



Co-op Academy
Grange

Campus Finance Assistant (Southfield & Grange) Candidate Pack

Febrary 2025

Welcome

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for showing interest in our academy and our Trust.

Our vision at Coop Academy Grange is that *'We make 'Grange Great' by accelerating the development of our children towards their potential in everything we do.'* This vision drives all of the decisions that we make and all of the work that we do day in and day out for our community.

We are an incredibly diverse school with multiple languages spoken by our students, families and staff. We feel that we do reflect the community that we serve and we are passionate about delivering an inclusive school for our students, both within the curricular lessons as well as the experiences that we offer outside of this.

We are an academy on a journey and if you feel that you want to join us on our journey then I would invite you to explore the information within our pack and on our website to get a true understanding of Coop Academy Grange.

If you feel you want to be a part of our journey and can bring the passion and drive needed to really support our students to become the best they can be, then please contact us to arrange a visit or discuss our vacancy.

I look forward to hearing from you as you embark on your journey with us towards delivering the excellent education that our community deserves.

Best wishes,

Sam Moncaster | Headteacher



Our Co-op Academies Trust

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Thank you for showing interest in our academy and our Trust.

The Co-op Academies Trust is a multi-academy trust operating across three hubs: Greater Manchester; West Yorkshire; and Staffordshire and Merseyside. We currently have 33 schools across the regions including secondary, primary and special schools plus a sixth form college. This makes us one of the most diverse multi-academy trusts in England.

The Co-op Academies Trust is governed by a very experienced Trust board consisting of senior members within education and business; about half the members work in senior leadership positions within all areas of the Co-op. Our Trust has a commitment to deliver a three-year strategic plan, developed in 2022, which gives a strong direction of outcomes needed in all areas, community impact and a moral code of practice for all members of Co-op Academies Trust to adhere to.

All our academy governing councils have a Chair of Governors from the Co-op as well as two to four Sponsor Governors. Each hub is led by a Regional Director - a proven leader of schools and an outstanding practitioner with a track record of improvement in education.

Within our leadership team, we have a National Leaders of Education (NLE) and a former NLE. We have a well-developed school improvement offer, including access to 18 different specialist directors. We have the full support of the Co-op who offer a range of services to all our academies, including enrichment opportunities, seconded staff, resources and expertise in the areas of education that overlap with commerce.

Most of our academies have a history of being in very difficult circumstances with many of them serving deprived communities. As well as bespoke individual plans to support academies, we offer school improvement strategies across the Trust that includes school-to-school support, links to external sources of expertise and internal directors. We want the very best for our academies and the diverse communities we serve, with the highest of ambition and aspiration for all students.

Throughout all of our academies you will clearly see our strong core vision and values called the Ways of Being, giving the Trust an ethical code that every stakeholder buys into and engages with.

Good luck with your application and thank you for considering Co-op Academies Trust as the next stage in your career.

Best wishes,

Dr Chris Tomlinson | Chief Executive Officer

Our Values

Co-op Academies Trust is committed to the values shared by co-operatives everywhere:

Self-help – we support learners, parents, carers and staff to help themselves

Self-responsibility – we encourage learners, parents, carers and staff to take responsibility for, and answer to their actions

Democracy – we give our learners, parents, carers and staff a say in the way we run our schools

Equality – we believe that the voice of each individual should be heard

Equity – we run our schools in a way that is fair and unbiased

Solidarity – we share interests and common purposes with our learners, parents, carers and staff, and with other schools in the communities we serve

We strive to demonstrate the following ethical values in everything we do:

Openness – we believe in being open with colleagues in our schools and beyond, children and their families, sharing information and ideas to raise standards and life chances

Honesty – we act in a professional and respectful manner in our dealings with everyone

Social responsibility – we maximise our impact on the people in our communities while minimising our footprint on the world

Caring for others – we treat everyone as we wish to be treated ourselves, understanding that children only have one childhood

We use our simple 'Ways of Being Co-op' to demonstrate our values:

- Do what matters most
- Be yourself, always
- Show you care
- Succeed together

Job Description and Person Specification

Campus Finance Assistant (Southfield & Grange)

Salary / grade range	Full time, 37 hours a week, term time plus 4 weeks (42 weeks in total) Level 3, SCP 7-11 FTE salary £25,584 - £27,269; pro rata £23,698 - £25,259
Location	Co-op Academy Southfield (40%) and Co-op Academy Grange (60%), Haycliffe Lane, Bradford BD5 9ET
Reports to	Finance Manager

Purpose of role:

To provide accurate, efficient, and effective support for the development and operation of the finance function of the academies, ensuring compliance with the Trust's financial regulations and providing high quality, value for money services to the school community.

Key accountabilities (and specific duties / responsibilities):

Responsible for the accurate inputting of financial data

- Supporting colleagues across the academies with the processing of purchase orders from requisitions, accurately and in accordance with agreed authorisation and timescales.
- Recording delivery of goods, ensuring that goods received notes are completed.
- Processing of invoices, ensuring appropriate authorisation for payment.
- Selecting invoices for payment based on the relevant payment terms and authorisation status.
- Reconciling supplier statements, investigating and resolving supplier invoices under query arranging returns and ensuring that refunds or credit notes are received.
- Assisting with the quarterly VAT returns.
- Raising sales invoices and chasing debtor payments.
- Processing any cash received, keeping accurate records and depositing it into the bank.
- Assisting with month-end procedures including reconciliations, posting journals as required.
- Maintaining an organised filing system of paper and electronic records.
- Managing queries from suppliers, debtors and colleagues.
- Supporting with payroll administration as required.
- Ensuring confidential, tactful and secure management of sensitive information.

Support the academy

- Promoting and safeguarding the welfare of students the post holder is responsible for or comes into contact with.
- Assisting with pupil needs as appropriate during the day.
- Supporting equal opportunities for all.
- Contributing to the overall ethos, work and aims of the academy.
- Establishing constructive relationships with other agencies/professionals.
- Attending and participating in regular meetings.
- Participating in training and professional development as required.
- Recognising their strengths and areas of expertise and using these to advise and support others.

The above list is not exhaustive or exclusive. The role requires the post holder to be professional, cooperative and flexible in line with business needs of the Trust. The post holder is required to undertake additional such duties as may reasonably be expected within the scope and grading for the post

Personal attributes required (based on job description):

Attributes	All attributes are essential, unless indicated below as 'desirable'	How measured, e.g. application form (A), interview (I) test (T)
Qualifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good level of numeracy & literacy (GCSE English & Maths) • AAT Level 2 qualification or relevant experience 		A A
Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase ledger administration experience • Experience of financial information systems • Working in an education establishment 	Desirable	A/I A/I A/I
Skills, Ability, Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good communication skills both verbal and written • Attention to detail, maintaining accuracy in a fast paced environment • Highly organised, able to meet conflicting deadlines and competing priorities 		A/I A/I A/I A/I A/I

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain high standards of confidentiality • Able to use initiative • Mindful of the responsibility to use public funds effectively 		
Personal Qualities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patience • Resilience • Self-motivation • Flexible • Motivation to work in the education sector • Committed to safeguarding children at all times 		A/I A/I A/I A/I

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All our colleagues are expected to demonstrate a commitment to co-operative values and principles, and the Ways of Being Co-op.

Co-op Academies Trust is committed to equality of opportunity for all staff and applications from individuals are encouraged regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and marriage or civil partnerships.

Whilst every endeavour has been made to outline all the duties and responsibilities of the post, a document such as this does not permit every item to be specified in detail. Broad headings have been used under which the detailed routines are assumed to be included in the job description.

Staff should not refuse to undertake work, which is not specified on this form, but they should record what they consider to be additional duties they are required to perform, and these will be taken into account when the post is reviewed.

How to apply

All applications must be submitted the link:

<https://www.grange.coopacademies.co.uk/vacancies>

For an informal chat about the role and the academy, and/or to arrange a visit, please contact Human Resources at recruitmentsg@coopacademies.co.uk in the first instance.

The closing date for applications is: **Monday 10th March 2025 at 9am.**

Interview timetable

Interviews will take place on: **TBC**

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What we offer:

- Excellent opportunities for personal and career development within the Co-op Academies Trust;
- Employee benefits such as retail discounts, reduced gym membership, cycle to work scheme and much more;
- Free access to a confidential 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme;
- Effective, supportive and dynamic leadership;
- A superb, school building with a flexible and creative ICT rich working environment;
- A welcoming, friendly, supportive, effective and efficient professional/Continuing professional development.

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