Annual Flu Vaccinations



Eyecare Vouchers



Local Government & Teachers Pensions Schemes



Cycle to Work Scheme



Comprehensive Employee Assistance Programme



## Application Guidance

Thank you for your interest in working with the Maritime Multi-Academy Trust. This Application Guidance has been developed to help you to complete your application. Please take a few minutes to read through the information before filling out the application form.

Your application will be your first point of contact with the Trust. The content of your application will determine whether or not you will be invited to interview, therefore it is essential that you complete it as fully as possible. We will not make any assumptions about your abilities and do not take into account any previous applications.

CVs are not acceptable in the place of a completed application form and all candidates are required to address the criteria on the person specification for the post. However, you may submit a CV in addition to your completed application form.

### Personal Details

Enter fully and clearly your name, address and telephone number(s) so that you can be easily contacted in the event that you are shortlisted to attend an interview.

### Employment

State clearly your current or most recent employer's name and address. Include details of the post held and (if applicable) reason for leaving.

### Previous Employment

Enter names and addresses of all previous employers, starting with the most recent. You can also include work experience placements, holiday jobs or voluntary work in which you have developed skills relevant to the job you are applying for. It is very important that you complete this section in chronological order, and detail accurately any gaps between employment and other activities.

### Education

Provide full details of your education at secondary level and above along with details of degrees/diplomas and any other qualifications, including those that you are currently studying for. Make sure you give all the information required, including levels and grades of any examinations taken. If a required qualification has been specified for the role, make sure you give all the information required and levels of any examinations taken. You will be expected to provide documentary evidence if you are invited for an interview.

### Supporting Statement

This section is very important. It gives you the opportunity to detail why you feel you are the best person for the job and why you are applying, and is the key information that is used for shortlisting. Before completing this section refer to the Job Description and Person Specification for the role.



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Add short Focus on how your skills, knowledge and experience meet each role requirement, detailed in the person specification giving specific examples. In completing this section you may refer to both paid and voluntary work and your experience within any school or any relevant experience outside

### Referees

Provide the names, addresses and email addresses of two people who are willing and able to provide references in support of your application. One of these must be your current (or most recent) employer.

If you are not currently working with children but have done so in the past, the second referee should be the employer by whom you were most recently employed in work with children. Please note that family members, friends and relatives are not acceptable

Referees will be asked about past disciplinary actions or allegations excluding those that were deemed to be unfounded, unsubstantiated or malicious when assessing your application.

**If you are subsequently made a conditional offer of employment, further information may**

### Eligibility to Work in the UK

If you are selected to attend for an interview you will be asked to provide documentary evidence of your right to work in the UK.

### Declarations

If you are appointed, you will be required to complete an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) application. The DBS will provide a report to you confirming whether you have any history of criminal convictions, including cautions and

**All posts in schools are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; this means you must declare all convictions,**

The existence of a criminal background does not automatically mean that you cannot be appointed but it may do so.

We need to know if you have a close relationship with and/or are related to any employee, governor or anyone else connected to the school, in order to ensure a fair selection process.

If you have a disability please provide details of any adjustments that you will require if shortlisted for an interview. Any details you provide regarding a disability will be dealt with sensitively and will only be disclosed to staff involved in the selection process when it is considered appropriate and necessary.

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Before submitting your application form ensure that you take time to read it through to check for any errors or omissions. You may find it useful to keep a copy of your submitted application form to refer to if you are short listed for the post you are applying for. Your completed application must be submitted before the specified closing date.

### Next Steps

You will be notified as to whether you have been shortlisted to attend an interview. It is the policy of the Trust that feedback is not provided to candidates at the shortlisting stage

### Online Checks

In line with KCSIE 2023 guidance, as part of the shortlisting process, the Trust reserves the right to conduct an online search on shortlisted candidates as part of our due diligence and to share any pertinent information found concerning a candidate's suitability to work with children with Hiring Managers to be discussed at interview stage

### Safeguarding

It is an offence to apply for a job if you are banned from working with children. Please see our policy statement on the recruitment of ex-offenders

Maritime Trust and its schools are committed to recruiting with care and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to a satisfactory DBS check. A copy of our policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders can be [\*\*found here\*\*](#)

A copy of the Maritime safeguarding policy is [\*\*available here\*\*](#)

Shortlisted applicants will be asked to complete a criminal history declaration before interview. [Privacy](#)

A copy of our privacy statement for job applicants can be found [here](#)

**Maritime Academy Trust embraces diversity and equal opportunity in a serious way. We are committed to building a team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives and skills. The more inclusive we are, the better our work will be.**

# Job Description

Job Title:	Medway Strategic Attendance Officer
Grade:	Medway C1 (6-19)
Academy/Team:	Barnsole, Bligh, Featherby and Danecourt
Reporting To:	Headteacher
Direct Reports:	Not Applicable

## Purpose of Job:

To promote excellent attendance across multiple schools within the trust, identify patterns of absence, and provide targeted intervention. The role involves working closely with school attendance teams, Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs), families, local authorities, and other external agencies. You will be responsible for generating formal communication, preparing court documentation, and carrying out home visits to support and challenge families in ensuring pupils' regular attendance

## Specific Responsibilities:

Attendance Monitoring and Analysis.

Monitor attendance across multiple schools, identifying pupils with low attendance or persistent absence.

Work with school leaders and DSLs to analyse trends and target at-risk pupils.

Maintain accurate and up-to-date attendance records in accordance with trust and statutory requirements.

Produce attendance reports for SLT and LACs.

Safeguarding and DSL Collaboration.

Liaise regularly with DSLs at each school regarding safeguarding concerns linked to attendance.

Contribute to safeguarding meetings, including Early Help, Child Protection, and CIN conferences where attendance is a concern.

Report and escalate safeguarding risks as per policy, maintaining strict confidentiality and professionalism.

Be a DSL

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## Legal and Statutory Responsibilities

Generate formal letters to parents/carers regarding attendance concerns in line with trust and local authority guidance (e.g., warning letters, fixed penalty notices).

Prepare thorough documentation and evidence to support legal proceedings, including witness statements and case files.

Work in partnership with local authority Education Welfare Services to initiate and support court action against non-compliant families.

Attend court hearings as a representative of the trust, presenting evidence where necessary.  
Family and Community Engagement.

Conduct home visits to discuss attendance concerns with parents/carers in a supportive yet assertive manner.

Build constructive relationships with families to identify and address barriers to attendance.

Signpost families to appropriate support services and work collaboratively to develop attendance improvement plans.

Work closely with teaching staff, pastoral leads, SENCO, and safeguarding teams to ensure a holistic approach to pupil wellbeing and attendance.

Share good practices and advise school leaders on attendance improvement strategies based on local authority and national standards.

## Trust-Wide Collaboration

Work across schools to ensure consistent approaches to attendance management.

Support school staff with attendance training and awareness.

Share good practice and provide regular updates to Trust Attendance Lead and Senior Leadership Teams.

## General

To undertake any other work appropriate to the level and general nature of the post's duties.

To undertake all duties with due regard to the provisions of health and safety regulations and legislation, the Trust's Equal Opportunities, Data Protection and statutory obligations in respect of safeguarding children.

# Person specification

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**Method of Assessment:** AF = Application Form, T = Test, P = Presentation, I = Interview  
**Shortlisting Criteria:** Essential criteria assessed via application form should be used to shortlist.

Criteria	Method of Assessment	Essential/ Desirable
<b>Knowledge &amp; Experience</b>		
Experience in an education or child welfare setting, ideally within attendance or safeguarding roles	AF/I	E
Understanding of attendance legislation, safeguarding procedures, and legal processes related to school attendance.	AF/I/T	E
Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.	AF/I	E
Ability to manage sensitive situations with discretion, empathy, and firmness.	AF/I	E
Experience in multi-agency work including with local authorities and courts.	AF/I	D
<b>Skills and Abilities</b>		
Full UK driving licence and access to a vehicle for home visits and travel between sites.		E
Knowledge of MIS systems (e.g., SIMS, Arbor, Bromcom)		D
DSL or safeguarding training		D



# Person specification

General		
Commitment to the highest standards of child protection and safeguarding.	AF/I	E
Understanding of and commitment to the Trust's/School's equal opportunities policies and ability to put into practice in the context of this post.	AF/I	E
Understanding of and commitment to the Trust's obligations in respect of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018.	AF/I	E



How to  
Apply:

[Phttps://mynewterm.com/jobs/16311/EDV-2025-MAT-68464](https://mynewterm.com/jobs/16311/EDV-2025-MAT-68464)

Further  
Information:

Please visit the [Maritime Academy Trust website](#)

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Our safeguarding policy can be found on our website :

**[https://www.maritimeacademytrust.org/docs/policies/Maritime\\_Child\\_Protection\\_and\\_Safeguarding\\_Policy\\_2021-2022.pdf](https://www.maritimeacademytrust.org/docs/policies/Maritime_Child_Protection_and_Safeguarding_Policy_2021-2022.pdf)**



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