

Head - Thomas Telford School

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This is a unique opportunity in education to join a School which has secured a remarkable reputation in education since its inception just over 30 years ago.

The prime responsibility of this post is the day to day running of the School, where standards of behaviour are exemplary and educational outcomes are amongst the highest in the country. Using successive Governments' benchmarking, Thomas Telford School has for more than twenty years been one of the top performing Comprehensive Schools in England. The successful candidate would be expected to maintain and build further on these standards.

The Governors place a high emphasis on the wider cultural and sporting opportunities for the students. The School has forged an outstanding reputation in the areas of music, stage performance and sport. Over 250 students participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award annually.

To complement the prime role, Governors are seeking to appoint a person who has experience and skills to develop initiatives in supplementary areas.

The successful candidate will be the Executive Chairman of the School's Teacher Training Programme. In partnership with about 30 other Schools, Thomas Telford School leads the West Midlands Consortium. It has Outstanding Ofsted status and around 50 graduates are trained each year. The successful candidate must have a strong commitment to teacher training.

The second area relates to the ability to support the schools in Thomas Telford Multi Academy Trust (TTMAT), which is a separate legal entity to Thomas Telford School and which strongly influences the current five schools in the Trust. The Trust will eventually grow to circa ten schools. There will be high expectation on the Head to work with and support all schools within TTMAT.

Thirdly, the capacity and ability to work with other partners including our original sponsors, The Mercers' Company, Tarmac PLC, Telford and Wrekin Local Authority and Wolverhampton Wanderers FC.

Thomas Telford School is a City Technology College and over the last 30 years has undertaken wider project management responsibility in relation to expanding the Thomas Telford School model for use in other schools. The School's Outreach Work has allowed it to align alongside the Government's agenda to develop Academies and support the Specialist Schools Movement. In the past over 80 Schools have been sponsored for specialist Schools status with financial assistance from the School. The School is also the main sponsor for five Academies, which have all adopted the Thomas Telford approach to delivering education. The Governors are keen to encourage the new Head to continue and expand this work where appropriate.

The Governors will assign a mentor who will work closely with the new Head.

This is therefore a very challenging and highly rewarding post which carries a six figure salary and performance related pay.

John Bowater, Chairman of Governors