



EER17
Kent / London
£80,000
One Month notice

ACA qualified Finance Leader with extensive experience in the education sector, including multi-academy trusts, schools, and higher education institutions, delivering strategic financial management, reporting, and governance. Skilled in leading finance teams across multiple sites, designing and integrating MAT-wide processes, and supporting school improvement through robust financial planning and risk management. Proven track record in embedding best practice and advising senior leadership and trustees.

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Professional qualifications

Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW)

July 2012
Dec 2000

Academic qualifications

BA (Hons) Business Admin (2i) Kingston University
HND Business & Finance (Distinction) Mid Kent College

Oct 1997
July 1996

Professional experience

Director of Finance
Further Education

June 2023 – present

Key responsibilities:

Financial, governance and strategic related duties for £12m turnover complex charity and trading subsidiary
Managing finance team of six finance employees plus student staff and interim staff
Financial reporting, forecasting and budgeting
Training and liaising with elected student Trustees and Officers to ensure they can meet their financial obligations

Key achievements:

Overseeing financial transformation project across the organisation
Managing complex opposing financial priorities in challenging environment
Building relationships across the organisations to ensure efficiency and best practice



**Multi Academy Trust
Financial Controller**

Jan 2023 – June 2023

Key responsibilities:

Financial related duties for £300m turnover, 50+ school MAT
Managing the Central Finance team of seven finance employees
Management accounts reporting, forecasting and budgeting
Developing existing systems and controls in a fast pace and rapidly growing business
Providing business and financial support to the Director of Finance and Operations to Maintenance of the Federation treasury bank accounts, mandates and investigating investment opportunities

Key achievements:

Rapid understanding of complex organisation in all aspects of head office financial operations
Rapid integration into large head office team of over 100 employees, forming close working relationships

**Chief Financial Officer
Multi Academy Trust**

Jan 2017 – Nov 2022

Key responsibilities:

Financial, governance and strategic related duties for £9m turnover, newly formed 3/4 primary school MAT
Managing finance team of four finance employees operating across multiple sites on devolved basis
All financial reporting, planning, risk management and internal controls

Key achievements:

Designing and integrating MAT wide financial processes and systems
Brokerage and integration of academy from an existing Trust
Centralising finance function piecemeal

**Non-Executive Director/Trustee (voluntary) Multi Academy Trust
Vice Chair of Finance & Resources Committee**

Jan 2022 – present

**Audit and Accounts Manager (Academy & Charity Sector)
Chartered Accountants**

July 2015 – Dec 2016

**Assistant Audit Manager (Public & Charity Sector)
Big 4 Chartered Accountants**

Aug 2014 - July 2015

**Part Time Lecturer (Finance)
Higher Education**

Oct 2013 – July 2014

**Part-time Lecturer Business (Finance)
Higher Education**

Sep 2011 – Oct 2013



Part-time Procurement & Contracts Officer
Higher Education

Feb 2010 – Nov2012

Management Accountant
Higher Education

Dec 2005 – Feb 2010

Part-time Audit & Accounts Manager
Chartered Accountants

Aug 2004 - Mar 2005

Trainee Auditor/Assistant Audit Manager
Chartered Accountants

Sep 1997 - July 2002