



St Martins School

Applicant Information Pack
Maintenance Assistant



'Every Individual is in a great school'



Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for the interest you have shown in our school.

St Martins School is a very special place. We deliver child-centred, individually tailored education because of our small size and unique position in our community. This family ethos surrounds all who work and study here, creating a safe, supportive and nurturing environment. Our recent Ofsted inspection described us as “a small school with a big heart” and commented on the fact that “senior leaders have high aspirations for every pupil and have created an ambitious curriculum to meet these high expectations.” The pupils build trusting relationships with staff, based on mutual respect from nursery to year 11 and feel happy, valued and safe.

I very much hope that after reading the information below you will feel that you want to play your part in securing the very best education for the students of St Martins.

The following ethos is a commitment shared by staff and governors. We will:

- Recognise and foster academic ability so that individual excellence can be achieved
- Deliver the highest quality teaching, enabling children to maximise their potential throughout their learning journey 3-16
- Create a family ethos of safety, support and nurture where respect for each other is a given
- Create an inclusive environment where children of all abilities and backgrounds make a positive contribution to school life and the wider community
- Encourage children to think independently and make informed decisions enabling them to have high aspirations about their future
- Work with children and families in constantly reviewing progress and supporting differing developmental needs

This is an incredibly exciting time as we further develop and maximise the value of being an all through school through the new pastoral system, school house structure and offer the very best transition and personal development for students.

Sue Lovecy
Head of School



St Martins School

Selfless ❖ Self-assured ❖ Successful

About our School



About Us

Despite the fact that North West Shropshire is a rural area, our school has excellent road links and is easily accessible to many towns and cities. Some staff live in the surrounding countryside while others take advantage of the fact that historic urban areas such as Shrewsbury, Wrexham and Chester are in comfortable commuting distance. Oswestry, a thriving market town, is five miles from the school. The area offers a wide variety of attractive housing at prices which compare favourably with other parts of the country.



Facilities

The school has undergone a transformation over the last few years. This year we have been excited to open our new purpose built technology block and we continue to plan for our new recreation centre, including a 3G football pitch and community fields

Vision

Our vision is to ensure that St Martins School continues to be recognised as having a caring, nurturing environment and continues to be one of the most oversubscribed schools in the area. We promote a positive growth mindset, lifelong learning and we encourage everyone within our wider community to have a love of learning.



Our curriculum is designed to broaden our children's horizons, widen their cultural capital and empower them to be curious about the world around them. We firmly believe that reading is the 'master skill'. We aim to provide young people with the experiences they need to develop into confident individuals and responsible citizens who are equipped with the skills to meet the ever changing demands of 21st century life in modern Britain and be ready for the next stage of their education. We aim to foster partnerships with our parents and members of the wider community to develop and promote a learning community. The school is a highly valued and effective resource for our community.

As an all through school we are able to utilise teaching and learning expertise across every phase which enables:

- Sharing examples of good pedagogy between phases
- Enhancing continuity between the phases
- Developing an all through school ethos

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About our Trust



The 3-18 Education Trust is currently made up of nine schools and derives its name from the age range of the pupils and students who attend those schools. We have an inclusive ethos, defined by age and we recognise that education is a continuous process, secured through consistent values and a strong transition (through the key stages).

Our Vision:

To ensure every individual is in a great school.

Our Mission:

To celebrate the diverse nature, culture and identity of our individual schools, whilst enjoying the benefit of the team, so that each school is reciprocal in their support for one another and achieves together.

Our Values:

- **Accomplished:** to provide high quality education and training for all
- **Resilient:** to be solution focused and able to intelligently manage challenges
- **Compassionate:** to show care and understanding towards others

Not only do we pursue the important dimension of achieving the best results for each student regardless of their starting point, but we also believe strongly that education is about developing well-rounded individuals who are ready, willing and able to make their contribution to society.

Please take a look at our [Trust website](https://www.3-18education.co.uk) (<https://www.3-18education.co.uk>) for more details on what we offer. For information about each of our schools, please read on or click on the below links.



The 3-18 Trust: What We Offer

The 3-18 Education Trust is a multi-academy trust with students aged from 3-18 and which works collaboratively to provide interesting and exciting opportunities for staff to share ideas, resources and expertise, for the benefit of the students. Our Schools serve their communities of small villages and the larger towns throughout Shropshire.

Hours & Working Weeks

Work-life balance is important in our Trust. Having the ability to organise your working hours in a way that suits you, whilst not compromising your hours and standard of work, alongside meeting the requirements of the post and the needs of the Trust can help to achieve this work-life balance. It may be to avoid a busy commute or to allow time to work around childcare or caring for dependents. We will be looking for core-working hours, which will be agreed with the successful applicant and other hours are to be worked around other commitments.

In addition to a comprehensive induction and a commitment to your ongoing training and career progression, we also offer:

✓ **Unbeatable Pension Scheme**

Thinking about your future? We are too and it's never too early. We'll automatically enrol you onto the relevant pension scheme – we will pay a whopping 28.68% into your Teachers Pension scheme or 19% if you are a member of our amazing support staff through the local government pension scheme – you'll find it hard to beat that.

✓ **Holiday**

Whilst holiday allowances vary across the roles, we offer no less than 27 days plus bank holidays– and to top it off, your holiday entitlement grows as your career does – as after five years' service you'll be awarded five extra days. Plus, we run a special leave policy making allowances for paid time off for those unplanned life events or family milestones that we just wouldn't expect you to miss.

✓ **Saving Scheme**

Saving for those rainy days has never been easier than with our salary savings scheme where you can have your savings taken directly from your salary into an accredited savings scheme.

✓ **Support for you and your family**

We understand that becoming a parent, growing your family or looking after those who mean the most to you, can be life changing. That's why we're proud to provide policies that fit around your family, whenever you might need it.

✓ **Your wellbeing**

It's a top priority for us, and that's why we look after your physical wellbeing with free eye tests, flu vaccinations, and an outstanding occupational health service. We also look after your mental wellbeing too, with our employee assistance programme, providing legal, financial, health, parenting and life advice with 24 hour access for you and your family members. We also provide access to independent counselling specialists to beat those long waiting lists and ensure you have access to the right support at the right time.

✓ **Online GP Service**

Struggling to get an appointment with your local GP, we've got you covered. As an employee at The 3-18 Education Trust you will have 24 hour access to a GP appointment, these usually take place within 2 days at a time to suit you, prescriptions provided when required to be collected at your local pharmacy. This service is also open to your dependants.

✓ **We've always got you covered**

If the unexpected happens – for example, you can't work because of illness or you're in an accident – we've got you covered with excellent sick pay benefits. Plus, in the event of death in service, we'll pay up to three times your salary. All these give you financial protection and take away any worries – all at no cost to you.

✓ **Cycle to work scheme**

Choose a brand-new bike and accessories and save on tax and National Insurance. Select a bike worth up to £3,000 and spread the cost over 12 months, interest free.

✓ **Home and Electronics Scheme**

The latest Xbox on the birthday list? Washing machine broken down at just the wrong time of year? We have you covered with our newest salary sacrifice scheme, open all year round and open to all staff, spreading the payments for those expensive items over 12 months.

✓ **Awards for long service**

We owe so much to our long-serving colleagues. That's why we're all about rewarding their continuous service and celebrating their key milestones. Just the way it should be.

✓ **Career Progression**

From bitesize learning right through to professional qualifications. With our trust wide dedicated CPD leads, we believe every colleague should have the chance to progress – personally, professionally and as far as possible.

✓ **Additional Perks**

Many of our sites have access to freshly made hot meals at a discounted rate, free carparking, gyms and swimming pools all open to members of staff at greatly reduced rates or free.

Job Description: MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT



Title of Post	Maintenance Assistant
Grade and SCP	Grade 5, Point 5
Hours/Working Weeks	37 hours per week £24,470, 52.14 weeks of the year full time
Post Status	Fixed term in the first instance
Accountable To	Site Manager

Main Purpose

Under the instruction / guidance of the Site manager provide maintenance & security services on the school site & premises.

Operational Tasks

1. Security;

- Lock / unlock school buildings and areas.
- Undertake regular security checks and identify security risks.
- Monitor fire safety equipment and carry out fire drills.
- Operate and respond to alarm systems where appropriate, outside of any specialist monitoring brief.
- Monitor CCTV or surveillance contractors.

2. Cleaning and Maintenance;

- To carry out various maintenance duties to ensure that the general upkeep and maintenance of the premises is satisfactory, as per specific schedule for your school.
- Undertake minor / simple repairs e.g. minor plumbing, changing light bulbs, unblocking drains.
- To carry out minor decoration programme as agreed with the Headteacher.
- To carry out minor improvement work e.g. erecting shelves, notice boards, book shelves etc. as agreed with the Headteacher.
- Operation and maintenance of heating plant and lighting systems.
- To oversee and monitor the electrical testing of portable electrical appliances and to maintain the appropriate records.
- Undertake regular site inspections and identify and record repair and maintenance requirements.
- Identify defects and record repair and maintenance requirements.
- Collect and assemble waste for removal.
- Undertake emergency & specialist cleaning tasks.
- Undertake cleaning duties such as graffiti removal, litter-picking.
- Provide emergency access to the school site.
- Coordinate deliveries to the school site.
- Liaise with contractors & undertake client role in connection with premises related contracts.
- Ensure that satisfactory levels of caretaking, cleanliness and hygiene are achieved and maintained through the whole of the premises.

- Ensure that the pathways and all other external hard surface areas are kept clean, free of litter and weeds and that they are gritted or salted when required during wintry conditions.
- Maintain swimming pool and other specialist sports equipment after specialist training.

3. Resources Tasks

- Be responsible for maintaining records, information and data
- Create and maintain a purposeful, orderly and productive working environment.
- Promote and ensure the health and safety of pupils, staff & visitors (in accordance with appropriate health & safety legislation) at all times.

4. Organisation & Supervisory Tasks

- Demonstrate and assist in the safe and effective use of specialist equipment / materials.
- Provide specialist advice and guidance as required.
- Organise and participate in the organisation and movement of furniture within the building.
- Where appropriate to organise and administer the use and maintenance of all school vehicles and to carry out driving duties when required by the Headteacher.

5. Support for the School

- Be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people within the academy, raising any concerns following academy protocol/procedures
- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, E-safety, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure that pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Establish constructive relationships with all pupils and interact with them according to individual needs.
- Contribute to the overall ethos / work / aims of the school.
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals – within school and from outside.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Undertake annual appraisal in line with the school's policy.

6. Safeguarding

- Be aware of and comply with safeguarding responsibilities as outlined in the school's Staff Code of Conduct and related policies and procedures.

6. Data Protection and other statutory responsibilities

- Be aware of and comply with data protection responsibilities as outlined in the school's Staff Code of Conduct and related policies and procedures.

The postholder may be required to carry out any other duties that the Headteacher feels are commensurate with the post. Whilst every effort is made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

This job description is subject to review, in negotiation with the post holder at any time. However, an annual review of this job description and allocation of responsibilities will take place as part of agreed performance management arrangements.

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good standard of education • Handy person experience. • Cleaning and support services N/SVQ Level 1 OR equivalent experience or equivalent qualification, or willingness to train to achieve these. 	Work in an educational setting
Work or relevant experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands on experience in a role utilising basic plumbing, electrical or decorating repair procedures. • Willingness to gain awareness of COSHH regulations. • Ability to work as part of a team. • Willingness to use relevant equipment. • Ability to follow health and safety procedures 	Awareness of health and hygiene procedures. Knowledge of moving and handling procedures
Knowledge, and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficiently fluent in spoken English to ensure effective performance in the role • Willingness to participate in training and development opportunities • Ability to communicate clearly with staff and students • Ability to learn quickly 	
Skills and Abilities (relevant to post)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good judgement and knowing when to seek advice or support • Ability to maintain confidentiality • Ability to relate well to children and adults. 	
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility, empathy and a sense of humour • Honest and trustworthy • Can work as part of a team and independently • Can do attitude 	
Special Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. 	

Application & Appointment Process

An application form is available to download from the trust website which can be found [here](#).

Please complete and return your application form as soon as possible, clearly noting all the experience, skills and personal qualities that you can offer which are relevant to this post.

To arrange an informal conversation or to find out more about this role, please contact Clare Ellis at clare.ellis@stm.318education.co.uk to arrange a conversation.

The deadline for applications is 3 p.m. Wednesday 23 January 2025

Interviews will be held on: 31 January

Please send completed applications to Clare Ellis, Head's PA,
clare.ellis@stm.318education.co.uk

Interviews will be offered to those applicants who best demonstrate how skills, abilities and experience match the person specification, taking into consideration the job description.

Please note:

- It is essential that all elements of the application form are completed in full.
- We do not accept CV's in support of an application.
- Appointments will be subject to clearance in respect of medical fitness, satisfactory references, right to work in the UK and criminal disclosure.
- This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders act 1974 and as such the applicant who is appointed to this post will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure before the appointment is confirmed. This check will include details of cautions, reprimands or warnings, as well as convictions and non-conviction information. Once appointed, the successful applicant may also be required to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure at intervals during the course of their employment whilst in this post.

If invited for interview, **you are required to bring evidence of your qualifications and appropriate documents to initiate the DBS application process** should you be the successful candidate

The 3-18 Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, as such this post requires acknowledgement and understanding of safeguarding and child protection policies. Policies can be found on the trust website.

In line with KCSiE, the Trust may carry out an online search on all shortlisted candidates as part of our safer recruitment process.