

Trevelyan Middle School





Dear Colleague

Thank you for your interest in working at Trevelyan Middle School, which is part of the Pioneer Educational Trust. This is an exciting opportunity for a forward thinking, energetic and committed practitioner who will be part of the team that continues to move the school forward.

It is our mission to create a positive atmosphere and culture in which everyone in the school community can develop and excel. We are committed to excellence and personal enrichment as much as to the fulfilment of every learner's potential which will enable them to face future challenges with confidence.

The Trust is a vibrant and exciting learning community and we have an excellent working partnership between staff, learners and parents. Together we believe it is our job to unleash the huge potential among the pupils and enable all our young people to become successful and responsible citizens, resilient, resourceful and creative thinkers who are confident and happy.

We are committed to a school that is:

- a place of excellence where children can achieve full potential in their academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual development;
- a caring place where children and adults feel they make a contribution and are valued as individuals;
- a place of values where children learn respect for themselves and others;
- engendering partnerships between children, parents, staff and governors and the community as a whole.

Trevelyan Middle School provides a warm and friendly atmosphere, offering a springboard for personal development and achievement.

Our aim is to ensure that every pupil is challenged, stimulated and encouraged to make the most of every opportunity. We achieve through our team of enthusiastic and dedicated staff who deliver a varied curriculum as well as plentiful extra-curricular opportunities.

We offer a unique blend of skills and knowledge by planning activities which address children's learning styles through high quality teaching and interaction.

We recruit people for attitude and train for skills

We aim to recruit staff who aspire to being outstanding. We would rather make no appointment than appoint someone who is not suited to our ethos. For this reason we try to articulate clearly

our vision, values and expectations when putting together information for applicants and we always give a lot of attention to appointing the right person.

We aim to recruit staff who:

- are excited by their role and by the prospect of working with young people;
- love the processes of learning and teaching and are keen to continually develop their own skills;
- recognise that teaching can be a demanding job but react positively to those demands remaining positive and focussed;
- will subscribe to the ethos of the Trust and 'go the extra mile' in terms of time and commitment to get the very best from our young people;
- relish the opportunity to engage and talk to children outside of the formal classroom environment;
- are quick to praise and slow to criticise; and
- are not afraid to admit to seeing themselves as potential leaders of the future.

I am conscious that this may be your first contact with our Academy Trust and first impressions are very important. I hope what you read, coupled with anything else you discover about us, inspires you to apply for this post and to be part of a committed team of staff.

We will make the most of our unique family of schools to give every child the best possible opportunity to flourish and develop into a decent, disciplined, well-educated and employable young person.

Developing decent people:

Results and qualifications are important, but they are not the whole story. Our ultimate goal is to develop well-rounded young people who will make the most of the opportunities open to them in our schools. They will have resilience, zest and passion: people that employers will want to employ; people who will play a part in the communities in which they live and work; people we can be truly proud to say came through one of our schools.

Achieving full potential, no excuses:

We will do all we can to make sure every child gets the chance to reach their full potential. No child should ever get left behind; all have the capacity to learn and to achieve. We will do this by instilling an acceptance that hard work, effort and application really does pay off and are rewarded. And through effort and application come self-respect, self-esteem, self-belief and success.

Discipline and standards:

It is important to us that our young people demonstrate high standards and that our schools are safe, structured places in which to learn as this will enable inspiring things to happen in the classroom. We will achieve this by expressing our high expectations regularly and frequently and by paying relentless attention to detail. We attach importance to values such as respect: for ourselves, for others, for learning and for the environment.

Great Schools for All:

We want the schools within our Academy Trust to be judged as great schools for all the young people that attend them. This means recruiting outstanding people to work in our schools and offering a curriculum that is engaging, challenging and responsive to individual needs.

Big on Attitude:

We will frequently stand back and reflect on how we can do things differently and better. This means being open-minded about trying new ideas; it means acknowledging mistakes but seeing them as an experience from which to learn; it means being aware of what happens beyond our schools so that we can predict future trends and remain in control of our destiny.

Strength in Numbers:

Each of our schools is different. Each serves its own community; each has its own history. But at the heart of all our schools is a strength brought about by working together within a multi-academy trust enabling shared resources, shared knowledge, shared experience and shared success. We never forget that as a Trust we are in the unique position of seeing through a child's education from the start, to the first words they read and write, right through to the time when they secure their first job or acceptance into higher education.

We are privileged and look forward to welcoming to the team staff who share our vision and high aspirations for our children, their families and the communities we serve.

Trevelyan is a safe, happy and inclusive school based around our key values of ENRICH – Encouraging, Nurturing, Respectful, Inspiring, Creative & Happy.

Trevelyan's mission statement: *Inspire and I will follow, make learning fun and I will enjoy, encourage and I will succeed, being respectful of others and things around me will make us happy, nurture and the future is bright.*

If you share these values and feel you can meet the needs of all of our pupils without limitation, I look forward to receiving and reading your application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Chandler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs N Chandler

Acting Head of School