



BRIDGE ACADEMY

Facilities Technician Information Pack



'At The Bridge Academy, we believe that every child deserves the chance to succeed and we all work hard to make sure that happens'

| Hard Work | Integrity | Kindness |

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Dear Applicant,

Our Academy is an academic, inclusive and inspirational environment where innovative thinking and creativity are encouraged and aspirations are raised.

Our core values of Hard Work, Integrity and Kindness underpin everything that we do, and from the moment our students arrive at The Bridge Academy we ask them to live these values 100% of the time. Our approach of high expectations, rigour and a relentless focus on success means that it is cool to be smart at Bridge and all students work hard to reach their full potential.

Our award-winning building is outstanding. We have state of the art facilities and a wide variety of community groups we work with benefit from this. We value our staff members and we offer a professionally stimulating and supportive working environment. We hold a strong commitment to professional development and our staff enjoy a range of rewards and benefits, as outlined from page 5.

Our sponsors UBS, a leading global financial services firm, has led the establishment of our school from the outset and they continue to support us significantly.

Thank you for your interest in this position and we look forward to receiving your application .

Yours faithfully,



Mr C. Brown
Principal

THE BRIDGE ACADEMY MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

We are an Academy on a mission: to ensure that every student can succeed at a good university or equivalent, thrive in their chosen field and live a great life. This has led us to develop The Bridge Academy values to guide our decision making and set our expectations for both students and staff:

Hard Work

- We do what it takes for as long as it takes.
- We remain positive and never give up.
- We never stop trying to get better.

Integrity

- We do the right thing, even when no-one is watching.
- We are always honest and do not make excuses.
- We take responsibility and do our best every time.

Kindness

- We have high standards because we care.
- We treat others fairly and respectfully.
- Helping a member of our team is helping ourselves.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

The Bridge Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We expect all staff and to share this commitment, therefore all positions will involve a degree of responsibility for the safeguarding and welfare of children.

CVs will not be accepted in place of application forms. References and an online search will be sought for candidates at the short-listing stage.

All positions are exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020). At the short-listing stage applicants will need to complete a self-declaration form, providing details of any previous convictions and cautions, including those which would normally be considered "spent", except those that are classed as protected offences.

All appointments will be subject to the necessary safeguarding checks, which include:

- A satisfactory Enhanced DBS check (including a barred list information).
- Additional overseas checks where required.
- A fitness health questionnaire to verify the individual's mental and physical fitness to carry out their work responsibilities.
- Verification of the individual's right to work in the UK and professional qualifications as appropriate.
- A Prohibition Check for teaching staff.
- A section 128 direction check for individuals who will be undertaking management positions.

Please refer to further information on our safeguarding and child protection procedures via the following link: <https://www.bridgeacademy.hackney.sch.uk/Safeguarding/Safeguarding/index.asp>

STAFF REWARDS & BENEFITS

We believe that working at The Bridge Academy is different from working at other Academies - we are always prepared to go the extra mile for our students to succeed. Our Academy has many unique aspects and one of them is the degree to which we care for our staff. A snapshot of some of the particular rewards and benefits are outlined below.

Annual Salaries

We offer competitive salaries including recruitment & retention allowances, in some cases.

Annual Season Ticket Loans

Staff members can apply for an annual season ticket loan where the cost of the season ticket is spread over 10 monthly payments, interest free.

Cycle Scheme and Green Commute Initiative

<http://www.cyclescheme.co.uk>

<https://www.greencommuteinitiative.uk/>

These bike schemes provide staff members with the opportunity to purchase a bike of their choice, tax free. This for most people means a saving of around 32-47% of the total cost. Payment(s) are deducted via payroll over a specific period.

Employee Assistance Programme

The Employee Assistance Programme, offered via UBS is a 24/7 confidential service giving all Bridge Academy employees access to a range of support from lawyers, health and wellbeing professionals, financial and debt specialists and counsellors. This free service can be used to support you with any personal or work-related issues that may be affecting your wellbeing.

Mindfulness Programme

Headspace is a mindfulness programme offered by UBS to all Bridge staff. It is an app-based solution of guided techniques designed to help you find more balance, wind down after a long day and reduce stress levels. It also gives helpful advice on physical exercises and healthy living, improving your sleeping habits and increasing your energy levels overall.

Optical Expenses

A contribution up to the amount of £30 is paid on behalf of the Academy for staff who require an eye tests. A contribution of £80, is also available towards glasses, for staff who frequently use Display Screen Equipment (DSE) and require glasses solely for this use.

Work + Family Space Services (Sponsored by UBS)

This service provides practical support, resources and information to working parents and carers, in order to assist them in juggling the demands of work and family. This includes:

- Backup Care: staff can book nannies, nurseries, childminders and/or adult and eldercare specialists when and where they need them. Staff are eligible to receive 10 free sessions of back up care per year.
- Help for fathers: topical information and Q&A responses looking at work and family from a father's point of view
- Confidential expert advice over the phone for all work and family challenges.
- Access to a range of holiday clubs nationwide, ideal for filling in awkward care gaps during the school holidays.
- Access to blogs, insider guides and webinars which provide guidance on a wide range of topics.

Our Award-Winning Building

The quality of the working environment at The Bridge Academy contributes to the positive working atmosphere. We offer our staff members state of the art facilities & fantastic resources at our stunning canal-side location, just minutes from Haggerston Station and just over a mile from the heart of the City of London. Our facilities include the following:

Art Floor

- 3 designer classrooms
- A Kiln room
- An Art terrace affording views of London landmarks including the Olympic Park, Canary Wharf and the City and the BT Tower

ICT suites

- 3 purpose-built ICT suites & 1 suite with retractable I-desks.
- ICT facilities on all floors within the Academy

Music Facilities

- A large, dedicated, fully equipped music area, with two large classrooms and 11 practice rooms.
- 2 music technology classrooms, equipped with Mac computers and midi keyboards

Performance Hall

- 350+ seat auditorium with bleacher seating and a retracting dividing wall to create spaces on two levels.
- Cinema projection capability, instruments and AV lighting and sound systems.

Sixth Form

- A bespoke Sixth Form block

Sports Facilities

- A large sports hall, with a variety of sports resources
- Basketball facilities
- An Off-site Multi User Games Area (MUGA) and two Astro turf football pitches

Pension Scheme Contributions

We pay in a high percentage of monthly contributions for teaching staff (Teachers' Pension Scheme) and Support Staff (Local Government Pension Scheme) members enrolled in these pension schemes.

Relocation Support for Teaching Staff

New appointees joining The Bridge Academy on an annual salary below £30,000 may be eligible for additional support towards relocating to London. Applicants whom wish to be considered, should provide an additional statement with their application form, confirming details of the proposed relocation. Relocation support is not mandatory and the decision to provide support will be based on the applicant meeting a set of criteria.

Social Events: Lively staff social events are organised during the year, to ensure that staff members get the opportunity to unwind and enjoy a well-deserved break from work.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Facilities Technician
Reporting to:	Facilities Manager
Annual Salary Scale Point Range:	19-23
Contractual Arrangement & Working Pattern	Permanent, full time, Monday -Friday, 37.5 hours, per week on a shift basis. Flexibility to work paid overtime outside these hours will be required from time to time. On some occasions, this may include participating in a rota for callouts in the event of an intruder or fire alarm activation. 25 days annual leave plus statutory bank holidays

Job Purpose

The Facilities Technician will:

- Assist with the general maintenance of the building, ensuring a clean, safe, and secure environment.
- Provide support and an effective and efficient service to members of staff, students and visitors.

Key Responsibilities

- Undertaking maintenance work to keep the building, furniture and fixtures and fittings in good working order; using advanced DIY level skills in all trades including joinery, building work, electrics and plumbing.
- Operating and maintaining plant and machinery, subject to appropriate training including air handling, air conditioning, pumps, electrical and heating systems, BMS, access control, kitchen equipment.
- Assisting with weekly testing of the fire alarm system and participating in evacuation drills; this will include use of the Evacusafe fire evacuation chairs (training to be provided.)
- Painting and decorating.
- Ensuring deliveries are received, recorded and delivered within the Academy.
- Setting up and rearranging furniture for exams, meetings, assemblies etc.
- Ensuring facilities routines are completed fully and correctly - legionella checks, pest control, maintenance and servicing of equipment, periodic checks.
- Acting as a key holder for the building and taking responsibility for security and building systems including fire and intruder alarms, electrical and mechanical systems.

- Ensuring the building is kept secure at all times, including external access to the building and internal access to restricted areas.
- Using a computer to access tasks from an online helpdesk system and updating and closing tasks as they are progressed.
- Providing a speedy response to staff requests raised using a text messaging app called Slack.
- Liaising with and supporting Schools Space (an event management company who operate the building in evenings and at weekends) in facilities related matters.
- Ensuring the building is kept safe at all times, including an understanding of fire and emergency systems, basic health and safety and risk assessments and adhering to safe working procedures at all times.
- Working with contractors to assist and direct them in their duties on site.
- Driving the Academy's minibus (must be over 21 and have held a UK driving licence for a minimum of 2 years.)
- Providing First Aid, subject to training.
- To undertake other duties, appropriate to the post, as may be required from time to time.

JOB SPECIFICATION

Experience, Skills and Abilities

- Experience of facilities management in a modern building. (Desirable)
- First Aid experience (desirable -training will be provided.)
- Basic skills and experience in all aspects of building maintenance: joinery, general building work, electrics, plumbing and plant maintenance. (Advanced skills are desirable but not essential.)
- Good customer service skills and a can-do attitude.
- Attentive to detail and high standards of workmanship.
- The ability to exercise initiative, work independently and take responsibility.
- Physically fit and capable of manual labour.
- Basic computer skills. (Additional training can be provided.)
- Full UK driving licence required, category D1 for driving up to a 17-seat minibus (Desirable)

Knowledge and Understanding

- An understanding of child protection and safeguarding children. (Training will be provided.)
- A formal certification in the use of tools and equipment. (Desirable but not essential.)

Professional Attributes

- An understanding of the Academy's mission and values.
- Reliable and able to work as an effective member of a team.
- Able to work under pressure during busy periods, prioritise and manage time effectively.
- A positive attitude and a solution focused approach.
- Flexible and willing to adapt to the needs of the Academy and staff.

Facilities Technician

Job Start:	<i>March 2025</i>
Point Range:	<i>19 - 23</i>
Annual Salary Range:	<i>£28,947 - £31,836</i>
Location:	<i>South Hackney</i>
Contract Type:	<i>Permanent Contract</i>

'The best school I've ever worked at: the culture, the staff and students, the training, everything!' (Staff member)

'I was amazed at what a great atmosphere the school exuded, how well turned out the children were and how polite and bright they all seemed' (Visitor)

The Bridge Academy is a truly exceptional school. Our students' progress is excellent and our superb personal development offer means that over the last few years we have been national debating champions, enjoyed a host of sporting successes and won both the Incorporated Society of Musicians Gold Award and the Hackney Mayor's award for music.

Why choose us?

- Excellent student behaviour and highly supportive Senior Leadership Team.
- An Achievement-oriented culture where students work hard and it is cool to be smart.
- A warm/strict approach, meaning that our high standards do not come at the expense of inclusion.
- The belief that teaching must be a sustainable profession: clear systems and structures, sensible approach to feedback and no 'late night culture'.

We are seeking to appoint a Facilities Technician who are totally aligned to our values of Hard Work, Integrity and Kindness, and completely committed to our mission: to ensure that every student will succeed at a good university or equivalent, thrive in their chosen field and live a great life.

Do you have:

- Experience of facilities management in a modern building? (Desirable)
- Basic skills and experience in all aspects of building maintenance: joinery, general building work, electrics, plumbing and plant maintenance? (Advanced skills are desirable but not essential for this role.)
- Good customer service skills and a can-do attitude?
- High standards of workmanship and a solution focused approach?

The successful candidate will assist with the general maintenance of the Academy's building, ensuring a clean, safe, and secure environment; and provide support and an effective and efficient service to members of staff, students and visitors. The role is full time, Monday-Friday, 37.5 hours, per week on a shift basis. Flexibility to work paid overtime outside these hours will be required from time to time. If you are up for the challenge, we would love to hear from you.

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To apply for this position, please complete the online application [here](#). Please also read our school workforce privacy notice. We encourage applicants from all sectors of the community to apply. **We will review applications as they come in and will bring this advert to a close once we are satisfied with the response. We therefore advise all applicants who are interested in this role to apply as soon as they can.**

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