

Teacher of Economics and Business

Candidate Pack - January 2018



Life at Worksop College and Ranby House

A broad-ability school educating children aged 3-18, the focus at Worksop College and Ranby House is firmly on progress, recognising that every child has his or her own set of skills and abilities - whether academic, sporting, musical or otherwise.

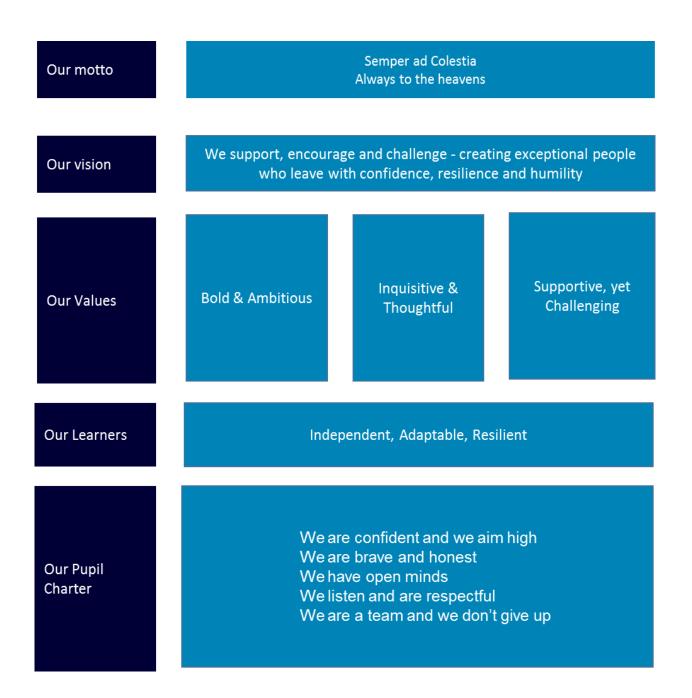
A confident and welcoming community of over 400 pupils on the Senior Site (Years 7-13), with a further 200 pupils at our Prep School (3-11), much has been done in recent years to invest in the infrastructure - developing existing strengths and positioning ourselves as a school of choice for parents in the region, nationally and internationally. Thus, through the full, weekly, flexi and occasional boarding offer, some 90% of the school undertake some kind of boarding; cared for by an increasing number of staff who live on site in a variety of accommodation: detached houses, staff who are resident in boarding Houses or who live in other accommodation within the main buildings.

These are mostly majestic, Victorian buildings, a legacy of this being the final school created by the visionary Canon Nathaniel Woodard, whose mission was to educate the children of the growing middle classes at the end of the 19th Century. At Worksop, he did so on a fine estate of some 300 acres that now also house an 18 hole golf course, a recently refurbished indoor swimming pool, a Sports Hall, tennis courts, netball courts, two Astroturf hockey pitches, an athletics track, four cricket pitches, six rugby pitches and two football pitches.

The school has a strong Christian ethos, but welcomes pupils from all faiths or those who have no faith at all; and of all the things the pupils take away from their time at the school, Chapel is one of the ones they recall most fondly. Staff are expected to attend services in the beautiful Chapel: an opportunity to reflect in what are otherwise busy lives. We have also recently undertaken work to define more sharply our Mission, our Motto, our Values and our Learner Profile, and candidates for interview should expect to demonstrate the inclusion of some aspect of these in the lesson they are asked to teach and other aspects of the recruitment and selection process. Upon appointment, staff are expected to uphold, support and develop these as they contribute to the life our community.

Our Value System

A golden thread that links from our school motto, right through to our pupil charter - our value system is a way of life. From the way we recruit, to the business decisions we make, teaching styles to personal development reviews, our value system is a blueprint for the way we behave and the vision we have for our pupils.





Where we are

Set in 400 acres of stunning North Nottinghamshire woodland, Worksop College and Ranby House has the benefit of a sprawling campus, with some of the best facilities in the county. The major cities of Sheffield, Doncaster and Nottingham are an easily commutable distance and give the school a secure and rural feel, whilst enjoying a comfortable proximity to city life.

In addition, Worksop's location on the edge of Clumber Park and with ease of access to the A1, M1 and East Coast mainline make it an ideal place to live and work. Major university cities Leeds and York are easily accessed by road or rail, as are Newcastle, Edinburgh or London, allowing for academic visits or personal enjoyment in the generous holidays. The Peaks, the Dales, even the Borders are also within easy reach.

Teaching at Worksop College

- A friendly community with excellent relationships between teachers and pupils
- Charming and well-mannered pupils who are willing to engage in and respond enthusiastically to a range of learning activities
- Small classes
- Autonomy for teachers and, significantly, for Heads of Departments
- Support for further personal and professional development
- Confident, forward-looking management and Governors

Pastoral care

In addition to the academic role, every teacher at Worksop is expected to contribute fully to the wider aspects of education. Worksop College is renowned for the quality of its pastoral care and all teachers are attached to one of the eight boarding or day houses.

Extra-curricular

All members of staff at Worksop are expected to play a full part in extra-curricular activities. These embrace a full range of sports, music, societies, expeditions, drama, many forms of art and technology, CCF, voluntary service, and a wide range of hobbies.



What we are achieving

The school has a wide range of academic ability and is proudly non-selective, but achieves excellent results . An increasing proportion of Upper Sixth leavers go to top 20 universities, with five attaining places at Oxbridge in 2017. Over 70% of GCSE examinations taken achieve A*, A or B.

With a dynamic Head and cohesive Leadership Team (nominated for the TES Leadership Team of the Year Award 2018), the College is half way through a significant investment programme. A new boys' boarding House (£3.5m) and a new House to accommodate Years 7 & 8 opened in 2016, with a further £1m invested in re-configuring and upgrading teaching facilities. The extended Library has opened and a purpose-built Sixth Form Centre that opened in December 2017 will enhance our established reputation as a destination of choice. Plans have been approved to build an entirely new, £10m Junior School on this site within the next few years. Nonetheless, we have a secure financial foundation and future, backed by the Woodard Corporation.

The Department

The Department has undergone rapid change over the last few years and now offers AQA GCSE Business Studies as well as A Level Economics and A Level Business as separate subjects.

At A Level, for Economics the AQA specification is followed and for A Level Business, the Edexcel specification is studied. GCSE Business studies is offered as an option at year 10. The GCSE follows the new Edexcel course.

There are currently two full time experienced members of the department and one part time staff member. The Head of Department is also the Assistant Head of Sixth Form. It is housed in its own Business school, with an office with networked PCs. The subjects are very popular at both A Level and GCSE with the department teaching nearly 40% of pupils at KS4 and KS5.. The department runs regular trips locally and nationally and has speakers coming in to talk with pupils.



The Role

We are looking for an outstanding teacher of Economics and Business Studies. As part of our experienced and passionate staff team, you can expect to:

- Teach Business studies and A-level Economics and Business.
- Be a part of a vibrant, committed and professional team of teachers to enhance the quality of teaching and learning in the Department
- Share resources and good practice, be involved in lesson observations and work scrutiny; be a part of collaborative teaching, and continue your own professional development
- Contribute to schemes of work at all levels.
- Monitor the progress of students taking the subject in your class, and set targets where appropriate; support key groups of pupils in their studies e.g. the most able pupils and pupils with EAL or Learning Support needs
- Contribute towards the planning an running of trips and organising speaker to come into school
- Have high expectations of your pupils in your class and motivate them to do well, providing extra support at clinics where necessary
- Liaise with the Head of Department to maximise the progress of students
- Offer support to the learning, pastoral and co-curricular needs of the individual students through the House system as a tutor, and the co-curricular programme. These duties should be carried out to a high standard to ensure the all-round quality of education for pupils at Worksop College.

The role is suitable for an appropriately qualified NQT, to whom full statutory support will be given.



The Benefits Package

Working at Worksop is as much about a lifestyle choice as it is about pursuing a satisfying career path. The College has high expectations of its staff and therefore looks to reward them with an attractive benefits package, which includes:

- Attractive salary
- On-site accommodation subject to availability. Accommodation is provided at a greatly reduced rate. Overall we estimate the benefits of College housing to be worth in the region of £18,000 p.a. to a standard rate taxpayer
- Fee concessions of 50% for the children of any member of the full-time teaching staff who meet the school's entry requirements
- Membership of the Teachers' Pension Scheme
- Longer holidays than the maintained sector
- Access to a private healthcare scheme
- Typically generous sickness and maternity arrangements
- Childcare voucher scheme
- Residential Church of England Chaplain
- Free lunch is provided when on duty; the College is known for its high quality catering
- Free tea and coffee are available throughout the working day
- Free on-site parking



Statutory requirements & equal opportunities

Safeguarding & Child Protection

For this post must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including, but not limited to, reference checks with previous employers, prohibition checks and a criminal record check via the Applicants Disclosure and Barring Service (including Barred List Check). All offers of employment are conditional upon the satisfactory outcome of child protection screening checks.

Disclosures

We will appoint, train, develop and promote on the basis of merit and ability alone. It is a stipulation of the Governors and a statutory requirement that members of staff appointed to Worksop College should be shown not to have any criminal record which might prevent them accepting a post at the College. Accordingly, the College requires permission from all members of staff to make an appropriate investigation. Offers of employment are subject to a satisfactory outcome of this enquiry.

Equal Opportunities

Worksop College is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to a policy of treating all our employees and job applicants equally. It is our policy to take all reasonable steps to employ and promote employees on the basis of their abilities and qualifications without regard to age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, pregnancy, maternity, marital or civil partnership status, race (which includes colour, nationality and ethnic or national origins), sexual orientation, trade union membership, religion or belief.



The Vacancy

Working hours: This is a role requiring a commitment to work some evenings and weekends during term time, and also some periods of time in formal school holidays in relation to public exam results days and co-curricular trips, for example. The boarding aspect of the College also requires commitment from staff covering pastoral and co-curricular activities during the evenings and at the weekends.

Salary: will be discussed at interview and will be determined by experience and qualifications.

Probationary period: The appointment is subject to the receipt of satisfactory references, the successful outcome of a Disclosure and Barring Service Enhanced Disclosure and completion of a one year probationary period.

Commencement: Autumn 2018

Applications should be made by application form and include a covering letter, outlining the reasons why you are interested in the role and any additional information you would like to add. CVs are not accepted. Please address to: The Headmaster, c/o the HR department, Worksop College, St Cuthbert's Avenue, Worksop, Notting-hamshire, S80 3AP, or by email: <u>recruitment@wsnl.co.uk</u>

T: 01909 537189

Further information about the school is available at: <u>www.wsnl.co.uk</u> **Closing date and selection process:** Completed applications must be received by midday, 29 January 2018; Interviews will take place in the week commencing 5 February 2018.

What to expect at interview (example interview schedule):

- Interview with The Headmaster
- Interview with The Senior Deputy Head
- Interview with the Deputy Head (Academic)
- Teach an observed lesson, demonstrating our Values and Learner Profile
- Tour of the campus from Pupils
- Meet the Department
- Meeting with a member of the HR team

Overseas applicants: Applications are welcomed from applicants not currently resident in the UK and these applicants may, at the school's discretion, be interviewed by Skype.



Getting to Worksop College

By road

Worksop College is easily accessible by all major roads and just 10 minutes from junction 23 of the M1. If driving, please use S80 3AP for your Sat Nav. The AA's <u>online route planner</u> is a useful way of determining the route and distance ahead of your journey

By Rail

Retford station is approximately 15 minutes away and the journey will take less than 1.5 hours from Central London. More information about travel by train can be found <u>here</u>



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