



Abbey Gate College

# Cleaner (part-time)

Required to start as soon as possible



## Job Description & Person Specification

Role	Cleaner
Contract	Permanent, part-time (term time plus six weeks) 36.25 hours per week (11.30am - 7.15pm or 11.15am - 7.00pm)
Start Date	Required to start as soon as possible
Salary	Hourly rate: £12.94 Based on 36.25 hours per week: £21,606

## Introduction from the Head of Abbey Gate College Infant and Junior School:



I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Abbey Gate College Infant and Junior School, which is situated in the beautiful, rural village of Aldford near Chester, just a short distance from our Senior School in Saighton Grange.

Set in extensive grounds, the school benefits from football pitches, a netball court, a wildlife garden and pond, a nature trail and an adventure playground. Our Junior pupils occupy the original village school, which has been sympathetically refurbished to provide a wonderful learning environment.

Opened in September 2018, we have a modern building, which is home to our Foundation and Infant pupils. Spacious classrooms, with patio doors leading out onto our extensive grounds, ensure our youngest pupils have the best possible start to their education. All of our classrooms are welcoming and equipped with up-to-date technology, including Clever Touch Screens, to support learning.

The Infant and Junior School consists of seven classes from Foundation to J6. Small class sizes and specialist teachers ensure we offer our children a broad and balanced curriculum, which aims to develop the full potential of each and every pupil.

Spiritual, moral, social, and physical development form an important part of the curriculum and help to prepare pupils for the challenges and experiences of later life.

### Our Mission:

We are committed, within our safe and caring community, that each one of our pupils will become the best that they can be and have the self-belief to go forward into this changeable world with courage and with compassion.

### Our Aims:

We pursue our whole College mission, guided by three defining and aspirational aims:

**SELF**  
Each pupil cares for their mental and physical wellbeing; learns and achieves to their individual potential; and is content, comfortable and confident to be who they are in our diverse and inclusive College.

**SERVICE**  
Each pupil makes a positive difference to the lives of others in our College, as well as in our local and in wider, global communities.

**SUSTAINABILITY**  
Each pupil contributes towards preserving and protecting the planet we all inherit and share, and has the opportunity to be creative and innovative; to help further humanity's progress in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about us. If you feel that you could bring the right balance of care, commitment, expertise and enthusiasm to this role, we welcome your application.

Marie Hickey, Head of Infant and Junior School

## The Post:

Abbey Gate College is looking to appoint a suitably experienced and skilled Cleaner to join our dedicated Estates Team. This post will be based at our Infant and Junior School in Aldford, but the successful candidate may be required to work at our Senior School in Saughton to cover for absence within the Estates Team.

Both our Saughton and Alford sites are beautifully maintained and enjoyed by pupils, colleagues, and visitors alike.

## Job Description:

Line managed by our Head Caretaker, the working pattern for this role is:

36.25 hours per week, 11.30am - 7.15pm or 11.15am - 7.00pm (including a half-hour unpaid lunch break).

Our Cleaners are required to work during term time, plus an additional six weeks during school holiday periods, over a 12-month period.

Our Cleaners, along with the entire Estates Team, perform an essential role in ensuring that the College buildings are cleaned and maintained in optimum condition for use by our students and visitors.

## Key Duties Include:

- Cleaning (vacuuming, mopping, buffing, wiping down, emptying bins, deep cleaning, etc.) in all areas of the buildings, including classrooms, communal areas, and toilets.
- Ensuring all areas are always cleaned to the highest standard.
- Notifying the Head Caretaker of any issues / damage requiring attention.
- Taking ownership of Health and Safety for yourself and others, observing and complying with site rules and regulations at all times.
- Checking stock levels of all consumables and replacing when appropriate.
- To work across both sites (Aldford and Saughton) to cover periods of absence of other Cleaners.
- To be a key holder responsible for locking up the building in the evenings.
- Helping and assisting with children's lunch duty.
- Completing any other cleaning duties, as required.

## Support for the College:

In addition to the day-to-day responsibilities of the role, you will also be expected to:

- Support the College's commitment to safeguarding children and promoting their welfare in accordance with the College's policies and procedures.
- Be aware of, and comply with, policies and procedures relating to health and safety, security, confidentiality, and data protection, reporting all concerns to the appropriate person.
- Contribute to the overall work and ethos of the Estates Team as required.
- To contribute to the overall vision, mission, and aims of Abbey Gate College.
- Participate in training, meetings, and performance development activities as required.
- Undertake any other duties as reasonably required.

## Person Specification:

We are looking for people with a positive approach, a good knowledge of cleaning and high standards. We want the successful candidate) to care about, and be proud of the wonderful, historic, educational facilities and operations of our College!

The successful candidate will possess the following:

### Experience / Qualifications:

- Previous experience in a similar role would be an advantage, but is not essential, as training will be provided.
- A good working knowledge of Health and Safety is essential.
- An understanding of COSHH regulations is desirable.

### Skills / Personal Qualities:

- Strong time management / organisational skills, with the ability to prioritise and meet deadlines whilst work under pressure.
- Attention to detail, accurate and methodical.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to deal with sensitive information with the utmost discretion and to maintain confidentiality at all times.
- A team player, willing to support other members of the Estates Team, with the ability to work using their own initiative.
- Ability and willingness to adapt to and embrace change.
- Willingness to learn new skills and promote new initiatives.
- Willingness and adaptability in tackling the variety of tasks arising in a school environment.
- Willingness to be flexible regarding the variety of tasks arising within the College environment, and to be flexible regarding working hours, within reason, in response to the needs of the College.
- Willingness to attend evening meetings and events as required (not a frequent requirement).
- Commitment to CPD and training opportunities.
- Other requirements for the role are good communications skills and ability to work alongside other staff and contractors.

## Salary:

The hourly rate for this position is £12.94 per hour.

The salary for 36.25 hours per week equates to: £21,606.

The above includes a 30-minute unpaid lunchbreak per day.

There may be the requirement to work additional hours to assist in the preparation of sites for important events, such as open days, at the College.

Workwear, equipment and personal protective equipment will be provided, and the post-holder is responsible for the maintenance and safety of these items.

## Safeguarding & Child Protection:

Abbey Gate College is committed, as a priority, to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Applicants will, therefore, be subject to stringent vetting and induction processes, including an enhanced DBS disclosure. References for shortlisted candidates will be requested prior to interview; please inform your referees.

Whilst criminal convictions are not necessarily a bar to appointment, this safety consideration will be central to all decisions regarding the employment of staff, approval of volunteers, and standards of external contractors.

## Equality, Diversity & Inclusion:

We are committed to equality of opportunity for all staff and to treating all staff with dignity and respect. Therefore, applications from individuals are encouraged, regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, and marriage and civil partnerships.

## Process for Applications:

- Closing date for applications: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at midday.

In order to apply for our Cleaner vacancy, please complete our Abbey Gate College application form (available at <https://www.abbeygatecollege.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>).

Please also include a covering letter, which should be addressed to the Head of the Infant and Junior School, Mrs Marie Hickey, outlining your interest in, and suitability for, the role and the College.

Your completed application form and covering letter should be returned to Mrs Sue Moran, HR and Staff Wellbeing Manager, at: [sue.moran@abbeygatecollege.co.uk](mailto:sue.moran@abbeygatecollege.co.uk) by the above closing date.

Should you require any additional information or assistance regarding your application, please also contact Sue Moran.

Please visit our website at [www.abbeygatecollege.co.uk](http://www.abbeygatecollege.co.uk) for more information about the College.