

Brookfield Community School

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Dear Applicant

Head of Geography

Thank you for your interest in this important post as Head of Geography at Brookfield which represents a rare opportunity to join a high-performing department at the heart of the school. The post arises due to the appointment of the current postholder to a national role within Oak Academy.

Brookfield is a wonderful school and is a very special place to work. Situated to the west of Chesterfield and close to the Peak District National Park, the school serves a community that values education and the role it can play in the lives of young people. Our students come to school recognising the importance of education, supported by families who think likewise. Attendance is excellent, as is behaviour at school. Relationships between staff, students and families are extremely positive.

Academic performance is very strong and has improved significantly since 2019. In 2022 the school achieved a Progress 8 score of +0.4, a significant improvement from 2019 and a figure placing Brookfield as one of the top-performing schools regionally. In English and Maths, the 4+/5+ combined scores were 75% and 60% respectively. A Level pass rate increased to 97.7%. A*- A pass rate increased to 25.3% from 20.2% in 2019. Our goal is to build further on this impressive performance to establish Brookfield as a truly high-performing school.

Our aim is for Brookfield to continue to build its reputation regionally and nationally. The school is over-subscribed in all year groups, with a sizeable waiting list for new Year 7 students (2023 entry). The sixth form continues to grow in size towards 250.

In 2019 Brookfield joined Redhill Academy Trust, a very supportive and dynamic Trust which places great value on academic achievement, wider experience and excellent behaviour. The successful candidate will join the Redhill Geography network group that works collegiately to drive improvement at school and Trust level.

Geography is a very successful subject area with committed experts who are passionate about their subject. The 2022 SPI of 0.58, which equates to a FFT sig. positive 0.66, reflects the strength of the department. Numbers are consistently very strong at KS4 and 5 and students have discrete lessons in KS3. Courses studied are:

- GCSE Geography EDUQAS B
- A Level Geography EDUQAS



This is an ideal opportunity for someone who wants to work in an incredible school and make a real impact in the area of Geography. The successful candidate will have a passion for education and a drive to ensure every student achieves academic success.

The vision for Brookfield is ambitious. Our motto – 'Committed to Excellence' – drives what we do. We want to develop confident, articulate, resilient and well-qualified young people who are empowered to change the world. This appointment is key in helping to achieve our vision.

If you would like to visit the school to discuss the post further, please contact Gillian Rhodes, my PA, at g.rhodes@brookfieldcs.org.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Hirst Headteacher