

Whitworth Community High School
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Age Range: 11-16. School size: Group 5. 659 on roll.

Starting Salary Range: MPS/UPS + TLR1a

Director of Learning for Science : An excellent opportunity for an excellent candidate to join a 'Good' school

Required: 1st January 2024

The Governing Board wishes to appoint an ambitious and high performing candidate as Director of Learning for Science to lead our successful Science Faculty.

This is an excellent opportunity for an outstanding and ambitious Science teacher with experience of effectively leading change and delivering excellence within Science. The Science Faculty is a strong team made up of a mix of experienced and more recently qualified teachers, including an Assistant Director of Learning and a full-time science technician, who are united in their passionate desire to do the best by the students they teach, and to inspire a future generation of scientists. The successful candidate will have the opportunity and resources to build on the current success of the Faculty and create a vision for the future direction of Science across the school. We offer the support and experience to enable the postholder to develop the skills required for the next stage in their career. The Directors of Learning are key members of the school's operational leadership team and thus have opportunity to contribute to whole school leadership and management and our vision and core aim of 'Climbing Higher.'

The successful candidate will be a passionate advocate for high quality learning and teaching; imaginative, dynamic and energetic. They will lead by example and be an excellent communicator, committed to enhancing the life chances of our young people.

This is an exciting time to join Whitworth Community High School. At Easter 2023 we moved into our new school building which offers fantastic facilities, benefits from photovoltaic panels and a 'green roof' and is one of the first net carbon zero school building projects undertaken by the DfE in the pilot of their Rebuilding Schools Programme.

In March 2023 we were delighted that our Ofsted inspection team recognised that we continue to be a securely good school - a judgement about which we were entirely confident. We are currently awaiting their final report before we can share further details.

We have a relentless drive to embed a culture of high aspirations and expectations throughout the school, and we offer a caring environment where students learn well, make very good progress, feel listened to and are safe. We are full and oversubscribed in each year group and parents/carers, staff and student voice is very positive. The Governing Board are knowledgeable and supportive and we are in a healthy financial position.

Students succeed academically and make strong progress at Whitworth Community High School. In 2022, our P8 score was +0.11 and Attainment 8 was 49.4.

This is also an exciting time for the Science Faculty. In our new building, the Science Faculty is housed on the top floor, with five fully equipped Science laboratories, so each Science teacher benefits from their own laboratory, a Science studio and a great prep room, along with workroom space from which to admire the amazing views of the local countryside.

Science results have risen year on year and we are confident that this upward trajectory will continue in 2023. The faculty has an excellent culture where resources are developed and shared collaboratively which both reduces workload and improves consistency for all students.

The role of Director of Learning for Science has become available because our outstanding current postholder has made the difficult decision to move out of the area for family reasons - we are very sad to be losing them.

We are looking for a colleague who can demonstrate:

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- excellent teaching skills;
- the ability to inspire and enthuse students;
- practical strategies and an understanding of how students make progress;
- the ambition and drive to ensure all students achieve their potential.

We offer the right candidate :

- a small school with a strong reputation, a caring ethos, a culture of respect and a commitment to 'Climbing Higher'
- fantastic students who are proud of their school
- a strong leadership team who are committed to moving the school forward and to the professional development of our staff, and who are mindful of staff well being
- knowledgeable, forward looking and friendly colleagues who are ambitious for our school
- excellent facilities and resources, including fitness suite and recording studio available for staff

Whitworth Community High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory enhanced disclosure (DBS). Please note that in line with KCSIE 2022 an online search will be carried out as part of our due diligence on shortlisted candidates.

You can download the documentation for this post online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/vacancies, and directly from the school website www.wchs.co where you can obtain additional information regarding the post. Please note CVs are not accepted.

Closing Date : Monday 10th July @ 12 noon

Interview Date: Thursday 13th July 2023