Sidney Stringer
Multi Academy Trust



MAT Finance Business Partner

Grade 7
Information Pack

Working Together to Achieve Excellence



WHO WE ARE:

The Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust (SSMAT) is a network of five diverse schools educating over 3,500 pupils and employing more than 600 dedicated teaching and support staff. Based in Coventry, England, the Trust encompasses:

- **Sidney Stringer Academy:** The lead school is located in Hillfields, offering secondary education for students aged 11-18.
- **Radford Primary Academy:** Providing a nurturing primary education for young minds.
- **Ernesford Grange Community Academy:** Serving the community with quality secondary education.
- **Riverbank Academy:** A broad spectrum school supporting students with various needs.
- **Sidney Stringer Primary Academy:** Located opposite SSA, provides an all-through provision from reception to 11 years old through to the secondary school.

Collaboration is at the heart of the SSMAT, with all schools working closely together to:

- Share best practices and resources.
- Offer a seamless educational journey across different stages.
- Support the professional development of staff.
- Ensure all students receive an outstanding education, reaching their full potential.

With this post, flexibility is required to work out of any MAT site or other location to meet the needs of the organisation.

We are a growing Trust and have been approved as sponsors for **Woodfield Special School** which will join the Trust in the next 12 months. We have been working closely with the school, since February 2021, and during this time it has gone from Ofsted Inadequate (March 2020) to Good in all areas (November 2023). It also involves relocating the school onto the Old Woodland Boys' School. This will provide us with an excellent opportunity to expand our Community links, deliver our own Alternative Provision and provide a first class education for all these young people.

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CEO

MESSAGE:

“This is an exciting time for our MAT and we are constantly looking at how we can work together for the benefit of all the children in our schools.”



TAKING YOUR CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL:

“The Trust is forward thinking and if you join our team, your professional development will be a priority. We are looking for someone who has the experience and skills to take us to the next level.

“Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust is a very successful group of schools. The Trust is made up of two secondary schools, two primary schools, and one special school, with another special school joining soon. All schools are Good or better and Sidney Stringer Academy and Sidney Stringer Primary are the most popular secondary and primary schools in the city and all schools are full with many year groups having a waiting list.

We are well respected within the city and our Trust leads the Coventry SCITT (School-Centred Initial Teacher Training) where we train the next generation of teachers, for us and also the wider city/region.

Our vision is 'working together to achieve excellence for all' and we do this by working closely as a team of leaders and groups of schools to share good practice and expertise. We try very hard to not do things for the sake of it, but we do things that make a difference.

If you join our team then we will expect you to work hard for the children and in return we, as a Trust, will work hard for you.“

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OUR VISION & VALUES

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Our ambition at Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust is to create a vibrant, happy and successful academy's which deliver the very highest standards of education and nurtures each student's talents and skills and plays a central role in meeting the needs of our local communities. This is an exciting time to join the team and become a member of staff at Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust.

OUR VALUES:

- Ensuring that all staff and Governors, who work within the Trust, have a passion for supporting all students in getting the best outcomes no matter what their starting point
- Having a commitment to inclusion, overcoming disadvantaged backgrounds, and tackling social injustice so that all students have the highest aspirations for their education and future careers so they become lifelong learners
- Supporting the emotional health and well-being of all members of the Trust
- Ensuring all of our staff receive high-quality training including identifying and developing leadership potential as well as training future teachers through the SCITT.
- Providing an environment where everybody behaves with respect, integrity, and care for the environment
- Having an understanding that although we are a Trust all of the schools are different and can operate their own systems, where they work well. The degree of autonomy depends on the position of the school.
- Having a commitment to sharing necessary services across the schools so that financial prudence and sustainability is prioritised to those with the greatest need.

WHY WORK AT SIDNEY STRINGER MULTI ACADEMY TRUST?



Why should you invest in shaping the future of the students at Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust? To shed light on the reasons our dedicated staff members cherish their roles, we've gathered some of their testimonials:

- "I have been at SSA for over 13 years and have worked in a range of Coventry and Warwickshire schools. The team here at Stringer is diverse with a range of skill and every person here is deeply passionate about the power of education."



- "During my three years at in the SSMAT, I have met people fuelled by a shared passion for making a difference for the students. The support and collaboration here are truly inspiring and motivates me to push myself everyday. I am confident in the development opportunities available."

- "Riverbank is a very special place to work in. I have always felt valued, worked with some fantastic colleagues, I feel privileged to still work here and have a job where I make a difference to students lives."

- "I work at SSMAT because it's an amazing environment where everyone is treated and valued with respect. We do what we do because we care and we have a heart for the needs of our students."

- The team here at Ernesford is diverse and every person here is deeply passionate about the power of education. We are all working towards a common goal and that is to give young people the opportunity to thrive in their communities.



JOB Description

Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and requires all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

MAT Finance Business Partner

Post:	**MAT Finance Business Partner**
Contract/Salary:	**£40,444 - £47,665 - Up to 37 hrs per week, all year around (part time & term time would be considered).**
Location/Benefits:	**Hybrid working. Sidney Stringer Academy would be primary base but expected to work across the MAT. Home working also available. Holidays can be taken throughout the year based on business need & investment in CPD would be positively considered.**
Accountable to	**MAT Head of Finance**

JOB PURPOSE

To support school Leaders to maintain a balanced budget by assisting in the development of budgets and forecasts and ensuring timely and accurate financial performance is reported to inform decision making at a school level.

MAIN DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

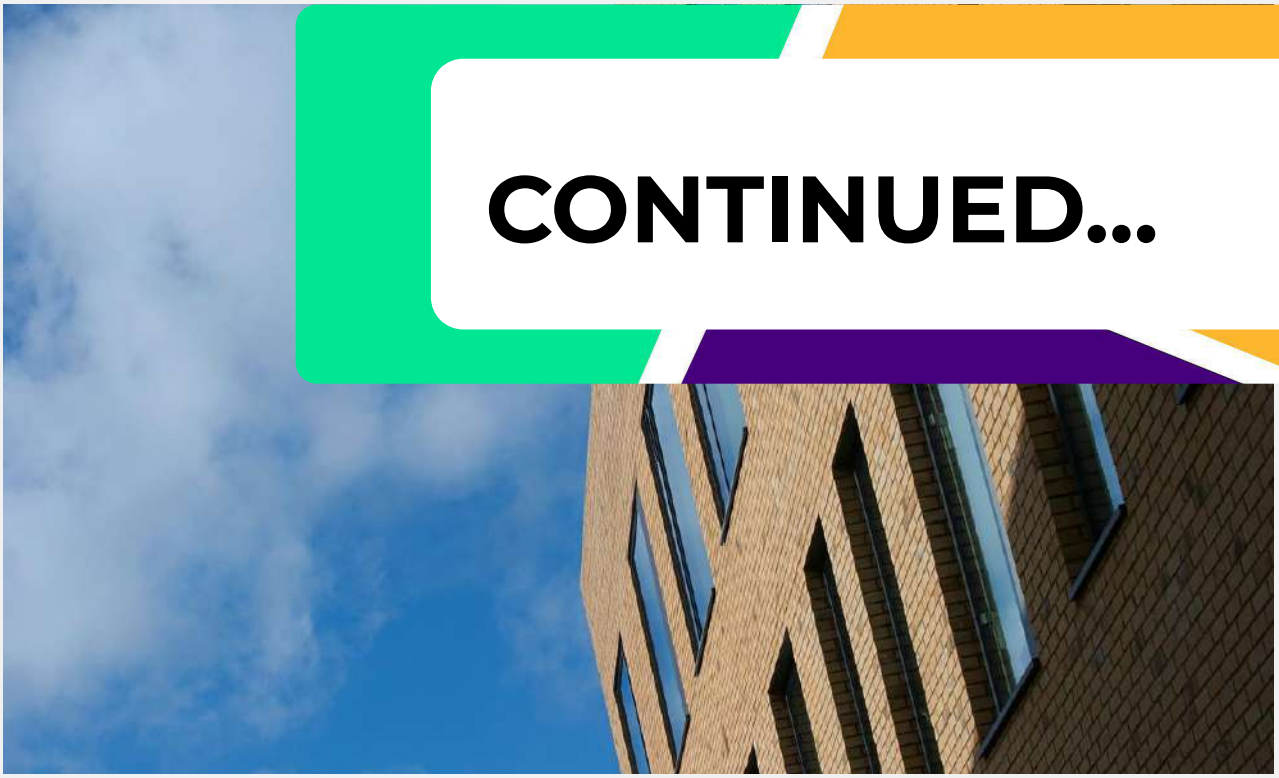


Responsibilities and Key Roles:

- To act as the key finance link to our trust schools, providing financial guidance and support in line with trust policies.
- Development of accurate and timely three year budgets and projections at a school level which reflect learning from previous financial performance, pupil projections, contractual commitments, school leaders vision, Integrated Curriculum Financial Planning and risk.
- Lead in the development of monthly management accounts by school on a prepayment and accrual basis, providing qualitative analysis of variances when they occur.
- To complete payroll reconciliations including discrepancy investigation and resolution
- To provide bespoke financial calculations for school leaders to support specific projects.
- Act as the school lead for the provision of information requested as part of internal and external scrutiny audit processes.



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- Record and monitor restricted income and associated spend to ensure maximum impact and compliance is achieved.
- Assist in the trust year end process at a school level.
- Assist in the development of key statutory returns by the required deadline.
- Adhere and advocate trust internal controls systems and practice to result in minimal risks being identified during independent scrutiny.
- Work with colleagues at an operational level to proactively promote the trust within the wider community whilst building sustainable and collaborative relationships with key stakeholders.



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Any such duties that are within the scope and spirit of the job purpose, the title of the post, and its grading.

All duties and responsibilities must be carried out with due regard to the School's Health and Safety Policy.

Post holders will be accountable for carrying out all duties and responsibilities with due regard to the School's Equal Opportunities Policy.

Duties which include processing of any personal data must be undertaken within the corporate data protection guidelines.

Document Control

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E Clarke	CFO	Wed Oct 21 2026 07:00:00 GMT+0000 (Greenwich Mean Time)

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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Aspect	Essential	Desirable	Measured By
Education & Qualifications	• A – C in core GCSE subjects (Maths & English) • Evidence of relevant recent continuous professional development • Working towards financial qualification at AAT level or equivalent	• Completion of financial qualification at AAT level or equivalent	Application
Knowledge & Experience	• A proven track record of establishing sound financial projections with a strong track record in avoiding variances where possible • Experience of developing, monitoring and reporting against large budgets • Outstanding business acumen and experience of developing successful relationships • Experience in the interpretation of statistical financial information • Proven high level organisational skills • Experience of working with external auditors • Experience of working with financial budgeting software packages	• Experience of working in an educational establishment • An understanding of educational funding • Experience of working with Google • An understanding of educational funding	Application /Interview

Skills & Abilities	• Ability to work under your own initiative • Ability to analyse, evaluate, and interpret information to inform critical organisational decisions • Excellent self-management, including time management, working under pressure, and to deadlines • Commitment, drive, innovation and integrity • Understanding of, and commitment to, equality and diversity • Sense of humour		Application /Interview
Communication	• Outstanding communication, influencing and negotiating skills across a range of internal and external stakeholders • Outstanding communication skills which build and nurture effective relationships at an operational level and across our trust such as Head Teacher, Senior Management and Local Authorities • Exemplary oral and written communication skills		Application /Interview

	• Ability to explain and communicate financial data in a simplistic manner • Proven ability to support, motivate and enthuse peers to create a strong team ethos • Able to professionally challenge others to create a forward-thinking organisation committed to improvement		



SAFEGUARDING

All staff are accountable for the way in which they exercise authority, manage risk, use resources and protect students from discrimination and avoidable harm. All staff have a duty to keep young people safe and to protect them from physical harm. By accepting a role that involves working with children and young people they need to understand and acknowledge that the responsibilities and trust are inherent in that role.

- The jobholder is expected to observe their obligations in accordance with the Academy's Child Protection Procedure, and to report any concerns that they may have regarding a child or young person's welfare to the appropriate person. The Academy's Child Protection Procedure can be obtained from the jobholder's line manager.
- 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.

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

This job is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Appointment to this job is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure being obtained, and any relevant convictions cautions and reprimands being considered. Any convictions cautions or reprimands of relevance, obtained by the jobholder after enhanced DBS clearance has been acquired, must be disclosed to the Principal by the jobholder. Failure by the jobholder to do so, or the obtaining by the jobholder of a relevant conviction caution or reprimand, may be managed in accordance with the Academy's Disciplinary Procedure.

Health and Safety

The jobholder is required to exercise their duty of care by taking responsibility for their own health and safety, and the health and safety of other people who may be affected by their acts or omissions (failure to act). Full guidance regarding health and safety is set out in the Academy's Health and Safety Policy, and in any risk assessments relevant to the jobholder's role or circumstances. Both can be accessed via the jobholder's line manager and must be observed.



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Equality and Diversity

Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust is committed to equality and values diversity. As such the Academy is committed to fulfilling its Equality Duty obligations, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The Duty requires the Academy to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share characteristics, such as age gender, race and faith, and people who do not share them. Staff and volunteers are required to treat all people they come into contact with, with dignity and respect, and are entitled to expect this in return.

This job description reflects the major tasks to be carried out by the jobholder and identifies the level of responsibility at which the jobholder will be required to work, as at the date on which the last review took place.

This job description may subject to review and/ or amendment at any time to reflect the requirements of the job. Any amendments will be made in consultation with any existing jobholder, and will be commensurate with the grade for the job. The jobholder is expected to comply with any reasonable management requests.



Training and Development

Sidney Stringer Primary Academy has a shared responsibility with the jobholder for identifying and satisfying training and development needs. The jobholder is expected to actively contribute to their own continuous professional development, and to attend and participate in any training or development activities required to assist them in undertaking their role and meeting their safeguarding and general obligations.

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HOW TO APPLY:

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

For further details, an application form, and to apply, please visit our website: www.sidneystringertrust.org.uk



VIA EMAIL

Please send completed application form electronically to: recruitment@sidneystringeracademy.org.uk [no hard copies to be sent in the post].



If you would like any further information or have any questions then please email: dhuntley.staff@sidneystringeracademy.org.uk

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