

Secondary

Academy  
Transformation  
Trust

Catering Assistant

# Application Pack

Pool Hayes Academy  
Willenhall



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# 01. Welcome from the CEO

## Welcome from the Chief Executive

Thank you for your interest in joining Academy Transformation Trust. Choosing the right next step in your career is an important decision, and I am delighted that you are considering doing so with us.

At ATT we are driven by a simple but profound belief: every child can and should become capable, competent, and confident. Our purpose is to transform lives through education, and our strategy, ATT2030, sets out how we will achieve this for every pupil, every colleague, and every community we serve.

We know that people are at the heart of everything we do. Our trust thrives because of the talent, dedication, and values of our colleagues. If you choose to join us, you will become part of a high-trust, high-accountability organisation where principals are empowered to lead, colleagues are supported to grow, and everyone is united in the moral purpose of education.

We are ambitious for our pupils and ambitious for our people. Across the trust you will find a culture of collaboration, professional excellence, and deep care for one another. We celebrate hard work, integrity, and teamwork, and we create opportunities for everyone to flourish.

I wish you every success with your application. Whether or not you go on to join us, I hope you will recognise that ATT is a community committed to excellence, to belonging and becoming, and to ensuring that all of us – pupils and adults alike – leave more capable, more competent, and more confident than when we arrived.

With best wishes,



**Mark McCourt**  
*Chief Executive Officer*



## 02. About Academy Transformation Trust

### About Academy Transformation Trust

At Academy Transformation Trust (ATT), our ambition is that every person who passes through our schools and colleges becomes an educated person – able to take a rightful place in the community of educated people and to join what Robert Maynard Hutchins called “the Great Conversation.” An ATT education stresses history, the scientific mode of thinking, the disciplined use of language, a wide-ranging knowledge of the arts and religion, and the continuity of human enterprise. We aspire for everyone, regardless of their starting point, to leave us capable, competent, and confident.

### Our Values

ATT2030 sets a values-driven culture that is explicit about how we work and lead:

- **Belonging & Becoming:** we meet each child where they are and refuse to leave them there – giving them both roots and wings.
- **Integrity & Excellence:** we act ethically, celebrate excellence, and pursue high standards in all that we do.
- **High Trust, High Accountability:** decision-making sits close to pupils and communities; principals are trusted as strategic leaders; the central team acts as expert partner; accountability is professional, dialogic, and focused on learning and improvement.

### Our Three Goals

Everything in ATT2030 is organised around three interlinked goals that describe the kind of people – pupils and adults – we are forming:

- **Capable:** equipped with the knowledge, skills, and emotional readiness to perform to a high standard, adapt to change, and contribute meaningfully.
- **Competent:** possessing the knowledge, habits, and judgement to get things done – well, reliably, and independently – handling setbacks and making steady progress.
- **Confident:** feeling safe, happy, and known – secure enough to take risks, speak up, and grow with purpose and integrity.



## Our Nine Aims (by 2030)

These goals translate into nine aims that define success for ATT by 2030:

### Capable

1. Professional Excellence – skilled professionals delivering consistently high standards.
2. Fluent Learners and Thinkers – confident, curious learners fluent in communication and technology.
3. Multiple Pathways to Success – diverse routes that recognise varied talents and passions.

### Competent

4. Purposeful, Knowledge-Rich Learning – rigorous, meaningful learning that enriches lives.
5. Unwavering Focus – purposeful use of time and energy on what matters most.
6. Strength Through Challenge – resilience built by tackling challenge and learning from it.

### Confident

7. Valued and Empowered Individuals – everyone known, valued, and supported to be their best.
8. Leading with Integrity, Celebrating Excellence – values-led leadership and cultures that recognise excellence.
9. Moments That Shape Us – deliberate rites of passage and significant experiences that foster growth and self-discovery.

## Our Approach to Working Together

We are building a high-trust, high-accountability organisation. Principals are empowered as strategic leaders of their academies; the central team provides expert challenge, support, tools, and evidence; accountability is reframed as professional dialogue aimed at continuous improvement, not blame. This is how we ensure that every child leaves us capable, competent, and confident.



## 03. Academy Information



Pool Hayes  
Academy

### Pool Hayes Academy

Pool Hayes Academy is part of the Academy Transformation Trust family of academies.

Based in Willenhall, in the West Midlands, Pool Hayes Academy is an academy for 11-18 year old students that retains strong links within our local community and beyond.

The academy draws its pupils largely from the Willenhall area. We have experienced substantial growth in recent years and the academy is now a provider of choice in the area and is over-subscribed.

### Academy Vision & Values

At Pool Hayes Academy we have a very clear and ambitious vision for our academy. We believe in **“Unlocking your Potential – Empowering through Success”**. Our vision guides our decision and actions across Pool Hayes Academy and means that any child regardless of circumstance can fulfil their potential at our academy. Furthermore, we believe that educational success leads to empowerment for our young people and the freedom to make more choices over their future.

Underpinning our vision are our values. These values clearly set out the behaviours and qualities we expect and instil in our young people. They are:

**Aspiration:** We work hard consistently to fulfil our ambitions and achieve our potential.

**Respect:** We show pride in celebrating diversity, keeping each other safe and accepting everyone in our community.

**Excellence:** We have high expectations of our conduct and lead by example at all times.

**Resilience:** We embrace challenge, take risks and grow confidently from our mistakes.

### Outcomes and Ofsted

In 2022 Pool Hayes Academy secured an Ofsted grading of Good, but there is still so much more that we want to achieve and can achieve to establish Pool Hayes Academy as a truly outstanding provider.

To find out more, please visit [www.poolhayes.attrust.org.uk](http://www.poolhayes.attrust.org.uk) or call the academy to arrange a conversation with our Head of Academy, Lisa Macey.



## 04. Job Description

# Job Description

## Catering Assistant

Reporting to: Catering Manager

### Responsibilities:

- To assist with the basic preparation of food and refreshments, which may include some cooking.
- To assist with the setting up of the servery counters for lunch.
- To assist the Catering Supervisor/Manager and colleagues with academy hospitality functions.
- To assist with the general daily cleaning of the kitchen and associated areas.
- To assist with the care, cleaning, and maintenance cleaning of all equipment in use in the kitchen as required.
- To assist with the washing up of all kitchen items.
- To prepare the dining room for service, including cleaning, sweeping, mopping and laying of tables when necessary.
- To move the dining room furniture within the dining room when necessary.
- To serve pupils and staff in line with academy requirements.
- To report any inappropriate behaviour in line with the behaviour policy.
- To encourage children to take a balanced meal, especially those on special or restricted diets.
- To be aware of children on special or restricted diets for medical reasons.

### General Duties:

- To maintain the agreed standard of dress and appearance

- To ensure all tasks are carried out with due regard to Health & Safety.
- To undertake appropriate professional development including adhering to the principle of performance management.
- To adhere to the ethos and values of the academy.
- To set an example of personal integrity and professionalism.
- To attend appropriate meetings as directed by the academy/Trust leadership teams.
- Any other duties as commensurate within the grade in order to ensure the smooth running of the academy.
- Observance of the Trust's equal opportunities policy.

## Safeguarding:

- Individuals have a responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children.
- To have due regard for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and to follow the child protection procedures adopted by the academy.

The duties and responsibilities of this post may vary from time to time according to the changing demands of the academy. This job description may be reviewed at the reasonable discretion of the Principal in the light of those changing requirements and in consultation with the postholder. In any event the Principal reserves the right to review and amend the job description.

The Job Description is a description of the job to be undertaken and performed to the satisfaction of the Principal by the postholder. It does not form part of the contract of employment. Pool Hayes Academy 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 by observing the academy's Safeguarding policies and procedures.

# 05. Person Specification

## Person Specification

### Catering Assistant

	Essential	Desirable	How will this be demonstrated
Professional Qualifications and learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant Training and Cookery Qualification or equivalent experience required.</li> <li>Food Safety Level 2.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application Form/Checking and original copy evidence</li> </ul>
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food hygiene and cookery skills.</li> <li>Knowledge and understanding of catering related legislation, such as Natasha's Law 2021.</li> <li>Experience and knowledge of working in a large-scale catering environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application Form</li> <li>Interview</li> <li>References</li> </ul>
Knowledge that supports the role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ability to work as part of a team.</li> <li>The ability to work independently and make sound decisions.</li> <li>Excellent communication and organisational skills.</li> <li>Good customer care skills</li> <li>Ability to operate IT equipment eg. Tills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application form</li> <li>Interview</li> <li>References</li> </ul>
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to establish positive and professional relationships with staff, visitors and students.</li> <li>Interpersonal and communication skills.</li> <li>Ability to meet the physical demands of the role.</li> <li>Ability to keep calm under pressure.</li> <li>Good time keeping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interview</li> <li>References</li> </ul>

	Essential	Desirable	How will this be demonstrated
Other Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be able to work flexibly and within contracted hours</li> <li>• Attendance at meetings, IN-SET/parent's evenings/academy events as required.</li> </ul>	Other Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interview</li> <li>• References</li> </ul>

This job description can be altered, with the agreement of the post holder and will be reviewed on an annual basis. It is not a comprehensive statement of procedures and tasks, but sets out the main expectations of the Trust in relation to the post holder's professional responsibilities and duties.



## 06. Onboarding

### Recruitment & Selection

You can expect the following from the Recruitment & Selection process:

#### Prior to Interview

- Adverts & Candidate packs that give the full detail of the role (responsibilities, pay, development etc)
- A point of contact for the vacancy within the Trusts recruitment team to advise on each step of the recruitment process
- A full and comprehensive vetting process, that meets and exceeds the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 [Keeping children safe in education 2025](#)
- An applicant tracking system that allows you to enter details with ease and receive updates to the progress of you application and or pre-employment checks
- Selection for Interview based upon the Job Description and Person Specification

#### Interviews

- The opportunity to prepare with enough notice for interview processes
- A meet and greet at the place of work (Academy or Office) with members of the panel. If the Interview is held on Teams an opportunity to meet at later date
- The opportunity to ask questions and have a full interview with discussion around the role

#### Following the Interview

- You will receive notification as to whether you were or were not successful
- You will be given an opportunity to obtain feedback
- If successful further safer recruitment checks will take place
- You will receive a conditional offer of employment and contracts of employment will not be issued until all checks are received and are satisfactory

#### Induction

- You will receive a Trust Induction and a localised induction which will give you further information on policies, process and procedures that impact your role
- You should expect regular opportunities to meet with your line manager to address any issues or concerns you may have or to plan any required training you may need
- You should expect to have all the equipment you need to begin your role
- You will have access to the Trusts benefit platform VivUp from day one of employment



## What is our Institute?

Our ATT Institute is the cornerstone of ATT colleague professional development for all roles and career stages, bringing the best development opportunities from accredited courses to one off training sessions. All our courses are evidence-based and facilitated by extremely knowledgeable professionals, so we know that all our colleagues receive the best training available. Our offer is designed and delivered by a group of expert colleagues with the needs of all our stakeholders in mind. Whatever your current role and aspirations, there will be something in our offer to support you in reaching the next step of your career journey

## Personal Development (PD) Opportunities for our Colleagues

Our Academy Transformation Trust Institute (ATTI) has a suite of training opportunities and professional development pathways across all our directorates: Education, Finance, Governance, Trustees and operations.

These are promoted internally via our dedicated SharePoint and directed communications, and externally via the [ATTI webpage](#). Our ATTI offer is continually evolving to meet the ever-changing professional development needs of our colleagues and includes a range of accredited courses and bespoke training opportunities.

## Strategic Collaboration

Collaboration is essential to the continued improvement of our academies and colleagues. We create a culture of collaboration through our professional networks and enable colleagues to drive our Trust priorities within their domains of expertise



# 08. How to Apply

## Catering Assistant

### Applying:

Please apply by visiting  
[www.academytransformationtrust.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.academytransformationtrust.co.uk/vacancies)

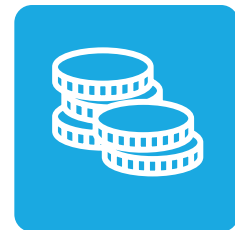


### Status: Permanent

20 hours per week  
39 weeks per year – Term Time Only

### Salary:

NJC Pt 3 - 6  
Actual Salary: £11,528 - £12,082  
FTE Salary: £24,795 - £25,988



### Closing Date:

Monday 29 June 2026, 09.00am

### Start Date:

As soon as possible



### Interviews:

To be confirmed

We utilise an application tracking system which will require data from you in order to complete the application process. If you are struggling to access this system or wish to have an informal conversation regarding the role, please reach out to the contact on the advert and they will be able to support you.





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