Thank you for your interest in the post of Head of Year at The Piggott School, Wargrave Senior. We are an extremely successful, oversubscribed and happy co-educational academy. Our senior school site is on the outskirts of Wargrave (near Twyford) and our primary school site is in the village of Charvil.

The Piggott School was established in 1939 and, together with our primary site at Charvil, we are an all-through 4-18, mixed, comprehensive school with a higher than average ability intake. The Piggott School senior site has 1324 students and 175 staff.

Our results speak for themselves. In 2017, our ALPS score placed us in the top 7% of schools nationally. Our GCSE results are outstanding with overall achievement placing us in the top 2% of schools nationally.

The pastoral structure is made up of three Key Stages. Heads of Key Stage are accountable for leading the Heads of Years who in turn lead a team of tutors. Each Head of Year has a trainee Head of Year reporting to them. All teaching staff in the school belong to a pastoral team, prioritising the well-being, safety and academic achievement of all students. Pastoral Leaders are well supported by non-teaching Pastoral Assistants whose work is invaluable in securing prompt and efficient communication with all stakeholders.

The commitment of our pastoral teams was recognised in our recent OfSTED inspection. The inspectors said that, “the secondary heads of year work closely with their assistants to ensure that appropriate support for pupils’ well-being is in place. The pastoral teams have very high expectations of pupils’ behaviour and work closely with parents to identify how to improve individual pupils’ attitudes. Consequently, pupils attend regularly and there are very few incidents of poor behaviour.”

In addition to this OfSTED also observed that the, “relationships between staff and pupils are consistently strong, and staff know their pupils very well.” The successful candidate will join a team of committed and aspirational staff who nurture and maintain the caring Christian culture that is a hallmark of our school. Celebration of success is central to our practice and we will continue to provide world class SMSC learning for our young people.

The pastoral team looks forward to working with a dedicated colleague who has a clear vision and commitment to helping us move forward over the coming years.

Our mission is to be a school which inspires and encourages the highest achievement for each and every child. I believe that our school provides the correct balance and blend of academic challenge, personal care and enrichment that fosters the holistic development of each and every student. My aim as Headteacher is to broaden our students’ horizons and liberate their potential.

The quality of teaching and learning at our school enables us to achieve our aim to help every student to develop into the very best they can be: to be independent in their thinking, to value lifelong learning, to be open to new ideas, to encourage respect and tolerance.

The care and guidance offered at our school by the outstanding staff provide a culture and ethos which successfully help every child feel safe, happy and challenged. Our pupils are a delight to teach, with OfSTED grading us outstanding for behaviour and safety in November 2017.

The following documents need to be completed to apply for the post.

1. Application form
2. Covering letter

Please visit our website for additional information about the school and to download our prospectus. Prospective candidates are also most welcome to make an appointment with Caroline Preston, my PA, via email to visit the school (prestonc@piggottschool.org )

Please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Preston if you have any questions about the application or appointment process or any questions for me.

The Piggott School is a unique and inspiring school. I am seeking to appoint an outstanding leader. I very much look forward to receiving your application and to welcoming successful applicants to our learning community for interview.

Derren Gray

Headteacher

Every Child, Every Lesson, Every Day.