



**Insignis**  
Academy Trust

# CANDIDATE PACK



# WELCOME FROM THE CEO

## *Dear Colleague*

**Thank you for your interest in a role for the Insignis Academy Trust. Our Trust currently consists of six schools in Buckinghamshire. They are Ashmead Combined School, Princes Risborough School, Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Sir William Ramsay School, The Kingsbrook School and The Mandeville School. Further schools are in the pipeline and our medium-term ambition is to be a trust of at least 10 schools.**

As an academy sponsor, Insignis Academy Trust is focused on the quality of the educational experience it provides for its students. By joining a growing group of schools, you will have the opportunity to have an impact on how the wider network develops and to collaborate with our team to influence Insignis Academy Trust's ethos and processes.

Insignis is a Buckinghamshire Trust and we are committed to supporting the development of educational opportunities for children in the county. We support the community use of our schools and work in conjunction with Active in the Community, the Youth Sports Trust and Sports England on ensuring grassroots clubs have access to our facilities. We also are committed to the Opening School Facilities programme at all our schools.

We are focused on delivering educational improvement in our schools, including providing the appropriate technology for staff and students to learn.

We are also committed to providing students with a rich programme of co-curricular activities. We currently have two specialist provisions at our schools, an Autism Spectrum Provision at Princes Risborough School and a Social and Emotional Mental Health provision at The Kingsbrook School. We are committed to supporting students with SEND across our Trust.

I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours Sincerely,

**Garret Fay**  
*Chief Executive Officer*



*Collaborate to Succeed*





## ***Insignis - "remarkable" in Latin***

**Established in 2016, Insignis Academy Trust (IAT) has the primary objective of improving education.**

IAT believes that all children should receive a fulfilling, aspirational and successful educational experience. As a Multi Academy Trust and an education charity IAT works locally with schools in Buckinghamshire and currently consists of six schools, Ashmead Combined School (ACS), Princes Risborough School (PRS), Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School (SHFGS), Sir William Ramsay School (SWRS), The Kingsbrook School (TKS) and The Mandeville School (TMS). The intention of IAT is to grow and collaborate with other schools and trusts to create a significant enhancement to the education of students locally.

## ***The IAT motto is: Collaborate to Succeed***

**Our collective goal is for all IAT schools to be 'Remarkable' in their own right and support all our students to make the most of themselves and be well prepared, academically and personally, for their next steps in adult life, whichever path they choose.**

The Trust is managed by a Board of Trustees who are responsible for strategic direction as outlined in the Strategic Plan and have financial accountability for the use of public funds within our educational remit. The Trust has a number of committees, which operate across the Trust and report directly to the Board.

Each school within the Trust has a Local Governing Body (LGB), which meets twice a term. The LGBs are committees of the Trust Board and work with the school leadership to support, challenge and improve pupil progress, academic outcomes, attendance, behaviour, safeguarding, and personal and social development of our students. Our LGBs also act as a key link for stakeholder engagement within our schools. They monitor the work of the school, ensuring it is providing high-quality education to students, and ensure that policies and guidelines set clear working parameters, including for the safeguarding of students.

The LGBs are informed and assisted by key members of each school's Senior Leadership Team, whilst also reserving the right to call on all members of staff to assist them in delivering the school's objectives.

**'Support of my colleagues  
all across the school.'**



## IAT Vision

- To provide an exceptional educational experience for young people

## IAT Values

- A collective responsibility for the education and personal development of all students within the Trust.
- A fully inclusive approach, maximising the potential of every student in a nurturing and challenging educational environment.
- An ethos of life-long learning and personal development enabling students to gain life skills and academic qualifications.
- A culture of well-being and safeguarding to support staff and students to be 'remarkable'.

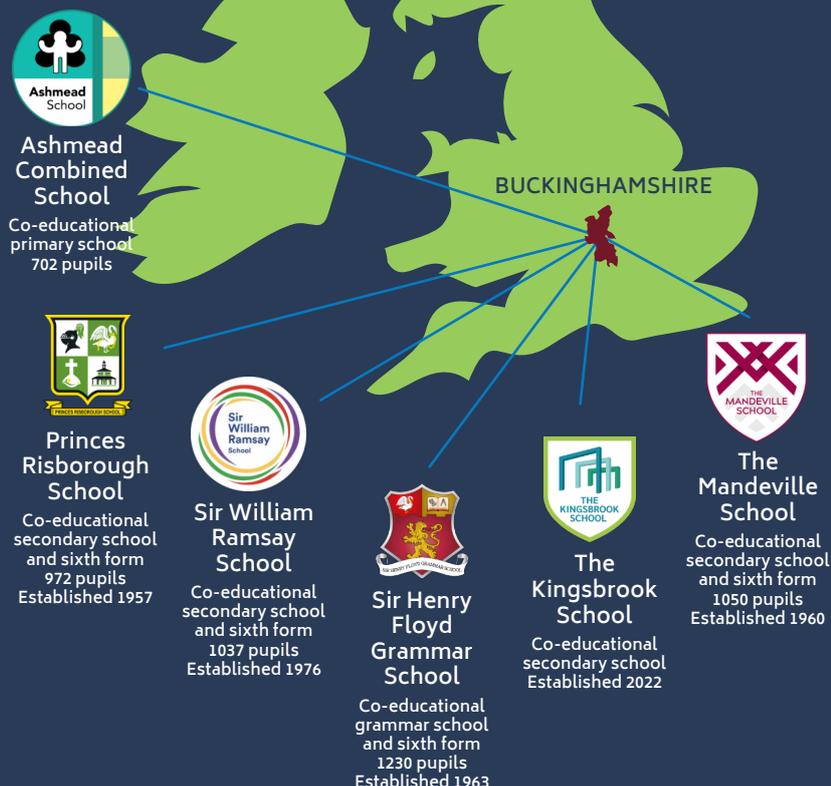
## IAT Aims

- To strive for continuous improvement to enhance students' educational experiences.
- To develop collaborative approaches that enable our community to achieve remarkable outcomes.
- To be an exceptional educational employer.
- To drive school improvement at all our schools.
- To grow our Trust in a sustainable manner.
- To maintain strong and local governance across the Trust.

## FUTURE GROWTH

Insignis Academy Trust aims to grow as a MAT, however, we are committed to growing in Buckinghamshire. Trustees have approved a Trust Growth Plan that would see us grow to 10 schools. We are committed to growing a Trust of both Primary and Secondary schools across the county.

## Our Location



*Collaborate to Succeed*



# The Mandeville School

Are you a highly motivated person who is passionate about helping young people thrive? Are you committed to helping our students achieve their full potential? Do you want to join us on our journey to becoming an outstanding school? If so, this could be the job for you.

## The Position

We're looking to appoint a highly motivated Librarian and Careers Administrator who is passionate about the reading of our exceptional students and be able to offer advice and support to students and staff to support learning across the school.

You will be able to manage, operate, and develop the library as a learning environment, use your professional knowledge and skills to initiate new projects, manage change, and monitor outcomes, whilst engaging with students and staff at all levels.

As part of the Careers Administrator part of the role, you will be responsible for leading the planning, implementation and delivery of a strategy for developing a careers programme for the school that meets all eight of the Gatsby benchmarks of good practice and prepares young people for the choices and transitions in education, training and employment.

## The school

With just over 1,000 students on roll we are a popular school in the heart of Buckinghamshire. We're fortunate to be based in a diverse, supportive and ever-changing community in Aylesbury and our students are respectful, hardworking and eager to succeed, borne out by our high attendance figures.

We're an ambitious school and have embarked on an exciting journey of improvement where we are progressing through the hard work of our enthusiastic, loyal and committed staff. Our sharp focus on teaching and learning means we're relentlessly striving to become better as a school.

We encourage and value candidates who have varied lived experiences and inclusive mindsets, either due to their engagements in the world or due to their protected characteristics (as set out in the Equalities Act 2010). We are committed to continued development of a community that is representative of the environment in which we work and in nurturing an equitable society.

Insignis Academy Trust operates rigorous 'safer recruitment' practices and the successful candidates will be required to undertake the completion of satisfactory checks including an enhanced DBS check, satisfactory references, medical report, confirmation of qualifications and documentation to prove Right to Work in the UK.

Please click on the link for further details, including application forms, job descriptions and person specifications as applicable: <https://www.insignis.org.uk/Vacancies/>

Please note we reserve the right to close this vacancy earlier than the specified deadline if a suitable candidate is found.



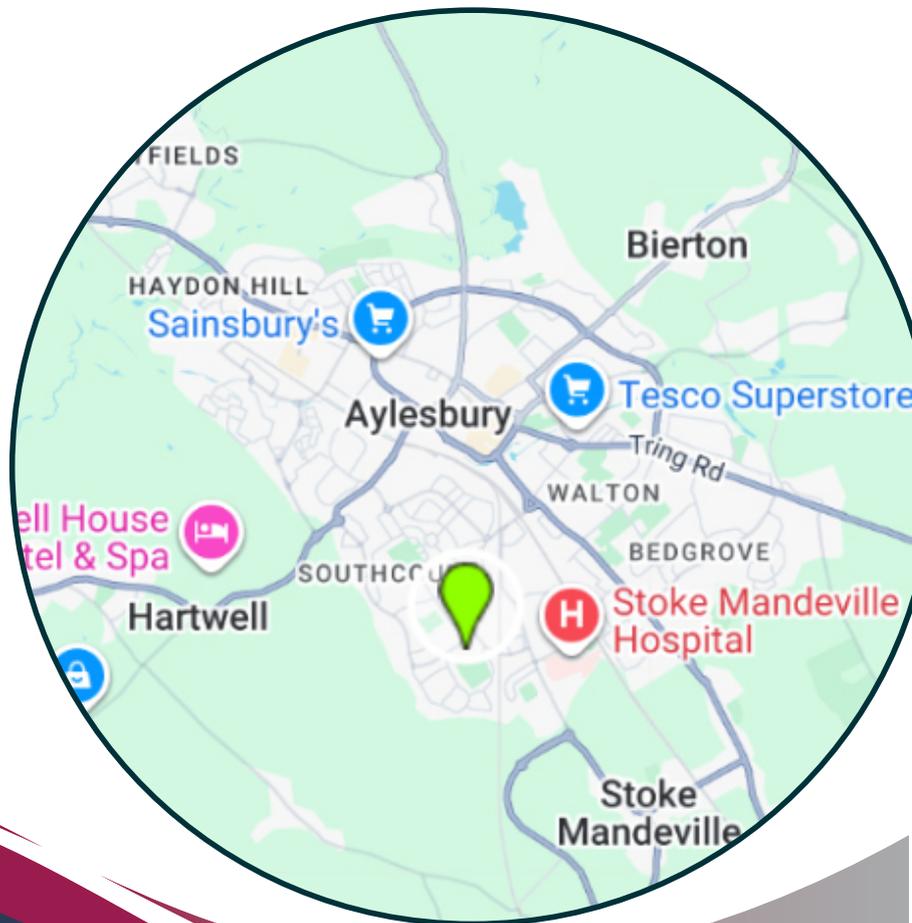
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Achieve.  
Succeed.**

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**The Mandeville  
School**

# JOB DESCRIPTION

## Librarian and Careers Administrator

This job description identifies the responsibilities attached to this post.

This job description is subject to amendment from time to time with in the terms of the conditions of employment, as the needs of the school may require, but only to an extent consistent with those conditions of employment and after consultation with the post holder.

### Main Duties and Responsibilities

The Post

The Insignis Academy Trust is a growing multi-academy trust based in Buckinghamshire. One of our primary goals is to drive efficiencies across all schools within the trust to bring value for money, sustainability and controls across our growing estate.

### Post Purpose

- To lead the day-to-day operations of the school library and create a purposeful learning environment. To support and supervise students and enable the development of independent learning and research skills. To instil a love for reading in students and staff.
- Working with students to support their learning
- Website & Social Media Management
- To provide cover on reception as and when required.

### Role and Responsibilities

#### Library:

- To supervise students in the library (including students requiring additional literacy and support with reading).
- Be present in the library, issuing and receiving books and generally overseeing the library space.
- Improve awareness of the school's library facilities to teachers and particularly to Subject and Year Leaders and liaise with them in order to forge links to support the curriculum.
- To provide a library induction for students.
- Maintain and develop the library section of the website for students and develop resources for independent study.
- Tidy books on shelves, record stocks and their movements as necessary.
- Ensure that books, reference materials, computers, equipment and furniture are maintained in good order and used correctly in the library.
- Provide displays and promotional material to enhance the appearance of the library.
- Review and replace books and non-book resources.
- Stock-take, replenish stock / maintain subscriptions as appropriate.
- Liaising with staff/students and the School Library Service regarding resources.

- Manage the libraries budget in conjunction with the Finance Manager, in accordance with financial procedures.

### **To support students learning:**

- To actively engage in the Whole School Literacy Strategy through running interventions and supporting whole school initiatives as directed by the Literacy Lead.
- Where required, to provide small group intervention to secure academic progress for students
- To support students to become more independent learners through mentoring and support
- To support and conduct wider small group interventions such as phonics or one to one reading
- To work closely with the SEND team on understanding students' needs and making adequate provision to support them
- To support staff and students with behaviour strategies to build students' self-esteem and ensure they make progress
- To encourage students to talk about their learning and make suggestions to both teaching staff and the SEND team
- To assist with exam concessions.

### **Website & Social Media Management:**

- Regularly update and maintain the school website to ensure content is accurate, relevant, and engaging.
- Upload key information such as newsletters, event details, and policy updates in line with statutory requirements.
- Ensure the website remains user-friendly and accessible for all stakeholders.
- Work with staff to source and publish engaging content, ensuring a balance between school updates and celebratory stories.
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### **Careers Administration:**

Under the direction of the Careers Lead, the Careers Administrator will support with:

#### **Co-ordination:**

- Provide administration support to the Careers Lead
- Support with the provision of careers information
- Liaise with the PHSE leader, and other faculty or subject leaders, to plan careers education



- Liaise with tutorial managers, mentors, SENCO, to identify students needing guidance
- To provide admin support for the careers interviews to students or refer them to others.

### **Networking:**

- Establish and develop links with employers
- Establish and develop links with Further Education colleges, apprenticeship providers and universities
- Provide support links with the Local Enterprise Partnerships and other external organisations.

### **Reception:**

- To provide cover on reception as and when required.



# Person Specification

All of the competencies outlined below will be evidenced in the application, during the interview and via references.

Quals, knowledge, experience	Essential	Desirable
GCSE English (min 'C' grade) or equivalent	✓	
GCSE Maths (min 'C' grade) or equivalent	✓	
Ability to confidently use ICT and Microsoft Officer tools (Excel, Word & PowerPoint)	✓	
Excellent organisation and work planning skills with the ability to create and maintain effective administrative systems and procedures	✓	
Excellent written and verbal communication skills with the ability to draft correspondence and reports	✓	
Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to liaise effectively with a variety of personnel across all levels of the organisation	✓	
Attention to details and methodical approach to completing tasks	✓	
Numerate, able to interpret and report financial and other data accurately and effectively	✓	
Enthusiastic and approachable	✓	
Good interpersonal skills including empathy	✓	
Shows initiative and resilience	✓	
Sensitive to the needs and concerns of others	✓	
Hardworking and conscientious	✓	
Flexible approach		
Strong team orientation	✓	
Keen to further professional development and skills	✓	
Willingness to accompany school visits		✓
Willingness and ability to learn new software		✓
Ability to understand and support school vision	✓	
Willingness to share expertise	✓	
High expectations of students and their behaviour	✓	
Hardworking and conscientious	✓	

# Benefits of working with IAT

## Anytime Fitness



Anytime Fitness will offer a 10% discount for all Insignis staff. You will need to show your ID Badge in order to obtain your discount. (If you refer a friend then you will get a free month.) Please call Anytime Fitness in Aylesbury to discuss the benefit before arriving.

Visit: [www.anytimefitness.co.uk/gyms/uk-0023/aylesbury-south-east-hp20-1ur/](http://www.anytimefitness.co.uk/gyms/uk-0023/aylesbury-south-east-hp20-1ur/)

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## Blue Light Card



Blue Light Card provides those in Education with discounts online and in-store. They offer a range of official discounts from large national retailers to local businesses in a wide range of categories including holidays, cars, days out, fashion, gifts, insurance, phones and much more.

Visit: <https://www.bluelightcard.co.uk/index.php>

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## Byond



We are a part of Byond, a prepaid debit card that comes packed with built-in discounts at high street stores, online retailers and supermarkets.

Visit: <https://byond.helpscoutdocs.com/article/375-article-title>

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## Cycle Scheme



We are a part of the Cycle Scheme, IAT staff are able to use salary sacrifice to purchase a bike or electric bike and accessories up to the value of £3500.00

Visit: [www.cyclescheme.co.uk](http://www.cyclescheme.co.uk)

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## Education Support



Our Employee Assistance Programme at IAT is provided by Education Support. This provides support for you and your family members covering a range of issues. This includes supporting staff and family members with wellbeing, health queries, bereavement and family issues including separation and divorce.

Visit: <https://www.educationsupport.org.uk/>

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## Extras Discount Scheme

We are part of the Extras Discount Scheme which offers IAT staff the opportunity to avail of discounts at a range of high street stores, online retailers and supermarkets.

Visit: <https://www.bhnextrashomeandtech.co.uk/extras>

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## Eye Care

All IAT staff can benefit from a reimbursement of their eye tests for up to the value of £25. Simply save your receipt and claim it through expenses, with the finance department.

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## Free Tea and Coffee

In conjunction with our catering provider we provide free tea and coffee for staff at our schools.

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## Nuffield Health

Nuffield Health will offer up to 30% off their memberships, both for monthly rolling contracts and annual contracts.

This offer is open to any school employee. You will need to show your ID Badge in order to obtain your discount. Please call Nuffield Health in Aylesbury to discuss the benefit before arriving.

Visit: [www.nuffieldhealth.com/gyms/aylesbury](http://www.nuffieldhealth.com/gyms/aylesbury)

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## Specialist Glasses

If you need specialist glasses to carry out your specialist role in school, we may be able to help with the cost of specialist glasses. This may include glasses to support colour blindness, or prescriptive protective glasses.

Please contact HR for more information as this is assessed on staff's individual needs.

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## LGPS - Support Staff Pension

We formally register all non-teaching staff to the Local Government Pension Service. It is your choice whether you choose to opt out of the scheme. At IAT we strongly suggest you get independent advice before making this decision.

Visit: [www.lgpsmember.org](http://www.lgpsmember.org)

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## Teachers' Pension

We formally register all teaching staff to the Teachers' Pension Service. It is your choice whether you choose to opt out of the scheme. At IAT we strongly suggest you get independent advice before making this decision.

Visit: [www.teacherspensions.co.uk](http://www.teacherspensions.co.uk)

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## Tech Scheme

We are a part of TechScheme, in association with Currys. IAT staff are able to use salary sacrifice to purchase items from Currys for their home. Please note that there is a pension impact on this scheme.

Visit: [www.techscheme.co.uk](http://www.techscheme.co.uk)

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## Well Schools

The Well Schools Community has a vast collection of wellbeing tools and resources that are already being used in Well Schools across England.

Visit: [www.well-school.org](http://www.well-school.org)

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## Wycombe Lido

Fusion Lifestyle will offer Insignis Staff 10% off their top membership option. You will need to show your ID Badge in order to obtain your discount.

Please call Wycombe Lido in Aylesbury to discuss the benefit before arriving.

Visit: [www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/wycombe-rye-lido/](http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/wycombe-rye-lido/)

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# CPD in IAT Schools

Each school within the IAT publishes a whole school CPD calendar. This will reflect IAT and school priorities.

Subject-specific CPD and CPD for pastoral teams will be embedded into meeting schedules, reflecting outcomes of self-evaluation and the needs of each team.

Applications to attend external CPD courses should be made at a school level, following the school's CPD application process. Priority will be given to external CPD that supports Trust, school and departmental priorities and performance management targets. The cost of the CPD course, the cover costs and cover implications will all be taken into account when applications for courses are considered.

## Completing National Professional Qualifications (NPQs)

National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) are the most widely recognised qualifications in the education sector for current and aspiring leaders. Accredited by the DfE, NPQs provide training and support for teachers and leaders at all levels. NPQs are informed by the best available research and evidence endorsed by the Education Endowment Foundation.

There are a range of NPQ qualifications available, including:

- **Leading teacher development** – become a teacher educator and support teachers in your school to expand their skills.
- **Leading teaching** – lead the teaching and learning of a subject, year group or phase.
- **Leading behaviour and culture** – create a culture of good behaviour and high expectations where staff and pupils can succeed.

## Wellbeing

At Insignis Academy Trust, we prioritize the well-being of our staff and students. We believe that a healthy and happy school environment is essential for fostering a positive learning experience. Our dedicated team works tirelessly to ensure that everyone feels supported and valued, creating a sense of community and belonging.

We understand the importance of mental health and well-being in the workplace. We provide various resources and support systems to help our staff maintain a healthy work-life balance.

By prioritizing well-being across the trust, we aim to create a positive and productive environment where everyone can thrive and reach their full potential.

For more information visit: <https://www.insignis.org.uk/Well-Being/>

- **Leading literacy** – teach and promote literacy across a whole school, year group, key stage or phase
- **Leading primary mathematics** – help your school use mastery approaches and teach maths effectively.
- **Senior leadership** – develop leadership expertise to improve outcomes for teachers and pupils.
- **Headship** – learn how to become an expert school leader and outstanding headteacher.
- **Executive leadership** – develop the expertise to run a multi-school organisation and effectively lead change and improvement.
- **Early years leadership** – manage your staff and organisation to provide high-quality early years education and care.

IAT schools will support teachers and leaders to complete NPQ qualifications, in line with Trust and School priorities, individual goals and upon recommendation by line managers. If any member of staff is interested in completing an NPQ, they should discuss it with their line manager. All applications for NPQs will need to be discussed by SLT and agreed by the Head of School or Headteacher and CEO of IAT.

Astra Teaching School Hub delivers a range of NPQ qualifications. Face-to-face sessions are delivered locally and provide opportunities for networking and collaboration with teachers and leaders from across Buckinghamshire schools and beyond. NPQ courses are delivered by a range of providers. Before registering for an NPQ, teachers and leaders should discuss the choice of provider with their line manager.





## HOW TO APPLY

### Making your application

Please click on the link below for further details on how to apply:

<https://www.insignis.org.uk/Vacancies/>

### Contact

If you are interested in discussing the role or would like more information about the role please contact the IAT Recruitment team at:

[recruitment@insignis.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@insignis.org.uk) or  
Telephone: 01296 744351.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about IAT please visit our website. If you are interested in other roles at the Central Team or at one of our schools, please contact our HR Team via email at: [HR@insignis.org.uk](mailto:HR@insignis.org.uk)

[www.insignis.org.uk](https://www.insignis.org.uk)