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## IFtL (Inspiring Futures through Learning Trust)

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Chief Operating Officer
Salary: £115,000 – £130,000
Permanent
Start date: 06/01/2026

### **About our School:**

Inspiring Futures through Learning (IFtL) is a respected and growing multi-academy trust, dedicated to delivering outstanding education and lifelong learning opportunities across our family of schools. As we look to the future, we are seeking an exceptional Chief Operations Officer (COO) to join our Executive Leadership Team and help lead the Trust through its next exciting phase of development and growth.

This is a pivotal role for a strategic and values-led leader who thrives on making a tangible difference—one who brings clarity, rigour, and ambition to operational leadership.

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### **About the Role:**

Reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer, the COO will play a critical role in driving operational excellence across the Trust. The role provides the necessary leadership capacity for our continued growth, allowing the CEO to focus on educational outcomes and strategic vision.

You will be responsible for leading and modernising the Trust's non-educational operations, including:

- Finance and Strategic Resource Management
- Estates and Capital Projects
- IT, Digital Infrastructure, and Data Systems
- Governance and Compliance
- Risk Management
- Strategic Project Delivery

What You'll Deliver:

Operational leadership across critical Trust functions to enable high-quality services and sustainable growth.

Oversight and strategic direction of financial planning, ensuring robust compliance and value for money.

Delivery of a long-term estates strategy, including capital programmes that meet the future needs of our schools.

Modernisation of IT and data systems, ensuring security, innovation, and improved user experience.

Strengthened governance and risk management frameworks, aligned to regulatory expectations and best practice.

Leadership of complex strategic projects, delivered on time, within budget, and aligned to our Trust vision.

Scalable operating models and infrastructures to support our growing Trust.

**Closing date for applications: 22/09/2025**

**Alternatively, you can apply here:** <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/16141/EDV-2025-IFTL-12901>