



Teaching Assistant (Maternity Cover)

Application Pack

The Queen Elizabeth Academy

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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



The Queen Elizabeth
Academy

Based in Atherstone, Warwickshire, The Queen Elizabeth Academy is part of the Academy Transformation Trust family of academies.

TQEA is an 11-16 mixed comprehensive academy with a vibrant learning atmosphere, a dedicated and supportive network of staff and exciting plans for the future. With a brand new school building, which opened in November 2016, this really is a great place to work.

The academy's vision is for all students to realise their full potential, equipping them with the skills and qualities required for success in the competitive 21st century. We are committed to raising standards and providing students with exceptional opportunities to support learning. We look for a number of outstanding qualities in our staff: an innovative and creative approach to their work; enthusiasm, positivity and an unfaltering commitment to our students' success, along with an open-minded, proactive attitude to working within a team. We want individuals who want to go the extra mile for our community and have an absolute commitment to safeguard our students.

Teamwork is at the heart of everything we do and by working together we aim to secure a successful future for all. We encourage those interested in joining our school to spend some time with us to gain a real understanding of our ethos and what we have to offer. The dedication of the staff and the enthusiasm of the students, coupled with the support of our parents and carers, makes this a very special place.

To find out more, please visit: [Home - The Queen Elizabeth Academy](https://www.thequeenelizabethacademy.co.uk/)



04. Job Description

Job Description

Teaching Assistant – Fixed term

Role: To work under the guidance/instruction of designated teaching/senior staff to undertake work/care/support programmes, to enable access to learning for pupils and to assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom. Work may be carried out in the classroom or outside the main teaching area under the guidance of teaching staff.

Key Responsibilities:

Support for Pupils

- Supervise and provide support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities.
- Assist with the development and implementation of Individual Education/Behaviour Plans and Personal Care programmes.
- Establish constructive relationships with pupils and interact with them according to individual needs.
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils.
- Encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher.
- Set challenging and demanding expectations and promote self-esteem and independence.
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement under guidance of the teacher.

Support for Teachers

- Create and maintain a purposeful, orderly and supportive environment, in accordance with lesson plans and assist with the display of pupils' work.
- Use strategies, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupils to achieve learning goals.
- Assist with the planning of learning activities.
- Monitor pupils' responses to learning activities and accurately record achievement/progress as directed.
- Provide detailed and regular feedback to teachers on pupils' achievement, progress, problems etc.
- Promote good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour.
- Establish constructive relationships with parents/carers.

- Administer routine tests and invigilate exams and undertake routine marking of pupils' work.
- Provide clerical/admin. support e.g. photocopying, typing, filings, money, administering coursework etc.

Purpose of the role:

Support for the Curriculum

- Undertake structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses.
- Undertake programmes linked to local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, KS3/4 progress and feeding back to the teacher.
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use.
- Prepare, maintain and use equipment/resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity and assist pupils in their use.

Support for the School

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the Academy.
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required, within normal contractual hours.
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school and at lunchtime.
- Accompany teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required and take responsibility for a group under the supervision of the teacher.
- Other such duties as commensurate within the grade in order to ensure the smooth running of the Academy.

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties of the post, each individual task undertaken by the post holder may not be identified. The job description is current at the date of issue, but following consultation, may be changed by the Principal to reflect changes in the job which are commensurate with the salary and job title.

05. Person Specification

Person Specification

Teaching Assistant – Fixed term

	Essential	Desirable	How will this be demonstrated
Professional Qualifications and learning	Good basic level of education, including GCSE English and Maths or equivalent	- Teaching Assistant qualification or unqualified teacher experience - Qualification in supporting Teaching and Learning - Evidence of current SEN specific training	Application Form/Checking and original copy evidence
Experience	Experience of working with children	Experience of working in an education setting	- Application Form - Interview - References
Knowledge that supports the role	- Be able to record basic data. - Support children's learning. - Assist pupils with eating, dressing and hygiene, as required, whilst encouraging independence - Have good organisational and time management skills - Have effective oral and written communication skills. - Establish good working relationships with pupils acting as a role model. - Encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher. - Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use. - Work as part of a team appreciating and supporting the role of other people in the team. - Build and maintain successful relationships with pupils. - Ability to improve your own practice	- Ability to utilise strategies to support pupils in achieving learning goals - Assist with break-time supervision including facilitating games and activities. - Assist with escorting pupils on educational visits. - Support pupils in using basic ICT. - Invigilate exams and tests. - Assist with the development and implementation of Individual Education/ Behaviour Plans and Personal Care programmes where required - Ability and patience to support pupils with behavioural needs	- Application form - References

	Essential	Desirable	How will this be demonstrated
Knowledge that supports the role	Preparation and clear-up of learning environments and resources, including photocopying, filing, the display and presentation of pupils' work and contribute to maintaining a safe environment.		- Application form - References
Personal Qualities	- Ability to relate well to children and adults. - General awareness of inclusion within a school setting. - Flexibility and adaptability - Able to use initiative - Enthusiasm and a willingness to learn - Ability to work under pressure	N/A	References



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 your 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 a 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

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Applying:

For all our Trust Vacancies, please follow the link here: [Vacancies - Academy](#)



Status: Fixed term ending 16 July 2027

37 hours per week

39 weeks per year (Term Time Only)

Salary:

NJC Scale Point 6 – 10
£22,353 to £23,819 actual per annum
£25,988 to £27,693 FTE



Closing Date:

Monday 3rd August 2026 at 9:00am or sooner should we receive sufficient applications.

Start Date:

01 September 2026



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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