



# **About Westfield School**

Westfield School is on the cusp of achieving great things. Over the last year leadership has been under Chorus Education Trust – an inclusive and aspirational local Trust that is drawing on the very best teaching and learning across South Yorkshire and Derbyshire. The school is due to formally join the Trust in the next month.

With solid foundations in place, a new Headteacher is working with staff to ensure that the Trust's ethos of **'Outstanding Achievement for All'** is at the core of all work at Westfield. The school has a strong tradition of inclusion, whilst aspiring for the very best education, opportunities and results possible for all students.

This is a school where, if you have the passion, talent and commitment, you can make great progress. It is a happy school with supportive and willing staff, students and parents. It has excellent facilities, particularly for sport – with a sports centre (including swimming pool), which are free for staff to use.

The school is an 11-16 comprehensive with over 1,000 students on roll, located in the southeastern suburbs of Sheffield. It sits within the centre of its catchment area and enjoys excellent, modern facilities. There is easy access to the M1 and Sheffield City Centre.

As a learning community Westfield recognises that staff are entitled to develop and progress. We are able to draw on our partnership with the Trust's teaching school, the Sheffield Teaching School Alliance, to develop our staff and offer them extensive professional development opportunities.

Chorus Trust also offers Westfield students the opportunity to progress into their Sixth Form – where students this year achieved the best results of all state schools in Sheffield. Staff work in partnership across both schools, offering support and sharing expertise.

Strong partnerships with parents, our family of schools and wider community underpin our success. We are developing strong collaborations and much closer working with local primary schools and post-16 providers.

For more information please use our website or arrange a visit to Westfield before applying for this role: <u>www.westfieldschoolsheffield.org.uk</u>







# **About Chorus Education Trust**

THE SUNDAY TIMES SCHOOLS GUIDE 2018 NORTH STATE SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR Chorus Trust was founded on Silverdale School, an Ofsted-rated Outstanding school in the south west of Sheffield, that was recently named the Top State Secondary in the North.

### An outstanding education should not depend on your postcode

We believe that every child in our region deserves the best education possible, and we know that there is outstanding expertise across our region that can be

harnessed to make this happen. That means drawing on one of the biggest strengths in the education world – the willingness to share, support and collaborate.

Working with both primary and secondary schools in South Yorkshire and Derbyshire, we are working to build a Trust that provides the very best education for young people, where ever they live.

#### Together we are stronger

All schools are facing financial challenges and we believe that, by coming together, we can build resilience that just wouldn't be possible on our own. As well as achieving economies of scale for schools by purchasing goods and services as one organisation, we provide a range of central services at extremely competitive costs. You can see the full list <u>here</u>. We also have expertise in fundraising and income generation, to ensure that schools can bring in additional funding.

### You don't have to like the academies programme to like us!

We know that the academies programme isn't everyone's preferred way of delivering education. However, it is the direction of travel for the foreseeable future. So we are very keen to build a collaboration of schools in our region, rather than have it 'done to us' by a national chain with limited understanding of the local area.

#### Choose your own destiny

We know that every school brings expertise that we can all learn from. So we want the schools that join us to help shape our Trust. We don't believe in moulding every school to one template. Instead, we want our schools to contribute to the long term development of the Trust.

#### We know education

At our heart is the Sheffield Teaching School Alliance, which trains over 100 teachers every year, runs a range of CPD courses and runs the only national SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) for modern languages. We work with over 150 schools and have built a trusted reputation for training and developing teachers. We bring this expertise and experience to inform our work across the Trust.

### You can be aspirational and inclusive

We believe that every young person has the capacity to achieve beyond their expectations. We go to great lengths to keep students in school, by developing a strong, inclusive environment and investing in teams of dedicated, professional staff.





# **About Sheffield Teaching School Alliance**

Our Teaching School supports staff at every stage of their career - from initial teacher training, right through to middle, senior and executive leadership. We also provide subject specialism training.

We have also launched a unique national SCITT which brings together both the state and independent sectors to focus solely on training teachers of modern languages.

The Teaching School grew from Silverdale School, was designated as one of the first Teaching Schools in 2012 and sits at the heart of the Sheffield Teaching School Alliance.

We have a large, cross phase, nationally recognised School Direct Teacher Training Programme, a statutory duty to report on the progress of NQTs in Sheffield and a fully developed programme of CPD for teachers. All of these activities provide opportunities for staff within our Trust to take on new roles and skills.

We work with over 50 schools in our School Direct network, which includes primary, secondary, special and the Peak District – training over 100 teachers every year. We are always looking for new partners and to deepen existing relationships.

Our Specialist Leaders in Education (SLEs) enable us to provide school-to-school support across the region. These roles provide excellent opportunities for staff in our Trust wishing to further their experience and skills.

The strategic board of the TSA is made up of partner head teachers and Sheffield Hallam University colleagues.

www.sheffieldtsa.org

www.nationalmodernlanguages.com



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## You'll never want to leave



As part of Chorus Education Trust, you will supported through every step of your career. Our wellestablished Teaching School, the Sheffield Teaching School Alliance, provides outstanding support and training, and has a strong track record of developing teachers at all levels.

As part of the Trust you will be able to take advantage of opportunities working with colleagues at other schools, as well as contribute to our ever-improving practice. When you are ready to take the next step in your career we are sure you will want to stay with us. With many local schools lined up to join Chorus, you will find that you can develop your career within our supportive team.