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Graduate School Counsellor

Archbishop Holgate's School - York

Required from: 1 September 2025

Closing date: Friday 20 June at 8.00am

Interview date: wc Monday 23 June



Archbishop Holgate's School

A Church of England Academy Founded 1546

We are looking for an enthusiastic, resilient, open-minded and highly professional individual to work alongside our current School Counsellor – Sarah Garton (Lead Counsellor).

We believe that Archbishop Holgate's is 'no ordinary school' and is an excellent place to work, a view confirmed by Ofsted in our most recent inspection, "Staff are incredibly proud to work here."

Our staff are friendly and supportive and our students are polite, hardworking and keen to succeed. As such, this post represents an exciting opportunity to join a very successful, high-achieving, forward looking and fully-subscribed Church of England comprehensive, a school judged Outstanding in all areas by both Ofsted and SIAMS.

Successful candidates will be fully supported to develop in the role, benefiting from bespoke CPD opportunities both at Archbishop's and as part of the Pathfinder Teaching School Hub. In addition, colleagues will benefit from being part of the Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust Career Pathway Programme, and through working with colleagues across other Trust schools, develop skills and share innovative teaching and learning practices.

GRADE/SALARY

Grade 7 (currently £9,491, this is the pro rata salary)

CONTRACT

Permanent, Term Time Only
13 hours per week / 2 days per week

REPORTS TO

Lead School Counsellor

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this role, please submit a completed application form via post or email to:

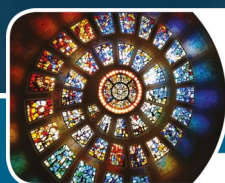
Mrs J Sissons, Head's PA
Archbishop Holgate's School
Hull Road
York
YO10 5ZA

Email: jsissons@ahs.pmat.academy

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust is an equal opportunities employer, committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Enhanced DBS check required. As part of our due diligence process, an online search will be conducted on all shortlisted candidates. These checks are carried out in accordance with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) guidance to determine suitability to work with children and young people and keep them safe.

We reserve the right to close this vacancy early if we receive sufficient applications for the role.



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About our School

'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'

John 10:10

Archbishop Holgate's is a flourishing school signified by outstanding examination results, high-quality teaching and learning, an inspiring curriculum complemented by sporting and musical achievements and a wide, varied programme of extra-curricular opportunities. We are a school committed to ensuring that our students develop in all ways and at the heart of all we do is a commitment to 'Values, Care and Achievement':

***Christian values that
underpin all we do***

***Outstanding pastoral care that
sees each student as an individual***

***Maximum achievement for
all students, at all levels***

We have excellent students and a talented staff, colleagues who are committed to ensuring that the young people in our care achieve and succeed. Collectively, as a school community, we seek to nurture aspiration and promote excellence. We enrich our students in many different ways and when they leave Archbishop Holgate's they do so as well-rounded young people with the skills, qualities and relevant qualifications to help them shape their own futures and also to benefit the communities they serve.

In 2021, the school was delighted to once again be awarded outstanding judgements in all areas of the Ofsted inspection. Over the last decade, Archbishop Holgate's has consistently enjoyed some of the best results nationally at both GCSE and Post 16.

At Key Stage 5, the Sixth Form has consistently performed in the top 5% of all Post 16 providers. The school also consistently performs significantly above the national averages for all groups of students at Key Stage 4. Over the past five years, the Progress 8 score has averaged almost +0.5 and over the same period disadvantaged students have on average performed as well as all students nationally.

Archbishop Holgate's regularly features within the top ten state schools in the north in the annual Sunday Times Parent Power Schools Guide.





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Extracts from the Ofsted report (October 2021):

"Leaders have established a culture of respect, dignity and inclusivity that allows every pupil to thrive."

"Pupils' behaviour is excellent. At all times, pupils are calm, orderly, and respectful."

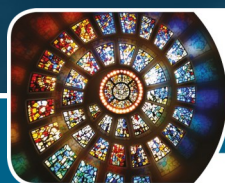
"The school's personal development programme is comprehensive. Pupils experience a range of trips and visits to broaden their cultural horizons."

"The support provided for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) is exceptionally strong."

"The Sixth Form curriculum is exceptionally strong."

"All staff feel valued. They refer to being part of a special community. Leaders proactively consider the workload and wellbeing of their staff."





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About our Trust

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Setting the course

Formed in August 2016, Pathfinder is a successful, well-established Multi Academy Trust serving more than 6,200 children and their families across York and North Yorkshire.

We are a flourishing and supportive learning community. A partnership of like-minded Church and Community Schools, where a clear and ambitious vision of a high quality inclusive education **sets the course** and permeates across all areas of school life. Pathfinder has a proven track record of **leading the way**. We are a Trust with strong examination results, high quality teaching



Leading the way

and learning, an inspiring curriculum, excellent opportunities for personal development and a wide, varied programme of extra-curricular opportunities.

We understand that achievement comes in many different forms and work collectively to **serve and inspire**, nurturing aspiration and promoting excellence in all our students. We value the uniqueness and diversity of each of our schools, celebrating this distinctiveness and the contributions they make to the wider Pathfinder community.



Serving and inspiring

Pathfinder schools



ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Badger Hill
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Barlow CE Primary School

Part of the White Rose Federation - One family, branching out together



Burton Salmon CP School

Part of the White Rose Federation - One family, branching out together



Chapel Haddlesey CE School

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**Clifton with
Rawcliffe**



Hempland
Primary School



Heworth
Church of England Primary School



Huntington
PRIMARY ACADEMY



Malton School
A Specialist Science School



New Earswick
Primary School



Poppleton Road
Primary School



Rufforth
Primary School
Inspire • Care • Grow



St Barnabas
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



St Lawrence's
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Tang Hall
Primary School



Welburn
COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Job Description

Role

Job Purpose:

To contribute to the provision of our wellbeing support in school by providing confidential one-to-one counselling sessions to students, covering a range of emotional and psychological issues, including completing in depth assessments and referrals to appropriate services where required.

Main Job Activities:

- Maintain case load applying appropriate therapeutic interventions.
- Provide a caring and supportive environment where students concerns may be explored.
- Ensure effective and appropriate support is in place to assist students in reaching their full potential.
- Liaise with student support and assist in the management of the school counselling waiting lists, where applicable, in consultation with the Lead Counsellor.
- Refer to appropriate agencies of support, both internal and external, where required.
- Contribute towards enhancing relationships with external agencies, promoting the service to ensure appropriate referrals.
- Play an active role in the safeguarding of all students, liaising with the Designated Safeguarding Lead when appropriate, adhering to School policies and procedures.
- Maintain positive and constructive working relationships with all colleagues.
- Ensure client case notes are completed accurately and appropriately stored in alignment with data protection and BACP Requirements.
- Attend monthly supervision sessions with an external supervisor in line with your relevant professional body guidelines (BACP /UKCP etc).
- Attend regular meetings with the Lead Counsellor and contribute in producing service statistics, reports and evaluating the service.
- Manage and prioritise workload and ensure that deadlines are met.
- Engage in continuing professional development and training as agreed with the Lead Counsellor.
- Maintain annual requirements of professional membership bodies.
- Adhere to all counselling policies and procedures, whilst contributing constructively, as required, to their ongoing development.
- Maintain confidentiality, as appropriate, with sensitive or privileged information in alignment with a relevant professional body (BACP/UKCP etc), Data Protection and GDPR guidelines.

Requirements

Essential:

- Holds a recognised clinical qualification in Counselling or Psychotherapy.
- Completed a minimum of 100 supervised face-to-face counselling hours.
- Hold recognised membership of a relevant professional body (BACP/ UKCP etc.)
- Knowledge or experience of safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures.
- Knowledge of local mental health and CAMHS Service.
- An understanding of the developmental, emotional, social and educational issues of children & young people. In accordance with the BACP or equivalent competencies scales.
- Ability to form and maintain appropriate professional relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people.
- Ability to prioritise and manage own workload.
- ICT skills

Desirable:

- Experience working with children and young people within a School environment.



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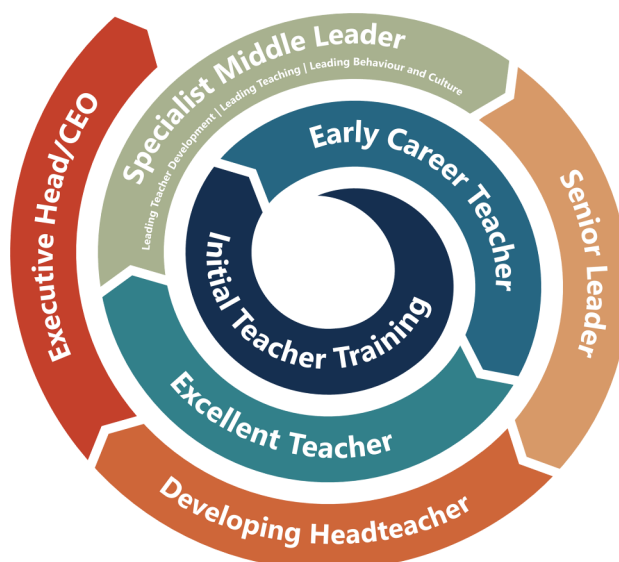
Professional Development

The professional development of our staff is a key commitment of the Trust and we have a career pathways programme to ensure we recruit, develop and retain the very best colleagues.

Teaching Staff

For our teaching staff, we have a career pathways programme which starts with Initial Teacher Training and progresses through to Executive Headteacher/CEO. At Pathfinder we:

- create a bespoke pathway to develop each person's individual talents and ambitions.
- provide staff with the highest quality research-proven CPD training.
- offer access to skilled leaders and mentors.
- give staff opportunities for development from Initial Teacher Training to senior management.



Support Staff

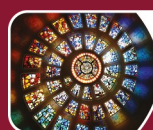
The support staff in our schools benefit from our Learning, Training and Development programme which aims to ensure that all staff are equipped with the necessary skills, qualifications and resources to fulfil their roles to the highest standard. At Pathfinder, our support staff will:

- be confident in fulfilling all aspects of their role to the highest level.
- act as a source of support, advice and guidance to their colleagues.
- identify any training and development needs for themselves and staff they manage.
- be given support and advice to develop their skills to progress to posts at the next level.



Pathfinder Teaching School Hub

Staff in our schools are able to benefit from the wide range of training and development opportunities delivered through the Pathfinder Teaching School Hub, based at Archbishop Holgate's School. As well as providing the full suite on National Professional Qualifications, the Hub and its key partners deliver a wealth of training and development opportunities for teachers at every stage of their career across our urban, rural and coastal school communities.



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Teaching School Hub



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Benefits of Working at Pathfinder

Our range of employee benefits aims to support the health and wellbeing of our staff ensuring they are valued and supported throughout their time at work.

Pension Scheme

You are offered membership of either Teachers' Pension Scheme, or for support staff, the Local Government Pension Scheme. As well as employees paying into the scheme (banded, based on earnings) Pathfinder also pays into the scheme on your behalf at the following rates (regardless of earnings).

Local Government Pension Scheme

We contribute an additional 20.4% of your salary.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

We contribute an additional 28.68% of your salary.

Staff Benefits Platform

Our dedicated employee benefits platform Vivup provides staff with access to all of our benefits in one easy to use and convenient place.

Vivup also provides exclusive benefits through their platform and the option to spread the cost of purchasing items straight from your salary through the home and electronics and cycle to work benefits.



CSSC Sports and Leisure

Our staff benefits scheme with CSSC gives Pathfinder staff access to over 4,500 benefits, offers and activities including savings at restaurants, cinemas, gyms, theme parks and attractions; up to 70% off shopping with thousands of online and high street retailers and free health and wellbeing portal for courses, classes and content.



TES Magazine Subscription

All Pathfinder employees have unlimited access to the online TES magazine keeping you up to date with the latest education news, analysis and teaching and learning knowledge.



Employee Assistance Programme

Making sure everyone at Pathfinder gets the support they need whatever their



worries, the Employee Assistance Programme provides specialist counselling and resources 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The service is completely confidential and provides support by telephone or online from specialist call handlers and counsellors who understand the demands of working in education. You can also access:

- Emotional support and counselling
- Six sessions of in person or telephone counselling
- Access to online Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- Specialist information on work-life balance
- Financial and legal advice

Able Futures

As a Trust, we are subscribed to Able Futures which provides up to nine months of confidential, no cost advice, guidance and support from mental health professionals to help you cope with work while you manage a mental health condition such as anxiety, depression or stress.



Discounted Bus Travel

As part of the First Bus Commuter Travel Club, Pathfinder employees benefit from discounts on work and leisure travel using First Bus services. The benefits include:



- Savings on discounted monthly bus tickets
- Unlimited bus travel in your chosen zone
- Tickets delivered straight the First Bus app
- Spread the cost of annual travel

Free Will Writing Service

Estate planning and will writing specialists Durham McCarthy



are able to offer Pathfinder employees a free will writing service to help you plan for your future, protecting your family and loved ones.