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## Job Application Pack

# Class Teacher

School: Gamlingay Village Primary

Contract: Permanent Full Time

Salary: Main Scale

Start date: September 2024

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Interviews: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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## Welcome from the CEO



We are delighted you are interested in joining one of the Academies in our Trust.

The Cam Academy Trust is a community of schools in and near South Cambridgeshire and Huntingdon which offers 'Excellence for All' students from aged 3 to 18 in 11 schools incorporating pre-school, primary phase, secondary and sixth forms.

School years are a critical period of all our lives as we develop the skills, knowledge and behaviours needed to become successful members of our communities. We want all young people proceeding through all our schools to become capable, caring and confident.

All within The Cam Academy Trust are committed to giving all our pupils the very best grounding that we can through exceptional teaching and learning and outstanding pastoral support.

Each of our academies has its own Principal or Headteacher who works with their own team of high-quality staff and these staff also work with each other to share best practice to ensure our pupils are well educated and well cared for.

Our over-arching purpose is simple: we want to secure educational excellence for all with our Academies working at the heart of and serving their local communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Munday".

Stephen Munday CBE

## About our Trust

The Cam Academy Trust, originally The Comberton Academy Trust, was formed in 2011 to oversee the conversion of Comberton Village College to academy status in the first instance. With growing emphasis on academies working together in formal partnerships, the Trust quickly changed to become a multi-academy trust so that more schools could join and work closely with us.

As this partnership developed it was only right that the name changed with it as further schools/academies joined, including from the primary as well as secondary phase of education. The Comberton Academy Trust was renamed 'The Cam Academy Trust' – a clear statement that the Trust is greater than the sum of its parts.

The Trust currently comprises seven primary phase schools and four secondary schools, two with Sixth Forms. We are excited that a third Sixth Form is due to open at Cambourne Village College in 2023.

Our Primary phase schools are: Everton Heath Primary School (just inside Bedfordshire), Gamlingay Village Primary, Jeavons Wood Primary School, Cambourne, Offord Primary School, Offord D'Arcy, Hartford Infant and Pre-School, Hartford Junior School and Thongsley Fields Primary and Nursery School, Huntingdon. Bourn Primary Academy joined as the first Associate Member in 2021.

Our Secondary schools are: Comberton Village College (and Comberton Sixth Form), Cambourne Village College, Melbourn Village College and St Peter's School (and Sixth Form), Huntingdon.

The Trust strives for 'Excellence for All' and at the heart of this are six core principles which drive everything it does.

These are:

The Excellence Principle – Education must be of the very highest standard

The Comprehensive Principle – Education must be for all kinds and abilities

The Broad Education Principle – Education must incorporate a broad range of subject areas and personal development

The Community Principle – Every Academy must be at the heart of its local community and serve it well

The Partnership Principle – Each Academy must seek to work positively in partnership with others for mutual benefit

The International Principle – The curriculum inside and outside the classroom must have a clear international dimension.

## Benefits

We offer the following benefits, designed to promote your wellbeing and make your time with The Cam Academy Trust satisfying and rewarding.

### Core benefits

- Holiday – Up to 30 days' paid holiday a year plus bank holidays for full time non-teaching staff (statutory leave for teaching staff)
- Paid leave – enhanced sick pay, maternity pay and adoption leave pay (linked to service) and paid leave for unforeseen personal situations
- Pension – a generous defined benefit pension with the Local Government Pension Scheme or Teachers' Pension Scheme
- Death in service payment – lump sum payment and an ongoing pension for your partner & children (subject to conditions & membership of our pension scheme)

### Health and wellbeing

- Employee counselling and support – free, independent 24/7 help and advice for work-related issues, as well as problems affecting your home life
- Wellbeing groups – arrangements may differ from school to school (secondary school staff)
- Environment – good working environment with excellent facilities (facilities may differ from school to school)

### Professional development

- Professional development – full and part-funded training courses and a wide range of learning opportunities available to all staff

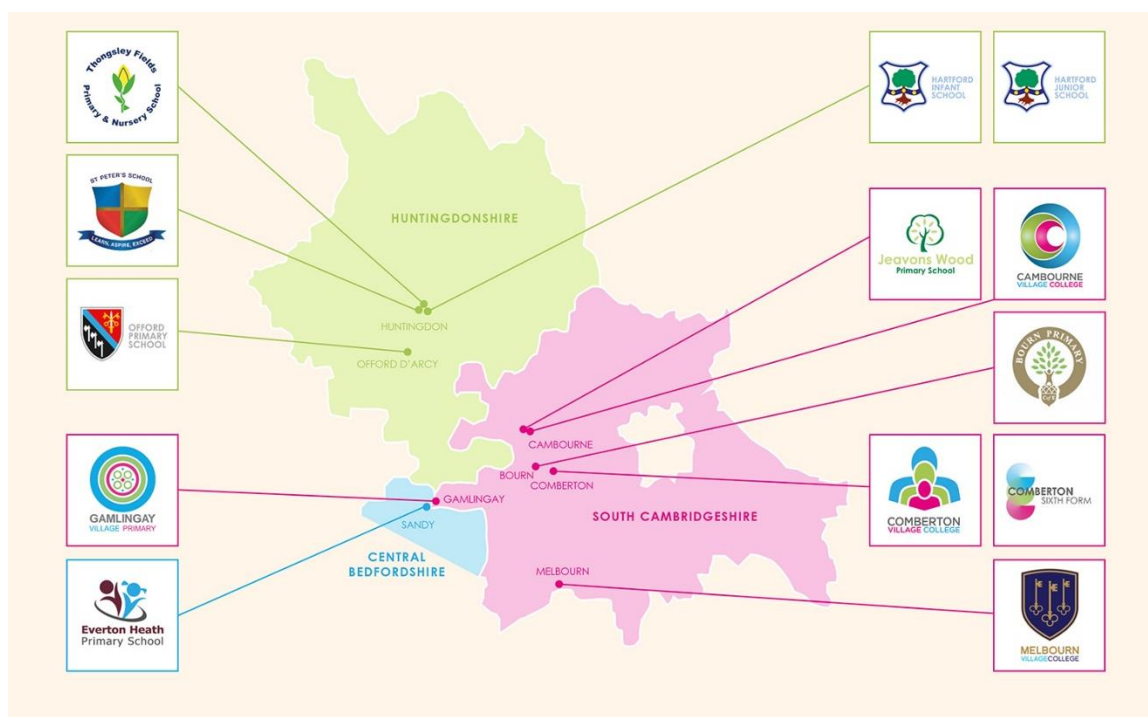
### Employee discounts

- Car parking – free and on-site
- Hot drinks – tea & coffee making facilities provided for all staff
- Cycle-to-work scheme – save £££ on a new bike and accessories
- Subsidised membership to the [Chartered College of Teaching](#) (teaching staff)

### Work-life balance

- Flexible working – all staff can make a request to work flexibly
- Teacher cover - We have Cover Supervisors reducing the amount of cover required by teachers and PPA periods are on timetables and not used for cover purposes (school teaching staff)

## Our Schools



### Comberton Village College & Comberton Sixth Form



Comberton Village College is a thriving community of approximately 1800 students, including 500 in the Sixth Form which was added to the school in 2011.

It was established in 1960 as part of Henry Morris' vision for schools being village colleges at the heart of their community and not just places for children to learn. It has a vibrant Adult Education department as well as an on-site Sports and Arts Centre, including a full-size artificial football pitch and spacious performance hall. Current improvements to the much-extended site include the installation of a £multi-million ground-source heat pump to move away from the use of oil.

### Cambourne Village College

Cambourne Village College opened as a Free School in 2013 as the first new village college in Cambridgeshire for 30 years. It serves the community of Cambourne, a group of villages located between Cambridge and St Neots.

It has been repeatedly grown since its inception and now has plans for further expansion to include a sixth form from 2023 and further capacity to match growing demand for families moving into Cambourne West, the fourth of the villages it serves. It, too, offers extensive arts and sports facilities for community use.

It was the first school in the Trust to equip its students with iPads, an initiative now being rolled out across the Trust.



## Melbourn Village College



**MELBOURN**  
VILLAGE COLLEGE

Melbourn Village College is the smallest and oldest of the village colleges in the CAT community. With around 600 students in Years 7-11, it still offers an innovative curriculum with Mandarin taught to all from Year 7 with the option to take the language at GCSE level and, recently, at A Level in conjunction with Comberton Sixth Form.

Melbourn is undergoing considerable investment and improvement with a new artificial pitch that opened in late 2021 and work due to start on upgrading classrooms in summer 2022.

## St Peter's School, Huntingdon

St Peter's School is located in the heart of Huntingdon and offers a nurturing and supportive environment for around 1200 students from a diverse multi-cultural catchment.

The school joined the Trust in 2016 and has undergone significant change with Ofsted now rating it as a 'Good' school. There has also been major investment in its buildings and infrastructure with a complete refurbishment of the Sixth Form and more work scheduled for Summer 2022.



## Everton Heath Primary School



**Everton Heath**  
Primary School

Located just over the Bedfordshire border, Everton Heath is the smallest school in the Trust with just over 70 students. However, the installation of two new classrooms in 2021 has given it capacity to grow.

It has joined forces with larger neighbours, Gamlingay Village Primary (less than two miles away) and the second smallest Trust school, Offord Primary, in a new collaborative West Village Partnership. It is a catchment school for Comberton Village College.

## Gamlingay Village Primary

Established as a full primary school by the Trust in 2018 from Gamlingay First School, it was relocated to the former middle school site following a major upgrade to the existing buildings.

It is now a thriving school for more than 380 pupils and includes specialist primary provision for students on the autistic spectrum, many of whom go on to Comberton Village College's similar secondary offering as Comberton is the school's designated 11-16 provider.

The head also leads the new West Village Partnership.





**HARTFORD**  
INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

### Hartford Infant and Preschool

Renamed in early 2022 to reflect the addition of a bespoke preschool, the team are proud of their caring, secure and purposeful environment to nurture youngsters at the start of their educational journey.

The school shares a site with the Junior School in a suburb of Huntingdon and most pupils make the natural transition across the playground before going on to St Peter's, allowing them the full educational experience within the Trust.

### Hartford Junior School

Hartford Junior School has two-form entry at the start of Key Stage 2 with the majority switching from the Infant School next door.

Rated 'Good' at their first inspection since joining the Trust in 2017, they are proud of their progress in recent years, based on their ethos of 'effort, encouragement and excellence'.



**HARTFORD**  
JUNIOR SCHOOL

### Jeavons Wood Primary School, Cambourne



Jeavons Wood is one of four primary schools located in the growing South Cambridgeshire community of Cambourne and is a feeder school for Cambourne Village College.

It has more than 400 pupils in a modern, airy building constructed 10 years ago and works unswervingly to support all their pupils both socially and academically.

### Offord Primary School

The newest full members of the Trust, Offord joined in 2019 and undergone significant changes with a new headteacher and the recent collaborative partnership with Gamlingay and Everton Heath.

They are the first primary school in the Trust to obtain enough iPads for every pupil after securing a generous donation from a local charity which supports education in Offord D'Arcy and Offord Cluny.



**OFFORD**  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

## Thongsley Fields Primary & Nursery School, Huntingdon



Thongsley Fields Primary & Nursery School was created in 2003 from separate junior and infant schools built to serve families on the Oxmoor estate in Huntingdon. They joined the Trust in 2018 and with a new headteacher are developing grand plans for their curriculum., their grounds and the provision and support for pupils and their families.

Like Hartford Junior School, they are a partner primary for St Peter's School with whom they share a Governing Body.

## Bourn Primary Academy

Bourn Primary Academy, a single form entry Church of England school, became the Trust's first associate members in September 2021, cementing an already close relationship with both Comberton and Cambourne Village Colleges, which it lies between.

All the Trust's services are available to Bourn, which is in the Comberton catchment, and they now work closely with all the other schools and staff across the Trust, sharing experiences and best practice.



## Safeguarding Children and Young People

The Cam Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check, barred list check and other relevant pre-employment checks.



## The Vacancy

### Class Teacher at Gamlingay Village Primary

We are looking to appoint a practitioner who is passionate about developing their practice and shaping the future of our children. Due to an experienced team, we can offer applicants who would have a preference to work in any key stage (EYFS, KS1 or KS2.) ECT Applicants welcome. The successful candidate will benefit from working in a well-established team with fantastic, experienced, and knowledgeable support staff.

#### **We are looking for a teacher who is:**

Always striving for excellence  
Able to demonstrate high expectations  
Energetic, dedicated, hardworking, resilient and loves working with children  
Creative, innovative and a team player  
Able to work well as a team and contribute to the school community  
Committed to inclusion  
Confident with IT and highly organised

#### **In return we can offer:**

An enthusiastic and supportive team  
Additional, exciting opportunities due to being part of a successful multi-academy trust  
A well-resourced, large learning environment  
A commitment to continual professional development  
A warm and nurturing school striving for excellence for all  
Enthusiastic and well-behaved pupils  
Friendly and supportive staff and Governors  
Subsidised membership to the Chartered College of Teaching  
Cycle to work scheme supported  
Opportunities to work closely with partnership schools  
Within easy commutable distance from Cambridge and the A1

We are committed to high quality professional training and supporting career development. This vacancy would best suit an experienced teacher.

For further information about this vacancy or to book a school visit please contact the school office – details below.

To apply for this position please submit an application form and covering letter to Mrs Nicola Pearce via email to [office@gamlingayvp.org](mailto:office@gamlingayvp.org)

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## Information about Gamlingay Village Primary



Gamlingay Village Primary is continually evolving to provide a rich, inclusive and creative learning experience for all. We make every effort to deliver a curriculum full of enjoyment and challenge. We aim to provide our children with the skills and enthusiasm they will need to become lifelong learners. To ensure our children achieve excellence for all,

Our knowledge-rich curriculum enables pupils to learn by making connections with what they already know & build on prior learning. Children have the opportunity to discuss and debate this knowledge and to apply it creatively.

We are proud to have been the first primary phase academy of The Cam Academy Trust when we joined in April 2016. Their support, development opportunities and expertise has already supported the conversion of our school from a First School to a Primary School and will further support on-going changes; ensuring it continues to flourish.

Our school and staff ethos is to do what is best for the children

## Job Description

As a Main Pay Range teacher, you are required to be competent in all elements of the Teacher Standards, to discharge the Teachers Responsibilities as set out in Part 6 Contractual Framework for Teachers of the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document 2013, and as may be amended by subsequent Documents, and to act in accordance with the school's ethos, policies and practices, under the direction of the Headteacher:

### Teaching

- Plan and teach lessons and sequences of lessons to the class(es) you are assigned to teach within the context of the school's plans, curriculum and schemes of work in order to achieve target levels of pupil attainment, progress. and outcomes.
- Assess, monitor, record and report on the learning needs, progress and achievements of assigned pupils.
- Set and mark work to be carried out by the pupil in school and elsewhere.
- Participate in arrangements for preparing pupils for external examinations.

### Whole school organisation, strategy and development

- Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the school's policies, practices and procedures in such a way as to support the school's values and vision.
- Work with others on curriculum and/or pupil development to secure co-ordinated outcomes.
- Supervise and so far as practicable teach any pupils where the person timetabled to take the class is not available to do so. (You will not be required to provide such cover for more than 38 hours in any school year).

### Health, safety and discipline

- Promote the safety and well-being of pupils in accordance with the school's Child Protection and other relevant policies.
- Maintain good order and discipline among pupils in accordance with the school behaviour policy.

### Management of staff and resources

- Direct and supervise support staff assigned to you and, where appropriate, other teachers.
- Contribute to the recruitment, selection, appointment and professional development of other teachers and support staff.
- Deploy resources delegated to you in accordance with school policies.

### Professional development

- Participate in arrangements for the appraisal and review of your own performance and, where appropriate, that of other teachers and support staff.
- Participate in arrangements for your own further training and professional development and, where appropriate, that of other teachers and support staff including induction.

## Communication

- Communicate with pupils, parents and carers in accordance with the school ethos, policies and practice.

## Working with colleagues and other relevant professionals

- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school.
- Participating in administrative and organisational tasks, including the direction or supervision of persons providing support for the teachers in the school, which require the exercise of your professional skills and judgment.

## Fulfil wider professional responsibilities

- Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school;
- Specific details of the accountabilities (e.g. the allocated curriculum and/or pupil development accountability) will be recorded separately and reviewed annually by the appraiser.

This job description and related documents provides the standards and framework for Performance Management Objectives for a Main Pay Range Teacher which will be set under the school's Appraisal Policy before, or as soon as practicable after, the start of each appraisal period. The objectives set will be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound and will be appropriate to the teacher's role and level of experience. The appraiser and appraisee will seek to agree the objectives but, if that is not possible, the appraiser will determine the objectives. Objectives may be revised if circumstances change. The objectives set for each teacher will, if achieved, contribute to the school's plans for improving the school's educational provision and performance and improving the educational opportunities of pupils at that school.

## Conditions of Employment

The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the written statement of conditions of employment (the Contract of Employment).

The post holder is required to support and encourage the trust's ethos and its objectives, policies and procedures.

The post holder may be required to perform any other reasonable tasks that are related to their role.

This job description allocates duties and responsibilities but does not direct the particular amount of time to be spent on carrying them out and no part of it may be so constructed.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be carried out for the successful candidate

This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed at least once a year and it may be subject to modification at any time after consultation with the post holder.

All staff participate in the school's performance management scheme.

## Person Specification

| Criteria                             | Qualities   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Qualifications and experience</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualified teacher status</li> <li>• Degree</li> <li>• Successful primary teaching experience</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Skills and knowledge</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of the National Curriculum</li> <li>• Knowledge of effective teaching strategies</li> <li>• A good understanding of how children learn within a knowledge rich curriculum</li> <li>• An understanding of considerations when sequencing teaching</li> <li>• Ability to adapt teaching to meet pupils' needs</li> <li>• Ability to build effective working relationships with pupils</li> <li>• Knowledge of guidance and requirements around safeguarding children</li> <li>• Knowledge of effective behaviour management strategies</li> <li>• Good ICT skills, particularly using ICT to support learning</li> </ul> |
| <b>Personal qualities</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A commitment to getting the best outcomes for all pupils and promoting the ethos and values of the school</li> <li>• High expectations for children's attainment and progress</li> <li>• Ability to work under pressure and prioritise effectively</li> <li>• Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times</li> <li>• Commitment to safeguarding and equality</li> </ul>   |