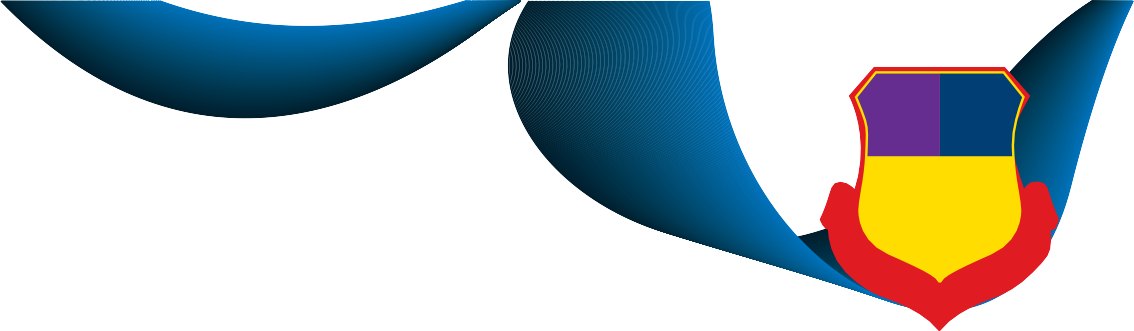
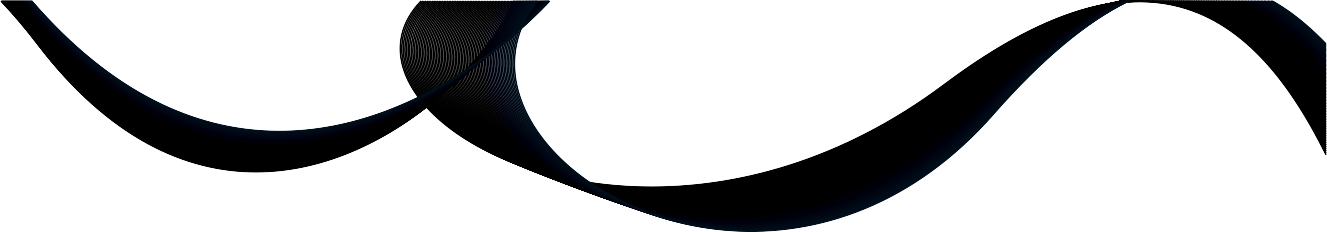
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June, 2018

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the permanent post of teacher of Graphics as from 1 September 2018.

The most recent Ofsted report (July 2014) judged the school as good. “This is a school where every individual student is valued equally”.

Walton-le-Dale is a small school which gives us a distinctive atmosphere. Many visitors comment on the warmth and friendliness of the school. It is a school where many of the students and staff know each other (helped by a vertical pastoral system in Y8-Y11). The size allows us to see each child as an individual and cater for them individually. We are proud to be one of only a few secondary schools in Lancashire with the Inclusion Mark, achieved in 2008 and again in 2014. We now hold flagship status as a model of best practice. We hold other awards such as the CPD Mark.

This is and will continue to be a student - centred school. Everything we do must have the interests of our students at the heart of it. We make two demands of our students – to do their best in everything they do and to support each other in doing this. The strengths of the school lie in the relationships within the school. Our challenge is to ensure that we make use of these strong relationships to get the best out of our students in terms of achievement. I believe our success is also reflected in the way our students turn out after 5 years at Walton-le-Dale. Everyone in the school works hard to make this happen.

We are a small school but we have gained students despite being in an area of falling rolls. We have more than 720 students on roll, the highest for a very long time. Our students come from a wide catchment area. Over a third of the students come from the Blackburn area, whilst the rest are local or from the Preston area. We have a large number of feeder schools. We are truly a comprehensive school, with a relatively higher proportion of students from the more deprived areas of the region. The ability intake is mixed, although with fewer students at the top end. In recent years the ability profile has tended to improve. We also have an excellent reputation for the quality of our learning support, being judged as outstanding in the last Local Authority inspection.

The school has transformed itself in recent years. The driving force has been an innovative approach to the curriculum which focuses on the needs and strengths of our children and community. This has led to a significant improvement in attainment as well as helping to create a lovely place to be!

Science is housed in its own block of 5 teaching rooms, a small computer room (+ laptop trolley) and a preparation room. The department is very well resourced.

If you feel that Walton le Dale is your sort of school, please apply on line or the school website [www.waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk).

Closing Date for applications is Friday 24 November 2017. Interviews will be held week commencing 4 December, 2017.

Further information about our school can be found on our website - [www.waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk).

I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

One example of this innovative approach to the curriculum is our ‘Opening Minds’ programme in Years 7 and 8 where students spend 5 periods a week on this curriculum, often with their tutor. Other subjects are also encouraged to focus on skills and concepts rather than the acquisition of knowledge.

The school offers Key Stage 4 students a wide variety of options for a small school and is particularly proud of the vocational pathways we offer and the move towards a greater personalisation of the curriculum at Key Stage 4.

**The Post and the department**

We are seeking a `child friendly’ excellent teacher of Science. You will be part of a Science team of 6 teachers and a technician.

Science is taught for 3 lessons a week at KS3, with dual award at KS4 for the majority of students (AQA). The most able students follow a Triple Science course.

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Technology is situated in its own block as well as 2 Food Technology and Art rooms. The Technology block consists of two workshops and two ‘clean’ rooms, one of which also has electronics equipment. The block also houses a small ICT room with some CAD/CAM equipment and an A3 printer. We are developing our use of laser cutting and similar technologies.

We are particularly seeking a teacher who is able to teach Graphics to GCSE and Art to KS3.

At KS3 students are offered a range of technology disciplines, including Graphics, Food, Textiles and Resistant Materials, on a rotation basis. The same disciplines are offered at KS4. Technology subjects are a popular choice with our students at KS4.

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