



Dear Prospective Applicant

Thank you for your interest in joining our learning community at Honley High School. I know how important a decision it is to find a school that provides the best possible environment to develop and nurture your skills as well as to challenge you to develop professionally. I hope that you find the information in this pack informative and helpful in determining whether to progress your application further.

The things that attracted me to the headship of Honley High are, I hope, the same things that will attract you to this post – a long standing tradition of academic excellence and high achievement, partnered with an inclusive approach to the needs of young people, a desire to put students first, a committed and talented staff, and a friendly and purposeful student community.

We are proud of the high quality of the education we offer here. We are consistently one of the highest performing schools in the region and this is directly attributable to the hard work and dedication of everyone who works here. We want all of our children to be the best that they can be and so there is a continual drive to develop and improve as professionals. As Ofsted stated following our last inspection: “Pupil outcomes are good because teachers have high expectations of what children can achieve and plan interesting tasks that engage pupils in their learning.”

But these crucial years of adolescence are more than just about passing examinations. The world is changing more rapidly than any one of us can predict, and if our children are to thrive in the world, they will need to develop a set of personal skills and qualities along with their academic qualifications. They will need a questioning mind, perseverance and resilience. They will need to be able to adapt, be flexible and not be too set in their ways. They will need imagination and creativity, self-discipline and independence, compassion and a sense of their responsibilities towards other people. These attributes are hard to measure but equally important, and we see it as our duty to ensure our students develop these skills in conjunction with their academic progress.

We are well known for our long standing partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company, nationally recognised for our sporting achievements and have a proud and enviable record in music, technology, drama and the arts.

Honley High is an excellent school and we are always aiming to develop, as our school motto stated when our doors opened over 70 years ago – ‘we strive for the highest’. We place the interests of the child at the centre of everything we do and we will continue to improve and expand the opportunities that we offer our young people.

We are looking for an extraordinary individual to join our school and really make a difference in the lives of the young people in our care. If this description matches your view of education, then I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Nitimur in excelsis

Paul Greenough
Headteacher

