

Dear Colleague

Due to the retirement of our highly regarded current post holder, the Governors are seeking to appoint an inspirational Head of Secondary to work alongside our Head of Primary, Jo Jenkinson, and Executive Headteacher, Melanie Williams.

Royds Hall Community School is a successful and over-subscribed through school providing high quality education for 1200 children from age 3 to 16 across three sites, with 11-16 students based in the Wilson Building, 4-11 at Luck Lane Primary and 3-11, including nursery, at Beech Primary.

The school has been through a period of significant positive transformation from secondary to all-through school. The journey is exciting as well as complex and governors and senior team recognise the challenges that still lie ahead. After many years as a school rated 'good' by Ofsted, our recent 'serious weaknesses' judgement reflects outcomes at KS1, where rapid improvement is now taking place, with all other judgements 'requires improvement'. We are currently implementing a detailed raising improvement plan which is already showing significant impact and are working with other schools across the country as part of PiXL. We are fortunate to be staffed with specialist teachers even in shortage areas, and the quality of leaders for the future is a strength of the school. Staff at all levels work closely together to maximise the opportunities presented with a through school setting. The successful candidate will join us at a pivotal time for the school and will have the opportunity to make a profound and lasting difference to our wonderful students and community.

The school serves a community with a number of challenges, including high numbers of children classified as 'disadvantaged' and very high numbers with additional needs. We are the Kirklees Specialist Provision Hub for students with Speech, Language and Communication Need. Our school is enriched by its diversity. Approximately 40 per cent of students are from various ethnic minorities and, with more than 26 languages and 30 countries represented in school; we take great pride in our role at the heart of the local community.

We would like to hear from you if you believe you can build upon our significant successes and lead rapid progress across our secondary phase and are committed to our principles of inclusivity and collaboration. We welcome visits to the school and visitors frequently comment on the warmth of the welcome they receive and the positive relationships they see around the school.

Executive Headteacher: Melanie J Williams B.Ed(Hons), ALCM NPQH

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We strongly encourage prospective candidates to experience this for themselves, and visits have been arranged for:

Thursday 15th February 2018 – 8.30am to 12pm
Monday 26th February 2018 – 8.30am to 3pm
Thursday 1st March 2018 – 8.30am to 12pm

To arrange a visit, please contact Vicky Sheath, PA to the Head of Secondary, on 01484 463366 or email recruitment@roydshall.org and we will be delighted to welcome you to the school.

Closing date: 12 noon on Monday 5th March 2018

Shortlisting: Monday 5th March 2018

Interview dates: Monday 12th March & Tuesday 13th March 2018

Yours sincerely



Melanie Williams
Executive Headteacher



Antony Scott
Chair of Governors