



Westhaven School

Valued – Inspired – Prepared

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Information for candidates

About our school

Westhaven School is a maintained community specialist school for learners aged between 4 and 18 years who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Built on an ethos of family support, personalised learning and commitment to the needs of the whole child, the last 50 years has seen it excel in new enterprises and in the last few years we have expanded in both number and age range.

Our learners have varying aptitudes and abilities and have a range of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) including: Autism (ASC); Cognition and Learning needs; Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN). We seek to ensure that, by the time they leave us, our learners emerge as self-confident individuals able to manage their own learning; equipped with the skills and competencies to successfully take the next steps in their lives.

We are a friendly, happy and caring school, providing a positive, inclusive and enriching educational experience for our young people. We view each of our learners as unique and shape our provision to meet their individual needs and accelerate their progress in a variety of areas e.g. personal, social, academic and well-being. Our commitment to supporting the 'whole' child and their development is underpinned by our strong pastoral systems and our committed and trained staff. At Westhaven we promote inclusion and equality and celebrate diversity.

Our mission statement is 'Valued, Inspired, Prepared' and we promote a calm environment that enables everyone to learn. The golden thread that permeates our curriculum and our conduct through every school day are the core values which shape our learners to be:

- safely independent
- confident communicators
- respectful citizens
- resilient learners
- inquisitive thinkers

The "Westhaven Way" is our ethos and it underpins our daily approach to behaviour and learning.

What we can offer you:

- A dedicated staff team committed to achieving the best for our learners
- A caring and supportive special school community that is open to new learning and development
- A supportive, warm and welcoming team
- Excellent CPD and training opportunities
- A school in a beautiful village location with its own forest school and garden centre and a 5 minute walk from the beach



Letter from the Headteacher

Thank you for your interest in the role of Assistant Headteacher (Upper School) at Westhaven. Westhaven School is a unique specialist provision and a wonderful place to work. We are a large staff of over 100 people, working closely together to offer the best we can for our learners. Despite its size, Westhaven has a calm and purposeful ethos where provision thrives to be of the highest standard.

I have worked at Westhaven for 8 years and was delighted to be appointed Headteacher in September 2023. During my time here, I have seen the school change and grow in so many ways and am continually excited by the way Westhaven embraces the needs of all of our learners. I am particularly proud of the breadth of qualifications offered at KS4 and KS5, which prepare our learners for the next stage of their education.

Whether you are looking for your first post in senior leadership or are an experienced senior leader looking for a new challenge, Westhaven offers a vibrant and special place to work in a beautiful location, supported by a wonderful community.



Visits to the school are welcomed, please contact Trudy Hudson, PA to the Headteacher by email – trudy.hudson@westhavenschool.org.uk to arrange, or for any further details. To apply for the position, please complete an application form, available in the recruitment section of our website, www.westhavenschool.org.uk with an accompanying letter (of no more than two sides) outlining your skills and experience as well as how you meet the person specification.

Jamie Peacock
Headteacher