

E-ACT

OPENING MINDS,  
OPENING DOORS

# DO YOU THINK BIG?

## Candidate Information Pack



E-ACT The Oldham  
Academy North



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# WELCOME

The Oldham Academy North is a high-performing school with strong values, high standards, and a clear commitment to excellence. As Headteacher, I'm honoured to lead such a talented and dedicated team focused on helping every student thrive - academically and personally.

My focus is on sustaining high expectations, strengthening our culture of aspiration, and ensuring every student achieves their best - academically and personally.

I am passionate about a rigorous, broad curriculum that challenges pupils, supports personal development, and prepares them for a changing world. I also believe in clear, consistent expectations around behaviour, work ethic, and mutual respect, creating a positive culture where learning can flourish.

Strong partnerships with parents and carers are vital. Working together to ensure every pupil is supported to succeed, contribute positively to society, and leave TOAN ready to follow their dreams.

Staff at TOAN are part of a supportive, ambitious culture that values collaboration, consistency, and professional growth. With a broad curriculum, strong community links, and a shared belief in potential, TOAN is an inspiring place to build your career.



Natalie Kennerley  
Interim Headteacher

Firstly, thank you for taking your time to explore this opportunity to be part of our E-ACT family.

E-ACT is a National and System Leader Multi-Academy Trust, we provide education in London, Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Oldham, Buckinghamshire, Northants, Sheffield, and Walsall. As one of the most established trusts in the country, we serve some of the most disadvantaged young people.

Our commitment to becoming 'best in class' is stronger than ever. At E-ACT, we bring our people-first culture to life through our comprehensive people strategy. We have been diligently refining our educational and operational strategies, governance, and organisational culture to ensure we provide the very best experience for our pupils and, of course, our staff.

My fellow colleagues at E-ACT are dedicated professionals who provide the very best for our children to thrive and to grow. We take great pride in serving our local communities and being part of a supportive trust we call E-ACT.

If you think this could be the role for you, please get in touch.



Tom Campbell  
CEO



# Academy statistics *AT A GLANCE*

TOAN Academy

Planned Admission Number

**300** Per year group

Students on roll

**1240** 

EAL Students

**40%** 

Pupil Premium

**50%** 

Ofsted: Good (2016/20)

2025: “the school’s work may have improved significantly across all areas since the previous inspection”

SEND Students

**11%**  
\*overall

The Oldham Academy North (TOAN), established in 2010 and part of the E ACT Trust, is a mixed-gender secondary school for students aged 11–16 located in Royton, Oldham, Greater Manchester. With around 1,240 pupils, including nearly half eligible for free school meals, TOAN serves a richly diverse community. The school was recently re inspected by Ofsted in June 2025: it praised pupils’ “exemplary behaviour,” respectfulness, strong relationships, and unrelenting commitment to excellence in a secure and supportive culture. TOAN delivers a broad, ambitious curriculum that supports academic challenge, personal development, and social growth, enabling students to thrive in a demanding world.





## ➤ Our Culture

TOAN promotes a culture grounded in Trust, Endurance, Autonomy & Mastery, its core motto and guiding values. The academy community emphasises high expectations for all, celebrating positive relationships and student responsibility in a calm and respectful school environment. Pastoral care is a key strength: staff support ensures students feel safe, welcomed, and ready to engage fully in learning and co curricular activities. Inclusivity is at the heart of academy life, ensuring every pupil—regardless of background—can access opportunity and strive toward personal excellence.

## ➤ Our Benefits

Joining TOAN means working in a high aspiration school within the E ACT network, offering robust professional development, peer collaboration, and shared best practice across academies. Staff benefit from a well-resourced environment, including modern facilities such as a new humanities block, lecture theatre, and sports infrastructure (e.g. sports hall and 3G pitch). Employees experience a people centred culture where high standards are matched with support, respect, and inclusion—aligned with the academy's values and E ACT's ethos of staff wellbeing and community impact.

## ➤ Values, Ethos and how we work in the Trust?

TOAN's ethos centres on Trust, Endurance, Autonomy & Mastery, promoting resilience, independence, and ambition in every learner. As part of E ACT, the academy follows the Trust's mission of *Opening Minds, Opening Doors*, ensuring backgrounds do not limit future opportunities. The Trust supports consistently strong leadership, high quality teaching standards, and robust governance across its 38 academies. TOAN benefits from shared policies, curriculum frameworks, staff training, and wellbeing schemes, creating cohesion and excellence while retaining a distinct identity rooted in community engagement and ambition.

# Let us introduce **OUR TRUST**



You will already know this, but we are a large multi-academy trust dedicated to providing exceptional education across our network of academies. Our mission is to inspire and challenge every student to achieve their full potential, and we are committed to creating a supportive and dynamic learning environment.

At E-ACT, we often refer to the wisdom of crowds and believe in the power of collaboration and innovation. Our team of passionate educators and staff work tirelessly to make a positive impact on the lives of our

students and the communities we serve. We are proud of our achievements and the progress we continue to make in delivering high-quality education.

As you consider joining our team, we want you to know that at E-ACT, you will be part of a forward-thinking trust that values professional growth, inclusivity, and excellence.

We are excited about the future and the opportunities it holds for our academies, our staff, and most importantly, our students.



Pupils

**25,000**

**93%**

of academies **GOOD**  
or **OUTSTANDING**.



**100%**

of academies have leadership & management  
**GOOD** or **OUTSTANDING**.

Staff

**3,500**



Awards



Based in **6**  
major cities.

Academies

**38**



# Opening Minds, Opening Doors

Opening Minds, Opening Doors embodies our trust-wide strategy that empowers our academies to triumph.

We want to give our academies the best possible support and guidance, enabling them to provide an exceptional education that impacts on the achievements of our children and young people.

## How do we do this?

Every day, all our colleagues demonstrate our three values:



### THINK BIG

We dare to dream big. Pushing the boundaries to create extraordinary opportunities for our young people and staff alike.



### DO THE RIGHT THING

We consistently make principled choices even when faced with adversity, guided by moral purpose that fuels impactful change.



### SHOW TEAM SPIRIT

Together we foster a culture of collaboration to improve, support and progress, propelling us forward as a united force.

## Our academies

We are proud to have **38 academies** across England that supports children and young people from the beginning of their education experience right up to sixth-form.



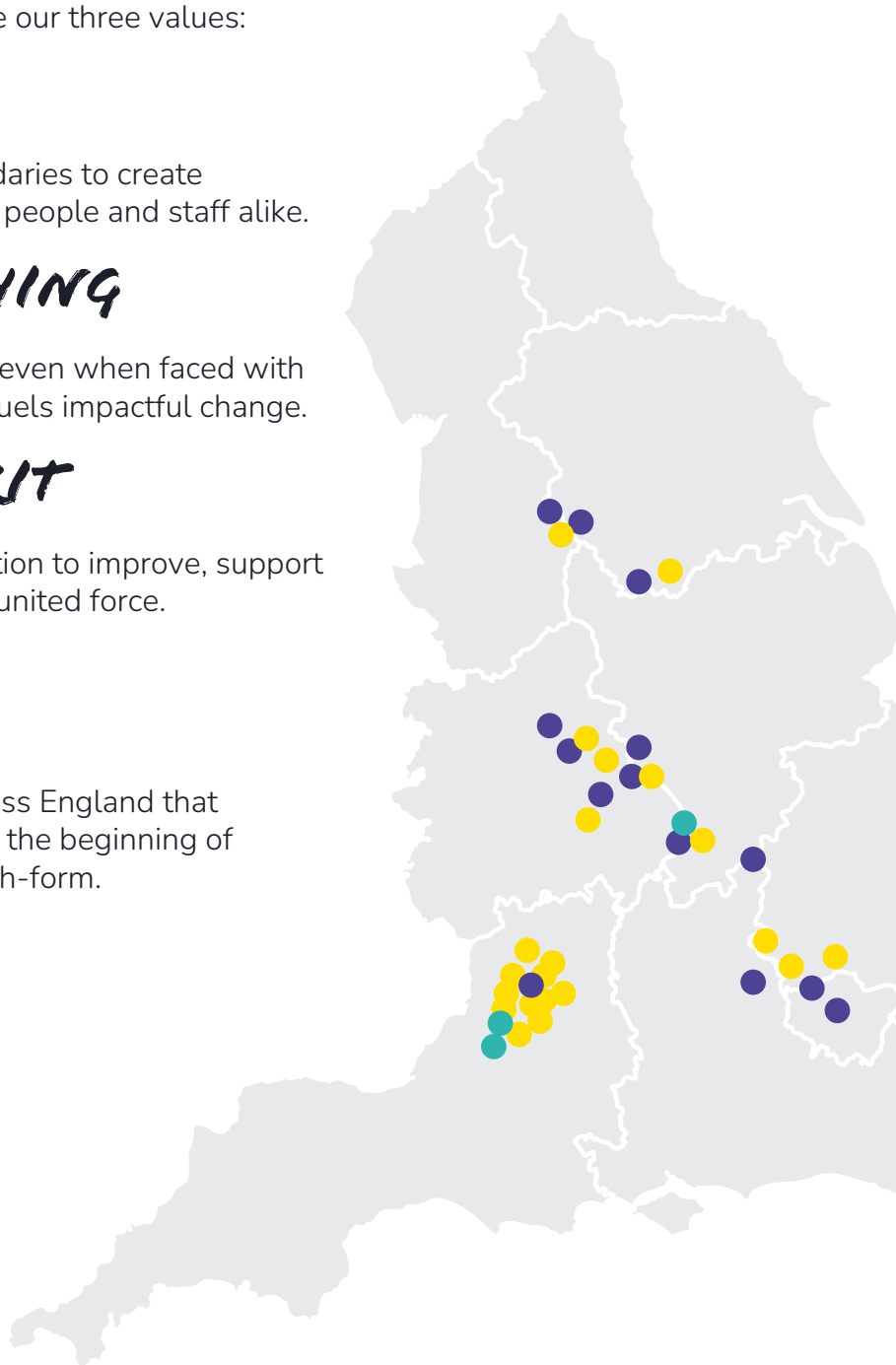
All-through Academies



Primary Academies



Secondary Academies



# OUR PRIORITIES

To put it simply, we are on a very clear mission.

We believe that it's our duty and privilege to change lives of our young people across England. And to achieve this we need the very best people working with us.

Do these priorities resonate  
with **YOU?**



Did you answer **YES?**

Then **YOU** are what we're  
looking for! Read on



# People-first, always!

At E-ACT, we genuinely prioritise a people-first culture. We have developed our People Strategy to be a cornerstone of our Opening Minds, Opening Doors Strategy, playing a vital role in achieving our strategic priorities. This forward-looking strategy outlines our aspirations as an employer and envisions the experience of being part of the E-ACT family.

Every single role within E-ACT is crucial to fulfilling our mission. Whether you work in the classroom, the office, our national teams, or on our grounds, your contribution is valued and essential.



Our People Strategy has eight key objectives, each aimed at creating a supportive, inclusive, and dynamic environment for all.

How many mean something to YOU?





## We invest in **YOU**

You've heard about our People Strategy, and the very first principle is our commitment to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) for educational excellence. We believe that when our educators and leaders grow, so do the students they serve.

We have a dedicated learning team that works across our entire trust, ensuring that all staff have access to the best resources and support. Additionally, we offer countless networking opportunities so you can connect with like-minded individuals across the trust.



I feel really energised and grateful to work in a trust that invests so much thought and care in its staff.

**James Hughes,**  
Education Director – Primary



# What do we **OFFER?**

Quite simply, we offer training and professional development for each and every one of our staff – which means our offering is large (very large!).

Here is a snapshot of what we offer:



## Middle Leadership

- Diversifying Excellence in Leadership
- Early Years Clusters
- Aspiring SENDco Course

## Senior Leadership

- Peer Review Training
- Exceptional Senior Leaders
- Road to Headship

## Professional Services

- Apprenticeships
- Sector-leading Qualifications
- Strategic leader development

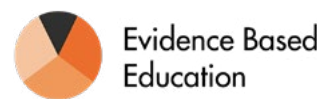
## Qualifications

We partner with National Institute of Teaching to ensure our staff get the best possible training for their own growth.

### The National Professional Qualifications we offer include:

- NPQEL (Executive Leadership)
- NPQH (Headship)
- NPQ SENCo (Special Educational Needs)
- NPQ LEY (Leading Early Years)
- NPQ LT (Leading Teaching)

## Our Partners



## Networking

Remember when we said we have a people-first culture?

We all thrive better together when we collaborate with like-minded people. We bring together our colleagues and other professionals from across the sector to join forces at our E-ACT Ideas Conference.

Our conferences represent what we are about, showcasing our diverse, passionate people.

## E-ACT Ideas Conferences include



Women in Leadership

Bridging the Gap

Early Years Conference



# THIS IS US!

## #WeAreEACT

Sometimes, pictures just speak a thousand words. We celebrate our people—students, staff, and the communities we serve—through our annual events:



## STAFF IMPACT AWARDS

The Staff Impact Awards shine a light on our dedicated colleagues who have made significant contributions to our Trust. These awards honour individuals and teams who have gone above and beyond in their roles, demonstrating excellence and commitment to our mission.





# NATIONAL PUPIL CELEBRATION EVENTS

Our National Pupil Celebration Events bring together an extraordinary display of talent, creativity, and inspiration from across the Trust. These events showcase the diverse range of student achievements in areas such as music, poetry, art, and sports.





# OUR BENEFITS



## ➤ Financial and Lifestyle

**Generous Pension:** Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) or Teachers Pension Scheme (TPS) - both defined benefit schemes

**Life Cover:** 3x pensionable pay

**Cycle to Work:** for healthy commuting

**Annual Leave:** 31 days for year-round employees

## E-ACT

At E-ACT, we care about you and are committed to supporting your wellbeing, both in your role and beyond.

Our benefits package is thoughtfully designed to help you stay healthy, develop professionally, and maintain a balanced lifestyle.



## ➤ Professional Growth and Development

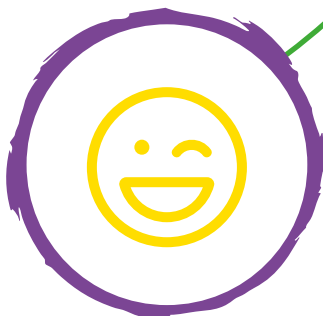
**Opportunities:** excellent Professional Development and Learning for all

**Investment in staff development:** including bespoke and tailored Trust INSET days

**TLR progression:** automatic progression through TLRs for teaching staff

**Teacher pay scale:** 9-point teacher scale from M1 to UPS3

**TLR Payments:** Full TLR payment for part-time teachers carrying out full responsibilities



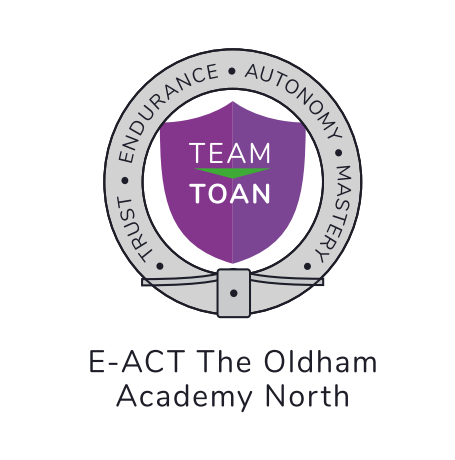
## ➤ Culture and Wellbeing

**People-first culture:** that values every colleague

**Employee Assistance Programme:** free confidential counselling, financial advice, and more

**Wisdom Wellbeing App:** to support mental health and wellbeing

**Collaborative working:** we value teamwork and collaboration, encouraging a culture of shared knowledge and collective success.



## Visits to the Academy

How do you know if it's right unless you try? We always welcome candidates to our academy before the interview so you can truly get a feel for the place.



## Fill Out Your Application Form

This is important! We can only accept applicants who fully complete our application form. This is due to safeguarding

## References

Your referees will only be contacted if you are shortlisted.

You will need to provide two references:

1. From your most recent employer
2. Second reference details



## Shortlisting

All of our shortlisting will be made against the criteria of the job role. Applicants who meet the specification will be invited to an interview.

## Checks

If you attend the interview, don't forget to bring:

1. Photographic identification
2. Proof of the right to work in the UK
3. Proof of qualifications



## Offer of Employment

We're excited to offer the successful candidate a job! We'll start with a phone call to share the good news, followed by a written offer sent via email or post. Please remember, this offer depends on satisfactory references, enhanced DBS clearance, and other necessary safeguarding checks.

If you're not selected this time, we'll let you know by email. Thank you for your interest!





# How to **APPLY**

We hope this pack has given you a valuable insight into our Academy and Trust and the exciting opportunities we offer. We warmly invite you to visit us and experience the Academy in action.

If you would like to arrange a visit or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us using the details below. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming your application!

## E-ACT Recruitment Team

✉ Email: [recruit@e-act.org.uk](mailto:recruit@e-act.org.uk)

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving your application.

Please read the supporting documentation carefully before completing and returning our application and equal opportunities form. If this role isn't quite right but you are interested in joining our talent pool then please email [recruit@e-act.org.uk](mailto:recruit@e-act.org.uk).

E-ACT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults, and all appointments are subject to enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checks and satisfactory references. E-ACT is also committed to promoting equality, challenging discrimination and developing community cohesion. We welcome applications from all sections of the community.

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latest vacancies and news from E-ACT

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