

Director of Finance

Required: January 2023

Contract Type: Full Time or Substantial Part-Time

Salary: £75,000 to £80,000 pa FTE
(potential to be reviewed for an exceptional candidate)

Hours: 36 per week, 52 weeks per year

FTE: 100% or part-time

Application Deadline: 09/01/2023

Building Great Learning Communities

LIFE Education Trust' mission is '*To build great learning communities which unleash creativity and champion optimism, in a spirit of compassion*'. To accomplish our mission, we use our 3 core beliefs:

- Courageous Optimism
- Boundless Creativity
- Heartfelt Compassion

LIFE Education Trust supports its schools to deliver excellent pupil outcomes, create vibrant, exciting environments and offer rewarding careers for employees. As a Trust, we believe in helping employees and pupils achieve their personal best.

We are looking to appoint a Director of Finance, who shares our passion and commitment to building great learning communities for both our pupils and our employees. The successful candidate will become part of a small Trust, in a key point in its growth strategy. The Trust's ethos is rooted in its beliefs, with dedicated and supportive colleagues who strive for excellence. We are committed to providing the very best learning opportunities for our pupils and students.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the proper financial conduct of the Trust, whilst also providing strategic leadership and oversight of the Trust's financial strategy and long term planning. You will work in collaboration with the Director of Operations to develop, implement and sustain the financial strategy while also ensuring good financial governance. This includes making the best use of the resources available, managing the finance department and remaining compliant. The ideal candidate will be educated to degree level or above with a professional accounting qualification or have substantial experience in financial management, including a proven track record in senior financial management and strategic leadership.

In return we can offer you:

- Supportive and friendly colleagues
- A stimulating and welcoming learning environment in a fantastic school community
- High quality professional development opportunities
- An all-inclusive and supportive Multi-Academy Trust
- Retail discounts
- Free flu vaccinations
- 24Hr wellbeing support package

Applications:

Please forward your completed application form, together with a letter of application and supporting paperwork to **recruitment@lifeeducationtrust.com** by **9am Monday 9th January 2022**. A copy of the school's **support colleague application form** can be found on the school website **www.lifeeducationtrust.com**. Shortlisting will take place shortly after and interviews will take place on Thursday 12th January.

The school reserves the right to interview prior to the deadline date. We encourage and welcome applications from all backgrounds and all parts of the community, particularly people from ethnic minorities who are currently under-represented.

LIFE Education Trust is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the DBS.

For further information about this role, please contact Vicky Smith, Head of HR via email at **recruitment@lifeeducationtrust.com**. Visits to the school are welcomed.

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