

Job Description: Operations Manager

Reporting to:	The Principal
Location:	Ark Soane Academy, Acton
Contract:	Permanent
Working Pattern:	Full time
Salary:	Ark Support Scale 11: £43,266 - £50,323

The Role

Ark Soane Academy is a new secondary school in Acton which opened in September 2021 to 180 year 7 students. We will continue to grow by 180 students each year until reaching full capacity in 2028.

This year we will move into our brand-new high specification building which features extensive sporting, recreational and specialist teaching space. To coincide with our move to our school building we are looking for an exceptional candidate to lead on operational aspects of the school.

The successful candidate will provide the overall strategic and operational leadership and management for all aspects of Health and Safety, HR, ICT, community usage, catering, administration and operations support in the academy.

They will develop, lead and manage operational staff ensuring that the resources and systems of the academy are deployed effectively and efficiently to achieve the educational aims of the academy.

They will work with Ark Central and other academies in the Ark network, to develop high quality systems and services throughout the network, offering support where required.

Key Responsibilities

Leadership

- Be a member of the Senior Leadership Team, contributing to strategic planning and decision making, leading staff training, task groups and student assemblies and attending Governing Body meetings
- Lead on the school's operational requirements, including contract procurement, systems set-up, staff training and implementation of policies & procedures
- Work closely and liaise with the Ark HR, Finance and Premises to ensure that in-school processes, as applicable, are implemented and followed
- Manage the academy's operational budget, ensuring that spend is managed in line with approved budgets and input into termly forecast/budgeting process, analysing and reviewing strategic plans for Academy's operational areas
- Support the leadership team in developing the strategic approach for lettings and community links and lead on establishing links with the community in this regard
- Work with the Regional/Central Facilities Manager to project manage capital building projects, ensuring identifying appropriate funding sources, writing proposals for expenditure and delivery within scope, time and finance

Managing People & Services

- Manage Office, Reception, Premises and HR staff to ensure they are motivated, have high levels of commitment and productivity and perform well in their roles
- Manage the Catering and Cleaning contract and ensuring all aspects of the service level agreement are met
- Manage the service and contract/SLA delivery for IT, including ensuring IT assets are security marked and maintained through working closely with Ark Central IT

School Operations

- Achieve the most competitive pricing for goods and services for the academy, complying with current and relevant procurement legislation and Ark's policies
- Ensure the academy is compliant with all the Ark policies, rules and procedures, including Fire and Health & Safety legislation, and ensuring the accurate maintenance of the Single Central Record
- Establish and maintain effective administration systems throughout the academy, including systems for monitoring and reporting on all operational functions
- Be responsible for the day-to-day management of Health and Safety (H&S) within the academy, working with Ark's central Head of Premises & Estates, ensuring that there is a H&S policy and Emergency Plan in place, and reporting back regularly to the Principal and governing body

Other

- Actively promote the safety and welfare of our children and young people
- Ensure compliance with Arks data protection rules and procedures
- Liaise with colleagues and external contacts at all levels of seniority with confidence, tact and diplomacy
- Work with Ark Central and other academies in the Ark network, to establish good practice throughout the network, offering support where required

This job description is not an exhaustive list and you will be expected to carry out any other reasonable tasks as directed by your line manager.

We are recruiting for an Easter start to coincide with occupancy of the new school building. To discuss this role, or future opportunities at Ark Soane, please contact the Principal's Assistant, Swannie Ki (hr@arksoane.org), or phone on 020 7430 8876.

Person Specification: Operations Manager

Qualifications

- Professional management qualification desirable

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

- Experience leading, coaching and motivating staff, ensuring professional development and effectively challenging and managing any underperformance
- Ability to manage budgets
- Able to work with a range of internal and external partners
- Knowledge and experience of managing procurement and contracts for services
- Confident in implementing procedures and processes within operational departments, and using Management Information Systems (MIS)
- Able to manage several projects at once, prioritising accordingly to meet deadlines
- Strong IT, systems, administrative and organisational skills
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Understanding of relevant legislation, policies and procedures, and the ability to apply this understanding to real situations

Behaviours

- Genuine passion for and a belief in the potential of every pupil
- A robust awareness of keeping children safe, noticing safeguarding and welfare concerns, and you understand how and when to take appropriate action.
- Belief that every student should have access to an excellent education regardless of background
- Professional outlook, detailed orientated and able to multi task and meet deadlines
- A team player that can work collaboratively as well as using own initiative
- Calm and professional under pressure
- Understanding of the importance of confidentiality and discretion
- Flexible attitude towards work and demonstrates sound judgement

Other

- Right to work in the UK
- Commitment to equality of opportunity and the safeguarding and welfare of all students
- Willingness to undertake training
- This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check

Ark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its academies. In order to meet this responsibility, its academies follow a rigorous selection process to discourage and screen out unsuitable applicants.

Ark requires all employees to undertake an enhanced DBS check. You are required, before appointment, to disclose any unspent conviction, cautions, reprimands or warnings under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975. Non-disclosure may lead to termination of employment. However, disclosure of a

criminal background will not necessarily debar you from employment - this will depend upon the nature of the offence(s) and when they occurred. To read more about Ark's safer recruitment process, please click this [link](#).