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HAYES SCHOOL

SENCO Candidate Pack



Required for May 2026
Main/Upper Pay Range+ TLR (Outer London)

We are looking to appoint an inspirational and committed full-time SENCO to lead and manage the provision for students with Special Educational Needs and disabilities (SEND) across the school, holding the National Professional Qualification for SENCOs (NPQ SENCO).

Our school benefits from and actively contributes to a range of partnerships and we are the lead school for the Bromley Schools' Collegiate, a School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) provider for primary and secondary teacher training.

Hayes School is a high achieving, oversubscribed school, which provides excellent education for its students as well as exciting opportunities for professional and career development for staff. The school benefits from its proximity to central London and excellent transport links whilst bordering the beautiful Kent countryside.

"Pupils enjoy school and achieve highly." (Ofsted)

"The curriculum is especially well throughout." (Ofsted)

"All who work in the school understand and share these values. This is the Hayes Way" (Ofsted)

We can offer:

- Motivated students with outstanding attitudes to learning.
- Outstanding student behaviour.
- Excellent facilities for staff, including an on-site fitness suite.
- An excellent induction and support programme for new staff.
- An employee Assistance Programme and flu vaccination.
- Innovative approaches to Teacher Professional Development.
- Opportunities to work with other schools through established partnerships.
- A friendly working environment.

Closing Date: Friday, 27th February 2026 (9.00am)

We reserve the right to close this vacancy early if we receive sufficient applications for the role. Therefore, if you are interested, please submit your application as early as possible

Interviews Date: To be confirmed

Please send your completed application form and covering letter to
vacancies@hayes.bromley.sch.uk. If you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact Karolina Kedziora, HR Officer at kmk@hayes.bromley.sch.uk.

We are committed to equality of opportunity for all our staff. We particularly welcome applicants from ethnic minority backgrounds as they are currently under-represented on our staff body. We recognise the vital contribution that members of a diverse team make to our students' learning. The range of cultural experiences, differing viewpoints and role models this brings is essential in our Trust and we recognise the gap that would be left in our offering without these.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Therefore, the successful applicant will be subject to Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Hayes is a happy, welcoming school where together we strive for excellence in everything we do. At Hayes, we offer an exceptional range of experiences and opportunities—many of which are rare to find in a state school. We believe that the memories and relationships formed through trips, clubs, and shared experiences are often what stay with students and staff the longest—and they enrich our lives in powerful, lasting ways. Through the “Hayes Way,” we show our deep commitment to personal development: to helping young people build character and become the very best version of themselves.

At the heart of this commitment are two simple but powerful questions that guide our staff’s work with your children:

- [**Would this school be good enough for my child?**](#)
- [**Would I like to work with a colleague like me?**](#)

I believe that hard work gives us purpose and unlocks success. It’s through this shared sense of endeavour that our students go on to achieve grades they can be proud of—and, more importantly, the future they deserve.

I’m incredibly proud to lead Hayes—a school rated Outstanding by Ofsted in 2022 and recognised with the *World Class Schools Quality Mark*—and I very much hope to read your application.

Rob Hitch
Headteacher

ABOUT HAYES SCHOOL

Our School

Hayes School is a high achieving, oversubscribed and well-disciplined 11-18 co-educational school with excellent accommodation and facilities set in very attractive grounds. We provide an outstanding education for our students as well as exciting opportunities for professional and career development for staff. Our 1700 students have a desire to succeed and to learn displaying excellent attitudes and behaviour. Relationships between students and staff are very good and staff enjoy opportunities to lead and participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities and trips. (There are over 80 clubs and over 100 trips take place every year)

In September 2022, Hayes School was judged Outstanding by Ofsted:

- "It is clear that Hayes School provides all pupils with an exceptional experience."
- "Pupils behave extremely well. They are polite, respectful of others and have excellent professional relationships with their peers and teachers".
- "Leaders and teachers have developed a consistent approach to their work in the classroom".
- "A great deal of emphasis is given to ensuring that teachers are experts in their subjects".
- "Staff were especially positive about the way their wellbeing and workload is considered by leaders".

Attainment and progress are high and above local and national averages. In 2025, students achieved considerable academic success in GCSE, A level, vocational and L1/2 qualifications. 81% of GCSE students achieved at least a Grade 4 in English and Maths, and 1 in 3 grades were Grade 7-9 with student making excellent progress across a range of subjects/courses. In Year 13, 28% of all A-Level grades were at A*-A and over 60% of all grades were an A*-B. Our average A-level and Vocational grades were a B- and Distinction- respectively.

Our Sixth Form of 500 students is heavily oversubscribed and successful. "The Sixth Form curriculum meets the needs of all students and includes a range of academic and vocational qualifications (Ofsted 2022)."

However, Hayes is not complacent. We have a relentless commitment to improvement. We judge everything we do by the standard "would this be good enough for my child?" All staff go the extra mile to provide challenge, support and opportunities for every child.

We are very proud of our school, of the opportunities we provide, and of our role in the community. We strive to build on our success creating an environment where each individual is valued: an environment that fosters acceptance and compassion, vibrant, caring relationships, life-long learning skills and a strong sense of moral purpose.

Our Facilities

Hayes School benefits from a beautiful campus comprising green spaces, trees and a variety of purpose-built teaching blocks. The School offers exceptional educational facilities, which are continually being maintained, extended and developed. We have recently installed a purpose-built fitness suite for use by students and staff and a new, refurbished staff room.

Partnerships with local sporting clubs, Ealing Trailfinders RFC and Brunel University support our academy programmes and provide students and staff with access to high quality coaching and expertise.

Our arts provision in art, music, dance and drama is outstanding – students excel and benefit from high quality teaching and a wide range of opportunity.

All teachers and students have access to ICT to enhance teaching and learning.

The school benefits from:

- Staff laptops
- Brand new touch screen interactive panels in every classroom
- A significant number of networked computer suites across the school
- Media and photography equipment including digital stills, video cameras, studio and dark room
- Industry standard machinery including laser cutters, 3D printers and CAD/CAM equipment
- State of the art audio-visual equipment to support high quality performances
- A high speed wireless network across the campus
- An on-site Fitness Suite available for staff use

Our students

Our students are a delight to work with. They are kind, caring and supportive of each other. We have “uncompromising aspirations” for all and encourage our young people to aim high and to live our motto “Excellence through Endeavour.” Hayes students want to do well and recognise that they need to work hard to achieve their own personal ambitions. The “Hayes Way” enables all students to demonstrate the behaviours for learning we expect and supports us in sustaining an environment where all are respected and can be safe, happy and successful.

We recognise our responsibility to prepare students for life beyond school and place equal emphasis on the development of skills and attributes as we do success in public examinations. ‘The Hayes Learner’ promotes reflective, creative, communicative, independent and collaborative students and at their heart, we expect our students to be kind, respectful, responsible, tolerant and proud.

We have a well-developed pastoral system and staff genuinely care about our students as individuals. We encourage students to participate in school life and to lead our school. There are countless opportunities to volunteer, mentor other students and participate in extra-curricular clubs, activities and educational trips and visits.

Our staff

We recognise and value the skills, knowledge and expertise of all our staff and are committed to supporting their professional development. Our newly launched Teacher Professional Growth programme supports teacher professional development within ‘teaching and learning communities’ as we model our commitment to lifelong learning to the students we teach. In this respect, we balance the needs of the school with those of the individual. Teaching and leadership development programmes are delivered in-house and there are

opportunities to mentor and support trainee and early career teachers, or to participate in coaching programmes.

An induction programme, staff buddies and an active staff committee all contribute to helping staff new to the school to find their feet. All staff are willing to share expertise, resources and ideas and are a great source of support.

We are committed to working in partnership with other schools, both within and outside our Trust. We encourage and support further learning and research and there are opportunities for specialist career progression and to work with and support other schools through networks and partnerships.

Staff regularly go the extra mile at Hayes to support students and to give their time to the broad extra-curricular programme, which includes sports, music, drama and a host of trips, exchanges, clubs and other activities.

We are a friendly team of teachers and associate (support) staff and look forward to welcoming you to our school.

The Impact Multi Academy Trust

Hayes School joined with Ravens Wood School in April 2017 to form the Impact Multi Academy Trust.

In September 2022, our trust merged with Langley Park Learning Trust to form a new trust of seven schools (Clare House Primary School, Hawes Down Primary School, Hayes School, Langley Park Primary School, Langley Park School for Boys, Langley Park School for Girls and Ravens Wood School). This year, we have added an eighth successful school to our trust with the inclusion of Darrick Wood Secondary School. It is rare to see two high performing, like-minded trusts come together in the interests of providing better and more sustainable education and care for all of the children in their schools and community, but we believe this is what the Impact Multi Academy Trust is.

Our schools are popular and high performing, serving the same community. They are also driven by a commitment to improving even further to deliver the very best education, care and life chances for all children. We are driven by educational and moral purpose as well as enlightened self-interest. We want all schools within the Trust to retain their identity and compete, but also to collaborate to provide an outstanding educational experience that impacts on the life chances of all students. This is reflected in our Trust vision, mission and values.

There is an African proverb "If you want to travel fast travel alone. If you want to travel far travel together." Together in collaboration, we will build on the strengths of all schools, address those areas that could and should be improved further, and travel both fast and far in the interests of all our students.

Working within a trust provides opportunities for support from a network of teachers and support staff across all our schools.

For more information about the school, please watch our introductory video ([click](#) on image below)



What do parents say about Hayes School?

"Hayes School produces wonderful young people"

"The school encourages the students to achieve the best they can, to reach their potential."

"My children are comfortable and relaxed at school with great friends. They respect their teachers and enjoy their day. They never complain or moan about school. We are extremely happy with Hayes School."

"I have been so impressed and grateful for the dedication shown by teachers to enable my son to achieve the best that he can."

"Strong leadership and management starts from the top and filters throughout the whole school."

"The school has a family feel about it."

"Hayes is an outstanding school that doesn't rest on its laurels. The school continues to strive to do better."

"The leaders are regularly seen around the school talking to students which I think is great to see."

"I believe you have created a school environment which is what a school should be. Happy, safe, that allows students to be the best they can be and celebrates them for who they are."

"The support my child has received both pastorally and academically has been brilliant. The teaching is fantastic and the good behaviour of students is maintained."

"A huge range of opportunities and leadership activities is offered to children and they receive recognition for this."

"Hayes has built a reputation that is the envy of many other schools. As parents, we are very grateful that our children attend Hayes, as this will stand them in good stead for their futures."

"Hayes as a place is a fantastic community and this school is at the heart of it."

What do staff say about working at Hayes School?

"Since starting at Hayes, it has been clear that Teaching and Learning is at the very heart of everything at the school. I feel very supported here at Hayes, especially in developing teaching and learning practice."

"Students are incredibly dedicated and hardworking and are always pushing themselves to do their best. Working with students that are proactive, marvellously polite, well-mannered, and with high goals, is a really exceptional experience."

"The organisation and effective set up of whole-school procedures make Hayes School both a fulfilling and straight forward place at which to work."

"When I look back at my time at Hayes so far, it's very rewarding to see how I've progressed professionally. Every year I have been encouraged to, and have taken on responsibilities that I never thought I could do when I began teaching here."

"Academic success is central to the vision and aims of the school, but this is not at the detriment of the absolute commitment to the development of the whole child. The pastoral support, the ACTIVE (PSHE) curriculum and the extra-curricular opportunities are truly outstanding."

"Staff are highly motivated, committed to excellence and are always willing to support each other."

"Hayes is a true community school, which everyone is proud to be part of. I feel very much a valued member of a vibrant team working here."

"Hayes School is the kind of school you wished you could have attended as a child. The possibilities and opportunities are endless!"

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AT HAYES SCHOOL

At Hayes we hold high expectations for all our students. Our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) department aims to remove barriers to learning so that every pupil can make strong progress, become confident, independent learners, and achieve their full potential in all aspects of school life. We work closely with students, staff, parents/carers and external professionals to support pupils with SEND across the school. We are proud of the strong outcomes attained by our learners with additional needs.

The school has a higher than national average number of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). In addition, Hayes School has an Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) for students with a primary need of developmental language disorder (Speech, Language and Communication Needs), known as our SpLD. This specialist provision offers up to 25 places for Years 7–11, with a maximum of 5 students per year group. Students within the ARP study 50 % of the curriculum in small-group specialist teaching for core subjects, while the remaining 50 % of learning is fully integrated into mainstream classes and tutor groups. The ARP is managed by joint Heads of SpLD, under oversight of the SENCO.

SEND Support

Hayes follows the graduated approach, as outlined in the SEN Code of Practice (2014). Students with SEND receive appropriate support tailored to their individual needs. This includes:

- Quality First Teaching strategies used by subject teachers in every classroom.
- Differentiated planning and targeted interventions where needed.
- Exam access arrangements and other reasonable adjustments to help students demonstrate their learning equitably.
- Collaboration with parents/carers and, where appropriate, external agencies such as Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology and others.

Working Together

We believe that effective support for SEND pupils relies on strong teamwork between the school, families, and external professionals. The SEND Information Report is reviewed annually and provides details on provision, policies, and how to contact key staff including the SENCO and Deputy/Assistant SENCOs

For full details, please refer to the most recent SEND Information Report for Parents and Carers (2024–25) available on the Hayes School website.

JOB DESCRIPTION/PERSON SPECIFICATION

PURPOSE:

The SENCO will lead the school's work on all aspects of inclusion, so that all students can achieve their potential regardless of their starting point. The SENCO will provide professional leadership for the school in areas agreed with the Headteacher, which secures success and continuous improvement in teaching and learning, ensures a high quality education and school experience for all learners.

RESPONSIBLE FOR:

Inclusion:

- To lead, develop and improve Transition opportunities, Safeguarding and inclusion, aiming for the highest achievable standards.
- To play a central role in embedding inclusion within the school. To seek active collaboration with curriculum leaders, supporting, guiding and motivating colleagues, particularly in relation to students with behavioural problems, SEN, EAL, LAC
- To lead the Pupil Development team to ensure that all students are supported and achieve their potential in terms of achievement and progress and have a safe, happy and varied educational experience at the school
- To liaise with the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Child Protection Officer in order to ensure the safety and well-being of students.
- To manage the transition of SEND students from KS2-3 building strong, mutually supportive relationships with primary schools and parents, ensuring cross-phase transition is thorough and informative.
- To ensure that risk assessments and Health and Safety regulations are observed.

Leading and Managing:

- Take an active role in the recruitment and selection of support staff for the Pupil Development (PD) department
- Line manage Deputy SENCo, Higher Level Teaching Assistants, specialist staff and Additional Provision Leader.
- Ensure colleagues engage with the schools Professional Growth Process
- Manage the identification of those students with SEND at the earliest possible opportunity
- Support the Teaching and Learning team in monitoring Quality First Teaching across the whole school and coordinate appropriate professional development for staff and whole school INSET.
- Take an active role in the performance management of PD support staff
- Ensure the SEND register is up to date and accurate
- To apply a coherent and transparent resourcing approach
- To support SEND students in being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving and making a positive contribution to society and achieving economic wellbeing.
- To comply with SEND statutory guidance – producing a current SEN Information Report and ensure the SEN Policy is updated and published.
- To offer an appropriate, full, broad and balanced curriculum to students with SEND
- To work in partnership with external agencies and other schools
- Assess the impact of provision against student outcomes
- To create a purposeful parental engagement as part of SEND students' learning journey
- Identify resources needed to meet the needs of students with SEN and advise the Headteacher accordingly.
- Maintain a duty of care regarding pupil, staff and visitors' health, safety and welfare.
- Prepare the annual SEN Information Report.
- Keep abreast of new initiatives and developments in legislation.
- Report to the Headteacher and Governing body an evaluation of SEN provision in the school and exercise a key role in assisting the Headteacher and governors with the strategic development of SEN policy and provision.

Teaching and Learning:

- Support teachers in identifying and assessing students with SEN
- Dissemination of information regarding effective teaching approaches for individual students with SEN.
- Work with staff to develop effective ways of bridging barriers to learning through:
- Monitor teaching and learning activities to ensure they meet the needs of students with SEND
- Ensure that Quality First Teaching is embedded by all teaching staff at Hayes School
- Collect and interpret specialist assessment data to ensure staff expertise is matched with student need

Recording and Assessment:

- Ensure robust tracking systems are in place to collect and interpret specific pupil level assessment data allowing the school to identify value-added by its quality first teaching
- Update the Headteacher and Governors on the effectiveness of provision for pupils with SEN.
- Coordinate the monitoring systems for screening pupils at “point of entry” identifying, assessing and reviewing provision for SEN children once identified.

Selection Criteria

Qualifications & Training	
Good Honours Degree or equivalent	Essential
Qualified Teacher Status	Essential
Evidence of relevant continuous professional development	Essential
National Professional Qualification for SENCO	Essential
Professional Experience	
Experience of working with students with special educational needs and disabilities	Essential
Experience of working in a school environment	Essential
Experience of leading and developing others	Essential
Experience of teaching students across all key stages	Essential
Experience of working in a similar or relevant role	Desirable
Knowledge	
Excellent subject knowledge (in your teaching subject specialism)	Essential
An understanding of the SEND Code of Practice (2015)	Essential
Working knowledge of the SEND areas of need and how they impact on children and young people in school	Essential
Understanding of the impact of barriers to learning on student progress and attainment and how to address these	Essential
Professional Expertise	
Exhibit a range of teaching, learning and behaviour management strategies.	Essential
Be able to create a positive learning environment where expectations of students are high and behaviour is good.	Essential
Act as a role-model for students and staff through their personal and professional conduct	Essential
Have an understanding of how to improve results	Essential
Be reflective about your own practice	Essential

Be able to communicate effectively and accurately in written and spoken English	Essential
Demonstrate good interpersonal skills when working with staff, students, parents and other stakeholders	Essential
Have an attention to detail and accuracy	Essential
Be competent in the use of ICT (Microsoft Office and other applications)	Essential
Be committed to improving practice through professional development	Essential
Be flexible, resilient and have the ability to adapt to meet the needs of the role	Essential
Have an understanding of the features of good and outstanding teaching and learning	Essential
Be a good or outstanding classroom teacher	Essential
Have good time management and personal organisation skills	Essential
Be willing to contribute to the wider life of the school	Essential
Personal Attributes	
Be passionate about young people and their education	Essential
Have a commitment to raising standards and achievement	Essential
Have an excellent punctuality and attendance record	Essential
Be highly motivated and committed to working in a team	Essential
Have a calm, confident attitude	Essential
Be committed and have a capacity for hard work	Essential
Have a good sense of humour	Essential
Special Requirements of the Role	
Show a commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people	Essential
Show a commitment to meeting the needs of all students and equality of opportunity	Essential
Diplomacy, tact and discretion	Essential
Ability to keep confidentiality	Essential

Application Procedure

- 1) Carefully read all the information about this post.
- 2) Complete the application form as fully as possible. You must use the school application form. If there is insufficient room on any section of the form, please provide the additional information on a separate sheet.
- 3) In section 'details in support of your application' please tell us:
 - a) Why you are applying for this post.
 - b) How your experience, skills, training and/or qualifications equip you for this position and specifically how you meet the person specification and requirements of the job description.

Early applications are encouraged and we reserve the right to close the vacancy early if a suitable candidate is found.

Appointment Process

- 1) Suitable applicants will be shortlisted for an interview.
- 2) If successful, you will receive either an email or phone call inviting you to attend an interview. It is therefore important that you give us a daytime telephone number and email address.
- 3) Candidates called to an interview will:
 - a) Be given a tour of the school.
 - b) Have an opportunity to meet with members of the department.
 - c) Be expected to teach a lesson to students that will be observed by one or more members of the staff and usually include the Head of Department and/or Assistant Headteacher. Details of the lessons to be taught will be given in advance.
 - d) Complete a task and prepare and deliver a presentation
 - e) Have a formal interview with the Assistant Headteacher SENCO and a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Pre-Employment Checks

The successful applicant will be required to:

- 1) Provide details of two referees who know you in a professional capacity, one of whom must be your current or more recent employer, Headteacher or mentor at your placement if you are still training. It is our usual policy to take up references before interview where possible. Employment is conditional on these references being deemed satisfactory.
- 2) Provide proof of all relevant qualifications (GCSEs and A levels or equivalent), degree and teaching qualifications.
- 3) Provide proof of eligibility to work in the UK.
- 4) Undertake an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check, and receive clearance. Please note that an enhanced check will reveal all criminal convictions on record, including those that might be considered 'spent'.
- 5) Complete a Health Declaration form and New Starter Health Assessment Questionnaire with our occupational health provider, Health Assured.

Conditions of Service

Employment is subject to a number of pre-employment checking procedures – these are given above.

This post is also subject to the School Teacher's Pay and Conditions Document and the Condition of Service for School Teachers in England and Wales known as the Burgundy Book. The professional standards for teachers will also apply.

The job description may not be necessarily be a comprehensive definition of the post and may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the post holder.

Policy on Equal Opportunities

The School is an Equal Opportunities employer and appointments are based on the applicant's ability to meet the requirements of the position.

The School is opposed to any form of discrimination against any individual or group and welcomes the fact that our School includes a diversity of individuals from many races and cultures. Behaviour which is discriminatory on the grounds of race, colour, culture, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion will not be tolerated.

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