

OHC Gender Pay Gap Reporting 2021-22

Introduction

Orchard Hill College (OHC) is pleased to publish its third Gender Pay Gap Report. As of April 2017, all organisations with 250 or more employees are required to publish information on their 'gender pay gap'. We have to publish the gaps in pay between men and women on both a median basis (pay per hour based on the person 'in the middle' of the distribution of pay) and a mean basis (average hourly salary). We are also required to disclose pay quartiles and any pay bonus gap. Orchard Hill College does not pay bonuses to staff.

About OHC

Orchard Hill College is an Outstanding Specialist college offering life-changing learning opportunities to students. We have eight vibrant college centres across London and Surrey where committed, specialist teams deliver a range of programmes to meet the needs of our students. Students who study with us have a wide range of needs. All students are individual and each programme is as unique as they are. Our programmes are designed to support and empower each student to achieve their aspirations and goals, whilst developing skills to become more independent members of their community.

At the time of reporting (31st March 2021) the College employed 263 staff members. The College has not reported on gender pay for the past two years as the number of employees was below the threshold of 250 for 2019-2020 and 2020-21.

The Trust is committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all its students, staff and stakeholders, and to the celebration of diversity in all its forms.

Distinguishing between gender pay and equal pay

The ACAS Guidance explains the difference between gender pay and equal pay:

“Equal pay deals with the pay differences between men and women who carry out the same jobs, similar jobs or work of equal value. It is unlawful to pay people unequally because they are a man or a woman. The gender pay gap shows the differences in the average pay between men and women.”

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For our first report, OHC's gender pay gap for the snapshot period of 31st March 2017 was:

Mean gender pay gap	5.53%
Median gender pay gap	3.12%

No **bonus** payments were made during the snapshot period.

The **mean** hourly rate of pay for male full pay relevant employees was £16.84

The **mean** hourly rate of pay for female full pay relevant employees was £15.91

The **median** hourly rate of pay for male full pay relevant employees was £13.96

The **median** hourly rate of pay for female full pay relevant employees was £13.92

For our second report, OHC's gender pay gap for the snapshot period of 31st March 2018 was:

Mean gender pay gap	0.23%
Median gender pay gap	0.0%

No **bonus** payments were made during the snapshot period.

The **mean** hourly rate of pay for male full pay relevant employees is £17.04

The **mean** hourly rate of pay for female full pay relevant employees is £17.08

The **median** hourly rate of pay for male full pay relevant employees is £14.57

The **median** hourly rate of pay for female full pay relevant employees is £14.57

For the third report, OHC's gender pay gap for the snapshot period of 31st March 2021 was

Mean gender pay gap	19.78%
Median gender pay gap	22.78

No **bonus** payments were made during the snapshot period.

The **mean** hourly rate of pay for male full pay relevant employees is £19.54

The **mean** hourly rate of pay for female full pay relevant employees is £15.68

The **median** hourly rate of pay for male full pay relevant employees is £17.34

The **median** hourly rate of pay for female full pay relevant employees is £13.39

As at 31st March 2021, 17.11% of OHC staff were male (45) and 82.89% were female (218).

The following table provides a further breakdown:

	% Male	% Female	No of males	No of females	Total number of staff
Lower Quartile	10.61%	89.39%	7	59	66
Lower Middle Quartile	7.58%	92.42%	5	61	66
Upper Middle Quartile	19.70%	80.30%	13	53	66
Upper Quartile	30.77%	69.23%	20	45	65
	17.11%	82.89%	45	218	263

Conclusions

OHC recognises that there is a gender gap using the mean and median gender pay reporting methodology. This is the first year in the last three years that gender pay has been reported.

Although the number of employees has increased to 263 in April 2021, which is comparable to the previous reported figures of 262 in April 2017, and April 263 in October 2018 approximately 80 staff from OHC were TUPE to OHCAT (Orchard Hill College Academy Trust), all of whom worked for the Business Services division. Unreported figures from the intervening two years show the number of employees as 197 in 2019 and 213 in 2020.

This demonstrates the significant growth in the intervening two years that the College has achieved by increasing College centres and courses, and increasing student numbers that has been aided by increased staffing. One significant difference since the last gender pay report in the structure of the College is that due to increased levels of staffing, there are more male staff in the Upper Quartile than previously. The second is that although the count of males in the lower two quartiles remains almost constant, as staffing numbers have grown more females have been recruited, therefore proportionately there are now significantly less male staff in the lower middle quartile than previously.

We will continue to monitor and look at ways of reducing this gap.

In order to develop our staff to progress their careers, OHC offers a range of apprenticeships, teacher training courses and specialist training to allow employees to progress and for unqualified teachers to become trained teachers. Some have progressed to teacher training via the Diploma in Education & Training (DET) programme. As well as teaching, career paths have been developed for health and



therapeutic pathways. A further pathway has been developed for Teaching Assistants, with the creation of a new post within the structure between the Teaching Assistant and Senior Teaching Assistant level for the current academic year 2021-22. All staff currently are supported with training to progress to the next level.

We are also aware that we have a significant number of learning support workers who are in the lower quartile, who choose to work with OHC because they value being able to work term time only and within a schedule that fits with family and childcare responsibilities.

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