**Principal (L37 – L43)**

Required for January 2022

A unique opportunity to be at the centre of the transformation of a school, and its wider community.

John Smeaton Academy is a school on the move, and it certainly needs to be. In 2019 its performance data placed it as the lowest performing secondary school in the city of Leeds and one of the worst performing in the country. It is also fair to say that John Smeaton Academy is a school whose performance for many years has been unconvincing and this has resulted in its community losing its confidence in the school.

So why would anyone choose to apply for the role of Principal at John Smeaton Academy?

On 1 September 2021 John Smeaton Academy joined The GORSE Academies Trust, an organisation renowned for excellence in education. The trust has a nationally recognised track record of transforming inadequate schools and making them great again, or for the first time in their history. Consequently, this is an opportunity which comes along rarely because the successful candidate will be the figurehead leading that transformation and someone who is likely to go on to become a widely recognised name across the education sector.

If this advertisement does catch your eye and provides a sense of excitement on your part, then we would love to hear from you. For further information or to arrange a visit hosted by Sir John Townsley our Chief Executive Officer or Leanne Griffiths, Executive Principal: 11-16, then please contact Christine Watson at [christine.watson@tgat.org.uk](mailto:christine.watson@tgat.org.uk) in the first instance.

An application pack with further important information can be downloaded at [www.tgat.org.uk](http://www.tgat.org.uk) . Should you wish to apply for the post, please complete and return the attached application form and supporting statement via email to [christine.watson@tgat.org.uk](mailto:christine.watson@tgat.org.uk) .

Closing date for applications is Monday 27 September 2021 at noon with interviews on Thursday 30 September 2021.

*John Smeaton Academy* *is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children and we expect our staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. We promote diversity and aim to establish a workforce which reflects the population of Leeds.*