

Wren Academy Enfield



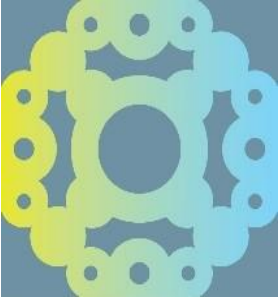
Wren Academies Trust

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Teacher of Religious Studies

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Introduction to the Wren Academies Trust

Welcome to the Wren Academies Trust. The Trust began with the opening of Wren Academy Finchley in September 2008 which grew to become an all through school of over 1400 students aged between four and 18. It has become one of the most successful schools in the country, as it has gained an excellent reputation for the learning focused education offered to students combined with outstanding academic results. We are delighted to have then been given the opportunity to open our new secondary school, Wren Academy Enfield, which welcomed 184 pioneer students into our inaugural Year 7 in September 2020 and will continue to grow each year until it has over 1200 secondary students.

The Trust is proud of its success; Wren Finchley has received three outstanding Ofsted judgements, two outstanding SIAMs reports and achieved excellent GCSE and A Level results. Wren Enfield is already one of the most oversubscribed schools in Enfield with every sign indicating that it will be equally successful.

Whilst our high-quality lessons and enrichments make Wren schools rewarding places to learn or work in, perhaps the most unusual thing about our Trust is the quality of the relationships you will find within it. Students and pupils like and respect each other and value their opportunities to learn. They get on exceptionally well with staff, as adults and students work together in a productive and trusting atmosphere. Children thrive by being given a high degree of responsibility and this leads to the exceptional behaviour Wren is so well known for.

Student leadership is at the heart of our philosophy with curriculum advisers, lesson observers and interviewers working along with a more traditional student and pupil councils. We believe that Wren students are given unequalled opportunities to learn, to encounter positive life experiences and to excel. Underpinning all of our work with students and staff is our vision which is based on widely recognised moral and social values and informs all aspects of our work. We have built communities which provide an education that enables all pupils and students to thrive. Our aim is that they become lifelong learners reaching their academic and social potential through a commitment to justice, kindness, and humility.

Gavin Smith
Executive Principal

Welcome from the Principal

Thank you for your interest in this post.

Wren Academy Enfield opened in September 2020 with a first cohort of Year 7 students and has then grown each year with the addition of a new year group. Our oldest students are now in Year 12 and our first GCSE exams took place at the end of the last academic year. September 2025 saw the opening of our Sixth Form offering the full range of A Levels. We are therefore looking for an exceptional teacher to join the Religious Studies department in the first important years of Wren Academy Enfield.

This documentation and the more general information on our website should give you a clear understanding of the Academy and our stage of development. However, if you wish to find out more, please contact Penny Culmer on 020 3150 4604. A visit in advance of an application is encouraged but not obligatory.

If you decide to apply, please follow this guidance carefully. Applications will be considered as they are received but must be submitted by 9.00am, Monday 23 February 2026. Please make your application through [MyNewTerm](#).

Thank you for taking on the demanding and time consuming task of preparing your application for this role. I look forward to receiving your application and taking the next steps in the appointment process.

Ertunc Hussein
Principal



Vision and Ethos

Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God - Micah 6v8

We aim to create an inspirational community of learning rooted in Christian values, providing outstanding educational opportunities and experiences for all students regardless of age, ethnicity, ability and background. We combine our ambitions for students' outstanding academic attainment with an emphasis upon their personal growth as individuals, citizens and active learners. The values and vision which grow from our Christian ethos have helped Wren create a positive and inclusive atmosphere, in which all students and their families are welcomed. We find that having many different faiths in a school and taking faith issues seriously, generates understanding, tolerance and mutual respect in young people.

We are inspired by the Biblical account of the encounter between Jesus and Zacchaeus to build a community and provide an education which enables all students to thrive and reach their full potential. This is done so that our community then has a positive impact on the world motivated by our foundational Bible passage: Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with our God – Micah 6v8.



We support and challenge each member of our community to experience life in all its fullness.

Academy Information 2025/2026

The Wren Academies Trust is sponsored by the London Diocesan Board for Schools (Church of England) and Berkhamsted School. Having established an excellent first academy in the London Borough of Barnet, we have grown to a full secondary school and launched the Sixth Form with over 100 students enrolled in Year 12.

Our first set of GCSE results reflects the hard work, resilience, and commitment of both students and staff, demonstrating the strength of our curriculum, the quality of teaching, and the supportive culture we have built within the academy. These outcomes, when compared to last year's results within the local authority, are likely to place us at the top in comparison to non-selective schools within the borough.

Since opening in September 2020 the school has been closely modelled on the successful Wren Academy Finchley whilst creating a distinctive vision and ethos which matches the needs and aspirations of Enfield students who join the school. It is planned that the school will repeat the success of Wren Academy Finchley which has achieved some of the best GCSE progress results in the country and has created a highly successful academic Sixth Form.

Wren Academy Enfield is a comprehensive school, which welcomes students whatever their previous academic attainment, then does all it can to maximise their academic and social potential. We are a vibrant and culturally diverse learning community where all members benefit from our distinctive and inclusive Christian vision inspired by the encounter of Zacchaeus with Jesus (Luke 19v1-10) and the exhortation found in Micah 6v8 to 'Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God'.

The curriculum is innovative, challenging and engaging. There is an extended school day with lessons of varying lengths, single sex teaching in core subjects and an extensive timetable of enrichment activities. Music plays a key role in the enrichment programme with the provision of choirs, an orchestra, jazz band, drum groups and student led ensembles.

Each half term Focus Days are organised when the usual timetable gives way to in depth study of a range of issues relating to PSHE, the academy specialism and our ethos. To further support learning and social development, a House system is in place which is organised into vertical tutor groups of students in Years 7-10.



Single sex teaching takes place in English, Mathematics and Science and is in place to promote strong outcomes for both girls and boys. The approach has been highly successful at Wren Academy Finchley where there is a higher proportion of girls studying Mathematics and Physics A Levels and then related degrees than would normally be the case. Similarly, the number of boys in English A Level classes, and then studying the subject at university has also been strong.

Inspired by Sir Christopher Wren, our specialism is Design and the Built Environment. Key skills associated with the specialism, such as planning and creativity, impact across all subjects. We work closely with a range of public and private sector partners in delivering the specialism and in ensuring it enhances but never dominates our curriculum. Given the proximity to the Chase Farm Hospital we are exploring ways that the specialism can incorporate the field of medical science to the benefit of all students.

We develop students' learning skills and attitudes through our immersion in a strong learning philosophy. This is based on the 6 Rs which encourages students to be

- Resilient
- Relational
- Reflective
- Redemptive
- Resourceful
- Reverent

All learning is supported using digital tablets which are an expected item of equipment for every student. The use of the technology enhances learning within the classroom and at home whilst also being fully utilised to support student progress.

Colleagues are encouraged to innovate and to develop new ways of learning and working together. Taking advantage of the curriculum and lesson planning from Wren Academy Enfield, teachers develop and enhance existing learning resources to create exciting curriculum opportunities for the benefit of students in both schools.



Department Information

The Religious Studies department at Wren Academy Enfield is an important and core department within the Academy. We are seeking to appoint an inspiring teacher of Religious Studies. The post holder will be expected to be a highly effective practitioner, committed to high standards of teaching and learning and the wider ethos of Wren Academy Enfield.

Religious Studies at Wren Academy Enfield is taught through innovative schemes of learning that are both knowledge and skills based. In Key Stage 3, students study all six of the world's main religions, as well as units on philosophy and ethics. At Key Stage 4, Religious Studies is a highly popular option-subject, with students studying the AQA specification A and a combination of Christianity and Islam. At A Level, we follow the AQA specification, with a mixture of Christianity, Philosophy and Ethics.

We believe that Religious Studies is essential for the development of pupils' religious literacy. Students should be able to understand and explain a range of religious beliefs and teachings with accuracy and skill. As a Church of England school, Religious Studies lessons form an essential part of a student's spiritual development in conjunction with the Academy's wider ethos.

Lessons are consistently relevant to students and are of an extremely high quality, combining a range of teaching approaches. All students have their own tablet device in lessons and their use is integrated into learning activities. In keeping with the whole Academy's learning framework, students are expected to reflect on their capabilities as learners, and to develop strategies to overcome obstacles to their learning.

In line with an engaging, creative, critical realist programme of study, we value:

The use of critical questions. All lessons should be built around the understanding and evaluation of a religious truth claim.

Assessment for Learning (AfL) as integral to teaching. Rather than using ineffective tack-on 'strategies' for AfL, teachers should constantly be assessing student progress via verbal and written responses, including no-hands questioning, and adjust their teaching accordingly.

Successful behaviour for learning. Teachers must strive for the highest expectations of behaviour in all lessons and will be supported within the department. This includes zero-tolerance of low-level disruption, an expectation of a high standard of written work and an emphasis on developing students' independent learning skills.

Effective adaptive teaching strategies: Teachers are expected to plan and adapt lessons to meet the needs of all learners.

High expectations. Even though many of the ideas we teach are challenging, it is important that students engage with these at the highest level. For example, we begin Year 7 by considering how we make judgements about what is real.

A range of learning approaches, with an emphasis on developing literacy. Discussion plays a vital role in the Religious Studies classroom and this should be encouraged and utilised. Pupils should however be able to summarise these discussed points, so that they may be referred back to and developed in future lessons and in assessments. Further, a range of tasks to develop writing skills should be used.

Creative tasks that suit the lesson aims. An engaging curriculum should include a range of creative tasks; however these should only be used if they are the best way to develop the skills and understanding needed to meet the learning objectives of the lesson, and not for the sake of the task itself.

Focused Home Learning. Home Learning must develop or consolidate student class learning or prepare students for the next lesson. It should not merely be a repetition of tasks done in class or be set for the sake of it.

Above all, a commitment to reflective teaching. We work as a department, sharing effective teaching strategies and contributing to teachers' professional development. We reflect on and evaluate our lessons routinely, in order to bring out the best in our students.

We are seeking an excellent Religious Studies teacher who is committed to innovative planning, is highly organised and has the ambition to contribute to all aspects of the curriculum, assessment and whole Academy initiatives. We look forward to welcoming your application for this position.

Sara Jones
Head of Religious Studies
Wren Academy Enfield

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Teacher of Religious Studies

Main scale plus Wren Enfield Allowance
Required for September 2026

Job Purpose

The primary purpose of the teacher is to ensure that the standard of teaching and learning is of the highest quality for all students so that they are able to achieve to the best of their ability.

Teachers are expected to secure high standards of learning and achievement for all students through the delivery of excellent teaching. They should plan, teach and assess to ensure that all students achieve in line with or better than key stage value added estimates. It is essential that they give active support to the vision and ethos of Wren Academy.

This Job Description is in addition to the national standards expected of all who have attained Qualified Teacher Status.

Key Tasks

To teach a curriculum that inspires students to become effective lifelong learners by:

1. Ensuring high standards of teaching and learning for all students.
2. Planning lessons which address the full range of learners' needs.
3. Planning for progression and designing effective learning sequences within lessons that develop understanding and skills.
4. Having high expectations of all students so that they are able to achieve their academic potential.
5. Adopting high standards of behaviour in their professional role and setting a positive example in dress, punctuality and attendance.

Key Tasks

6. Having a good, up to date working knowledge and understanding of a range of teaching, learning and assessment strategies and know how to use them to personalise the learning of Wren Academy students.
7. Playing a role in the delivery of the Academy's Enrichment curriculum and Focus Days.
8. Creating a purposeful and challenging classroom environment that encourages students to become more effective learners through interactive display.
9. Liaising with colleagues to deliver schemes of learning in a collaborative manner.
10. Planning for the involvement of teaching assistants and other support staff to ensure targeted impact on the achievement of students on the EAL, SEN, Looked After Children and Inclusion registers.
11. Monitoring and evaluating the quality of learning within each lesson.
12. Being an enthusiastic user of the academy's information technology systems.
13. Providing written feedback and learning targets for all students within the agreed time span.
14. Meeting all report writing deadlines set throughout the year and ensuring that they are of a high quality.
15. Designing opportunities for learners to develop their literacy, numeracy, ICT and thinking and learning skills.
16. Setting work for students who are absent from the Academy.
17. Planning cover work that has clear objectives and expected outcomes if absent from the academy.
18. Using every opportunity to engage colleagues and parents in the learning of Wren Academy students.
19. Maintaining an up to date understanding of the professional duties of teachers and the statutory framework within which they work.

Key responsibilities

Key Tasks

To provide a secure and safe learning environment for all students so that they develop into self-confident and self-motivated learners by:

1. Being an enthusiastic and effective form tutor who is fully committed to embracing an inclusive and safe environment.
2. Building respectful, supportive and constructive relationships with all students.
3. Having a strong commitment to promoting equality of opportunity and high quality pastoral care.
4. Maintaining the highest standards of behaviour so that all students are able to learn effectively.
5. Providing a proactive presence around the school embodying the academy's high expectations to students.
6. Knowing when to draw on the expertise of colleagues who have responsibility for safeguarding children and individual learning needs.
7. Attending and participating in parent evenings and open evenings.
8. To uphold and actively support the academy's policies and procedures on the safeguarding of young people.

Reporting

Religious Studies teachers will be line managed by the Head of Religious Studies.



Person Specification

Professional Skills and Experience

1. Possess a good degree and QTS.
2. Be an excellent teacher with the ability to inspire students to become effective, self-directed learners.
3. Have the skills and experience necessary to achieve outstanding examination results.
4. Possess a thorough understanding of the requirements and opportunities of the secondary curriculum.
5. Have experience of teaching a range of year groups including examination classes.
6. Show evidence of having developed the learning capacity of students.
7. Be able to support and role model on delivery of school ethos and policies.
8. Show evidence of continued professional development.
9. Have relevant experience of working in comprehensive and multicultural environments.
10. Know how to use, with guidance, statistical information to evaluate the effectiveness of their teaching and to monitor the progress of those that they teach.
11. Be willing to act upon advice and feedback and being open to mentoring and coaching.
12. Be receptive and constructively critical of whole school innovation which will lead to benefits and improvements in teaching and learning.
13. Demonstrate the ability to set up and operate effective self-evaluation systems.
14. Have a commitment to extra-curricular activities and be able to follow procedural and safeguarding guidelines to ensure these run smoothly.

People, Relationships and Communications

1. Be committed to maintaining a distinctive and inclusive Christian vision in the academy.
2. Be able to relate to all students in a positive and constructive way and inspire them to achieve more than they think possible.
3. Have qualities which earn the trust and respect of students, staff, parents and governors.
4. Demonstrate the inspiration to motivate and the ability to build on the strengths and expertise of each staff member.
5. Possess integrity, optimism, credibility, resilience, calmness and a sense of proportion.
6. Possess excellent written and verbal communication skills.
7. Have the ability to relate positively to parents and other stakeholders and engage them successfully in the life of the academy.
8. Be able to build constructive working relationships with local schools and colleges, employers and the local authority.
9. Appreciate the balance between the academic, social and emotional development of young people, needed to create an outstanding school.
10. Embody our vision and values particularly those of justice, kindness and humility.



Staff Well Being

All teachers joining Wren receive a high-quality professional development experience. We hope that simply by working at the new academy, teachers will become better practitioners and that much of the best professional development will be found in working with Wren colleagues. However, we explicitly prioritise CPD with an innovative programme which provides 3 discrete hours for the development of teachers. Within this structure there is a focus on engaging with the latest educational research, with many colleagues undertaking research projects related to their practice. Therefore, we are looking to recruit teachers who are keen to become the very best teachers whilst focusing on ensuring excellent progress and the creation of firm foundations which will lead to GCSE and A Level success.

Our new buildings which we occupied in December 2022 are architecturally impressive and provide an exceptional teaching environment with breath-taking views across the greenbelt and into London. As well as a range of good-sized well-equipped classrooms the site benefits from the following features:

- A welcoming and pleasant restaurant area for both staff and students which is set at the heart of the school
- Dance studio, extensive gym, and assembly hall
- Impressive Sixth Form social and study areas
- Excellent performance spaces both in and outdoors
- Pleasant outdoor social and learning areas for both staff and students



The development of a second academy has led to collaboration and innovation opportunities which benefit all staff and have improved the provision of both schools. Many professional development opportunities have been created which ensure that all colleagues are well equipped and encouraged to be effective in their role.

At Wren you will be given time to plan and evaluate your lessons and intervention strategies. You will be part of a learning dialogue with colleagues for which time is set aside. Most importantly of all, you will be working with young people who are talented and enthusiastic about their learning. We believe that observing other teachers and having them observe you is a professional entitlement and especially important given our focus on quality first teaching. It is an expectation that all Wren teachers will be confident and open in seeing lesson observation as a key element of how we learn as professionals.

We are looking to recruit excellent teachers who have the desire to develop further. We want to appoint colleagues who possess real curiosity about the ways in which children learn most effectively and who are always seeking to extend their practice into new areas and learning activities. It is important that Wren teachers are ambitious both for themselves and for their students.



Staff Benefits

- Two week autumn half term break
- Free refreshments all day and a daily lunch allowance.
- Annual £1000 'Wren Enfield Allowance' in recognition of delivering enrichment activities and contributing to the wider life of the Academy.
- Excellent professional development opportunities including support for programmes of further study and planned career development.
- Timetabled professional development time during the school day.
- A pleasant and attractive working environment. Our restaurant, centrally situated, is the heart and hub of our community. This provides a bright, clean, communal space where staff and students can socialise, meet and eat. Over the years, the restaurant has become the foundation for strong relationships across departments and staff groups ensuring that all staff benefit from friendship and support beyond their immediate teams.
- An exceptionally talented and mutually supportive staff team of teachers and student services colleagues. Our staff body is inclusive and representative of the community in which we serve. We have consistently recruited a talented and committed staff who share the ambition of creating a uniquely successful school
- Children of colleagues working at Wren for over two years will be given priority for a place in Year 7 of the school they work at.
- Talented, courteous and ambitious students
- All staff, whatever their role, are equally valued and the contribution of student services colleagues to the life and success of the Academy is celebrated
- Career development opportunities in a successful and growing Multi Academy Trust with plans to expand further.

The Wren Academies Trust is a MAT with plans to develop beyond two schools. This will provide further exciting professional development opportunities for the successful candidate.

More details on the curriculum, structure and ethos of the Academy are available on our website, www.wrenacademyenfield.org.



How to Apply

Application deadline

Completed application forms must be received by 9.00am, Monday 23 February 2026, however applications will be considered as they are received.

Completing your application

Candidates are asked to read the details carefully, especially the Job Description and Person Specification. Please complete all the standard information required on the application form. Failure to provide information requested may lead to your application being rejected. Please complete your application through [MyNewTerm](#).

Internal applicants should submit their personal statement to recruitment@wrenacademiestrust.org. Please note, your statement should not exceed two sides of A4 (Arial font size 12).

CVs will not be accepted.

Visits

Visits to the academy are welcome. Appointments can be arranged by emailing recruitment@wrenacademiestrust.org or by calling the Academy on 020 3150 4604.

Selection process

The selection process may have a combination of tasks, lesson observations and panel interview. Further details will be provided to the candidates shortlisted for interview.

References

Candidates are advised that references will be taken up immediately after shortlisting. Referees should be warned of the need to respond within the timescale set. The post will be offered subject to satisfactory completion of pre-employment checks.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The Trust is committed to inclusion and is an equal opportunities employer. We aim to create a welcoming, respectful and safe environment for all members of our community, from every ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability/disability, religion and background. We know that more diverse teams are stronger teams, and that the more inclusive we are, the more our staff and pupils will feel a sense of belonging and will thrive. To enable us to make any reasonable adjustments, please let us know what you would require when you submit your application.

Safeguarding

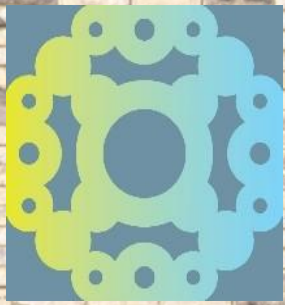
The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Applicants will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The Trust may carry out online searches on shortlisted applicants and all applicants will be required to provide details of their online profile, including social media accounts, as part of their application.

The post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. The Trust is therefore permitted to ask job applicants to declare all convictions and cautions on a self-declaration form in advance of attending an interview (including those which are "spent" unless they are "protected" under the DBS filtering rules) in order to assess their suitability to work with children.

GDPR personal data notice

According to GDPR guidelines, we are only able to process your Sensitive Personal Data (racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, genetic data, biometric data, health, sex life, or sexual orientation) with your express consent. You will be asked to complete a consent form when you apply and please do not include any Sensitive Personal Data within your CV (although this can be included in your covering letter if you wish to do so), remembering also not to include contact details for referees without their prior agreement.



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