

Dear prospective applicant

Thank you for expressing an interest in the post of Assistant Headteacher at Roundwood Park School. This position will offer an exciting opportunity for the successful applicant to be at the forefront of leading our thriving and dynamic school into the future. Whilst Roundwood Park School is rated as outstanding by Ofsted we are far from complacent. Our success is largely because of our strong educational philosophy, our determination to bring about continuous improvement and the fact that every child really does matter to us.

I was appointed as Headteacher in September 2010 and since my appointment we have manoeuvred ourselves into the new educational landscape by converting to academy status in August of 2011. We have also cemented our close working relationship with our outstanding partners at neighbouring Sir John Lawes and St George's schools by forming a Trust together which incorporates the University of Hertfordshire and Rothamsted Research. We are working together to support the new Katherine Warrington School which is in its first year and of which I am the Executive Headteacher. This school has also joined us in the Harpenden Secondary Schools Trust. We are proud to be members of the Alban Teaching School Alliance and we work closely with our neighbouring schools in St Albans and Harpenden via the St Albans and Harpenden Secondary School Headteachers association (STASSH).

Roundwood Park School is a friendly, welcoming and supportive place to learn and work. Our approach to teaching and learning is enshrined in ASPIRE which give students resilience in learning and allows them to approach their studies enthusiastically and with a smile. Our values are summed up by LIFE at Roundwood Park:

Enjoy **Learning** - developing a passion for creativity and lifelong learning

Show **Integrity** - demonstrating honesty and fairness

Nurture **Friendship** - encouraging teamwork and mutual respect

Strive for **Excellence** - achieving exemplary standards

The current vacancy has arisen due to our wish to expand and strengthen our Senior Leadership capacity, and to invest in the leadership and management of our excellent Sixth Form.



You are encouraged to come and visit Roundwood Park. If you would like to do so, please contact Janet Wallis, my PA, on 01582 765344 ext 254.

If you wish to apply for this position, please submit a completed application form together with a supporting letter that demonstrates your suitability for the position with reference to the enclosed person specification. The panel will place considerable emphasis on your supporting letter, which should not exceed two sides of A4. The person specification contains the criteria that the interview panel will use in the selection process.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Henshall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H'.

Alan Henshall
Headteacher