

Recruitment Brochure

Exam Invigilator

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A fantastic opportunity to join our team as an Exam Invigilator

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We Are The Wren.

A school that puts its staff at the centre. A community that is built on the values of Kindness, Ambition, and Respect with ethical, honest leadership at every level.

We are committed to this because people matter.

We are an organisation that values individuals.

It is why we pay our teachers more than other local schools, why we not only support but embrace flexible working opportunities to suit the needs, lifestyles and career paths of our team.

It is why we have a culture of growth and development that provides the opportunities for everyone to flourish through bespoke professional development and a climate of coaching.

It is why we believe that you shouldn't always have to say 'no' because of work. Why we recognise you as parents, partners, siblings and friends and that you shouldn't miss out on those key events and commitments.

It is why our wellbeing charter and committee ensure your health and wellbeing are front and centre. Why we give all staff a unique Wellness Day to take whenever they need, for whatever they want and why we look to offer extra days off by running twilight professional development sessions.

We Are Different. We Are Bold. We Are The Wren.

At The Wren, we challenge ourselves to become better day by day; driving our school community forward so that we can offer our students an exceptional education. We share an ambitious and inspirational vision that;

'Each child, regardless of background, will receive a world-class education and be nurtured, challenged and inspired to aim high.'

We believe that every young person must receive an exceptional education; one that nurtures a love of learning and empowers students to achieve their best, one that challenges, inspires and develops them as individuals and one that ensures all students have the tools to be fully equipped for their future.

We are currently recruiting for Exam Invigilators for the forthcoming exams, as well as the exams that take place throughout the year. You will assist the Lead Examination Officer by supervising students, preparing exam rooms, distributing and collecting exam papers. The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills and will be able to work independently and part of a team.

This post is on a zero hour contract and is paid by completing a timesheet at the end of each month. SCP salary scale 3-5 (£11.79 per hour plus an additional uplift for paid annual leave).

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, we hope you will take the next step and apply for this position by emailing recruitment@wren.excalibur.org.uk for an application form.

The Wren School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Click [here](#) to read our Safeguarding Policy. Any appointment is subject to satisfactory completion of all relevant pre-employment checks. The Wren School is committed to equality of opportunity for all staff.

We are committed to equality of opportunity, promoting and celebrating the diversity of staff, students and the community we work with. The Wren School values everyone's contribution and ensures all have the opportunity to realise their potential in line with our #BetterNeverStops ethos. We welcome applications from talented people from all sections of the community who share our values and belief that all students, regardless of background, deserve a world-class education.

Message from the Principal

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in this post and in joining the team at The Wren. We are seeking to appoint Exam Invigilators who will be forward thinking and able to work independently as well as part of a team.

The Wren is a fantastic school with an excellent team of highly skilled practitioners, and an ambitious and inspiring vision. We believe that:

"Each child, regardless of background, will receive a world-class education, and be nurtured, challenged and inspired to aim high".

Our vision motivates and challenges us to become better, day by day, as we continue to strive to offer our students an exceptional education.

We opened in 2015 as an 11-19 secondary school. We moved into our current, state of the art site in September 2018; it offers our students a fantastic learning environment in modern, spacious and well-resourced buildings. We are proud to be part of the Excalibur Academies Trust that allows us to work in close partnership with its excellent network of schools.

Students at The Wren are confident and respectful individuals, and are proud of their school and the values that we uphold. You would be joining a supportive staff team, and a school that prioritises professional development and staff wellbeing. We offer an extensive bespoke internal Professional Development programme organised with individual needs and growth at its core, and believe in collaboration and supportive practice.

We are not a school that sits still. I lead a restless team, who are bold and creative in ensuring that we move this school and the educational experiences of our students and our community forward.

I would encourage you to visit and speak with us to further explore if you think this could be the right school and the right opportunity for you. Please contact Lynn Smith lsmith@wren.excalibur.org.uk to arrange a time to come and see us.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Kind regards,



Mr John Salberg
Principal



Message from Nicky Edmondson – CEO, Excalibur Academies Trust

We recognise that every person contributes to the success of Excalibur Academies Trust and we will support you on your journey. Working in education is rewarding but can be challenging and if you join us, we will be your biggest champions. You will be valued and supported whether you are an ECT looking to start your career, an experienced teacher looking for opportunities to lead a subject, department or other specialism or someone aspiring to make a difference by choosing to work with children.

Teaching and support staff are equally valued and encouraged to take advantage of development opportunities across all our academies. We have a clear recruitment and retention strategy that sets out how we will support you with excellent career prospects, encouraging you to seek progression, acting-up, and secondments across the Trust and continuing professional development as examples. We offer a range of great benefits recognising that investing in our people is one of the most important things we do. Excalibur Academies Trust has committed to making staff health and wellbeing a strategic priority with strong commitment from leadership in supporting the Trust's Wellbeing Strategy.

We look forward to welcoming you to our special and supportive Trust!

Message from Julia Cottee – Chair of Governors

The Wren opened its doors to 73 students in 2015, with the vision that *"Each child, regardless of background, will receive a world-class education and be nurtured, challenged and inspired to aim high"*. We are now the secondary school of choice in West Reading, with places hugely over-subscribed, and with modern high-quality facilities.

The Wren is a free school founded by a parent proposer group (the West Reading Education Network), formed to serve the families of Central West Reading. Reading has consistently been one of the most popular places to move to in recent years, and with hundreds of houses and apartments being built in the town centre, close to future Crossrail links, the demand for school places is growing all the time. However, the only schools actually located in the centre of the town are selective, necessitating many children to travel out to the suburbs, or even beyond the borough, to access secondary school education. Although The Wren is located near to other secondaries, we stand out due to our nurturing ethos, our dynamic curriculum in a 3-year KS3 and transition support from KS2, our high level of curriculum resources, especially for the Arts, and welcome towards young people's diversity, and our enthusiastic and caring staff.

Having experienced such a challenging and rapid journey of expansion, change, burst in popularity and building work over the initial years as a standalone school, we joined Excalibur Academies Trust in 2019, to help us to continue to strive to provide a world-class education to our students, in a collaborative partnership which allows us to draw upon their expertise, whilst still ensuring our unique identity and approach.

We look forward to receiving your application.

About The Wren

The Wren is a thriving and growing 11-18 secondary school based in the heart of the local community. Reading is a vibrant town with a thriving centre sited on the River Thames and River Kennet. A historic market town with many shops and restaurants and fantastic opportunities to explore a huge number of local and regional attractions. The school is situated in West Reading, with easy access to the M4 and excellent rail links to London and across the country.

Our first cohort of Year 7 students arrived in September 2015 and we moved into our state of the art, modern buildings in September 2018. These fantastic buildings provide us with spacious and well-equipped learning environments that inspire our students to continue to strive for excellence. In September 2020, we were delighted to welcome our first Sixth Form cohort. We were very proud that in June 2018, after our first Ofsted inspection, we achieved a 'Good' rating; we were described as, "a school that enables pupils to succeed" and it endorsed the journey we are on. You can view a copy of the report [here](#).

As a school, we value community cohesion and are proud to be part of the Excalibur Academies Trust and its excellent network of schools. Founded in 2012, EAT is a multi-academy trust that prides itself on a special blend of independence and collaboration. Their vision is to provide an excellent education empowering individuals to thrive and grow within a caring, aspirational and outward looking culture. They believe in investing in staff to ensure they attract and retain talented, dedicated people who are committed to changing children's lives for the better. With a strong track record of raising the achievement of disadvantaged pupils across the trust, it is their mission to promote social mobility and personal fulfilment through the transformative power of education.

Our rich and purposeful curriculum offers a wide mix of academic and practical opportunities. We challenge our students to explore, discover and learn new things, and inspire them to dream and think big. We aim to create independent, creative and confident individuals who are skilled and ready for the world, and resilient to the challenges they might face.

We have an unrelenting focus on quality first teaching and learning, with an exceptional staff team who are committed to creating 'Inspirational Classrooms'. We expect and encourage the highest standards of attitude, behaviour and commitment from staff and students alike.

Our students follow a three year Key Stage 3, studying a wide range of subjects to prepare them for Year 9 - a year of choice and decision-making about GCSE subjects and the next stage of their educational journey. All students will have the opportunity to select a personalised combination of subjects that will allow them to reach for success at the end of Key Stage 4 in Year 11. We hope that each student's journey with us continues into our sixth form where we provide a range of qualifications to meet their needs and open up opportunities as they step into the world of work or continue onto further study at university.

Views from our staff

'In my time as an NQT at The Wren I felt fully supported by all members of staff. Having an NQT co-ordinator that knows each staff member's strengths allowed me to observe best teaching practices of areas that I needed to develop. From my first experience of visiting during my PGCE year, to the years since my NQT year, I have always felt that staff look out for each other's wellbeing and will always support each other' – **Luke, teaching staff.**

'I come from a corporate background and this is my first school job. I love working at The Wren, my colleagues are friendly, kind and supportive. It is nice to know that I make a difference to children's lives with the work I do and I find my job very rewarding' - **Anita, support staff.**

'I started working at The Wren in 2016, at the time there were just 88 students and a handful of staff based in a very small number of temporary buildings. For me, being part of creating a school has been an amazing experience – there has literally never been a dull moment as the school is still constantly evolving, bringing moments of pride and challenge in equal measure! The staff here are friendly, helpful, team players and definitely very willing to be hands on. Having recently added 'Sustainability Representative' to my remit, The Wren has definitely proved to be my most interesting finance role! ' – **Lorraine, support staff.**

'My favourite thing about working at The Wren is the sense of teamwork that runs through all the departments. You're never alone after a tough day and there is always someone to seek advice from - whether they are in your department or not' – **Simon, teaching staff.**

'I have been fortunate to work at The Wren since 2016. The warm and friendly nature of everyone who works here – makes it a lovely place to work. The support you receive from the Senior Leadership Team and the rest of the staff is second to none. The fact that I can make a contribution to the education of the diversity of the students we have at the Wren gives me satisfaction every day. No two days are the same but it is that variety that makes it so enjoyable' – **Heather, support staff.**

'The Wren is a particularly supportive environment with ample professional development opportunities. As an NQT and now RQT I feel incredibly invested-in and lucky to have been nurtured throughout the early stages of my career. I cannot imagine being surrounded by more passionate people than those at The Wren and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to develop at this wonderful school' – **Sarah, teaching staff.**

'I have worked for the Wren for 6 years and have enjoyed becoming part of the Wren team. I still look forward to coming to work and feel a sense of belonging. My current job role is Office Manager, which entails dealing with parents/carers/students and teachers. Every day is different and you can always expect the unexpected. We work as a team and support each other. I would encourage anyone to come and work at The Wren' – **Lyn, support staff.**

2023-24 Job Description

Job Title	Exams Invigilator
Report to	Examinations Manager
Job Purpose	The Exams Invigilator will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide support to the examination process.
Hours	As required (zero hour contract)
Salary/pay grade	Pay progression linked to local government SCP salary scale 3–5 (£11.79 per hour plus an additional uplift for paid annual leave).

Main duties:

To support the Examinations Manager with the day-to-day operation of examination venues. This may include (but is not limited to):

- assisting with setting up examination venues by laying out stationery, equipment and examination papers in accordance with the outlined procedures;
- assisting candidates prior to the start of examinations by directing them to their seats and advising them about possessions permitted in examination venues;
- ensuring that candidates do not talk once inside the examination venue;
- invigilating during examinations, addressing queries raised by candidates and dealing with examination irregularities in accordance with strict procedures;
- checking attendance during examinations;
- recording details of early leavers and collecting their scripts;
- escorting candidates from the examination venue during the examinations as required, and supervising candidates whilst outside the examination venue;
- collecting and collating scripts at the end of the examination in accordance with strict procedures;
- assisting with the preparation of script envelopes;
- supervising candidates at the end of an examination, ensuring that students do not remove equipment or stationery from the venue without authorisation and that they leave venues in an orderly and quiet manner.

To assist the examinations team with other examination processes, such as (but not limited to):

- packing of examination papers, stationery and equipment prior to the examinations and the delivery to and from venues as appropriate;
- preparation of seating plans.

Other duties

- In common with all staff, your duties will include a requirement to support the school in its policies related to child protection, discipline, health and safety; as such you will be expected to promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young persons with whom you come into contact.
- Undertake any further duties as outlined by the Principal or line manager provided that they are reasonable and appropriate.

Person Specification: Exam Invigilator

The post holder will be able to demonstrate:

Qualifications, Knowledge & Experience	Essential	Desirable
An understanding of examination processes		x
Experience of working with young people		x
Experience of working in a secondary school		x
Good numeracy skills	x	
Competence summary	Essential	Desirable
Professionally discreet and able to respect confidentiality.	x	
Excellent organisational skills	x	
Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (verbal and in writing)	x	
Ability to use initiative	x	
Accuracy and attention to detail	x	
Flexible approach to work	x	
Ability to relate to staff and students	x	
Ability to work under pressure and to tight deadlines		x
Work-related personal qualities	Essential	Desirable
Willing to embrace and develop the vision of The Wren School	x	
Personal impact and presence	x	
Integrity	x	
Self confidence	x	
Adaptability to changing circumstances and new ideas	x	
Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people	x	
Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people	x	

Application Process

If you are interested in applying for this role, please email recruitment@wren.excalibur.org.uk for an application form.

Thank you for your interest in this position.

The Wren Safeguarding Statement

The Wren takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of the students in its care, because “the welfare of the child is paramount” (Children Act 1989).

The Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy recognises the significant role played by school staff in supporting vulnerable students. “Because of their day to day contact with individual children during the school terms, teachers and other school staff are particularly well placed to observe the outward signs of abuse, changes in behaviour or failure to develop” (Working Together under the Children Act 1989.)

This policy applies to all students, staff, governors, volunteers and visitors to The Wren, which recognises it is responsible for making referrals and not enquiries or investigations. All of the aforementioned people have a duty to report any safeguarding concerns to the school’s designated safeguarding lead.

The Wren Equality & Diversity Statement

We are committed to equality of opportunity, promoting and celebrating the diversity of staff, students and the community we work with. The Wren values everyone’s contribution and ensures all have the opportunity to realise their potential in line with our #BetterNeverStops ethos. We welcome applications from talented people from all sections of the community who share our values and belief that all students, regardless of background, deserve a world-class education.



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