

January 2018

Dear Applicant,

Head of Academy post at Skipton Girls' High School – September 2018

Thank you for your interest in the post of **Head of Academy** at Skipton Girls' High School.

We are very pleased to be able to advertise this post at an exciting time in Northern Star Academies Trusts' journey to become a leading Trust in the North of England. It is with the promotion of the current Headteacher to Chief Executive Officer that we are able to recruit to this role.

Skipton Girls' High School, founded in 1886 is a **unique and very special organisation**. As co-founder of **Northern Star Academies Trust** and a leading and highly experienced **Teaching School Alliance and SCITT** we are highly committed to a self-improving school system and all forms of collaboration and partnership working.

The school is extremely proud of its continual improvement as an **Ofsted judged 'outstanding' school** since 2008; we are never complacent and are relentless in our drive to continue to raise standards and improve our approaches to the all-round development of our young students.

Central to our work is the belief that students thrive and are appropriately challenged in an inclusive learning environment and one that they have an important stake in developing. One of the key aspects that makes our school so distinctive is our student centeredness and our commitment to working in partnership with students, staff, parents and the community alike.

As we look to the future our strategic priorities will include: embedding innovative assessment in a research engaged professional development community; leading the impact of central school leadership to drive school improvement and further personalising pastoral support to cater for individual learner's needs.

We can assure you that you will inherit a staff team of leaders, teachers and associate staff who are passionate about changing lives and having a dramatic impact on the school's next generation of learners.

The role of **Head of Academy** is immensely rewarding and provides an incredible opportunity to make a difference on a scale that is unlike any other. It is of critical importance to us that the appointed person is wholly student-focused, demonstrates strong and effective pastoral and curriculum skills and the essential qualities of resilience, humility and integrity.



I hope that you are excited about what you read and what you learn from researching Skipton Girls' High School. I look forward to receiving your application.



Jenn Plews
CEO/ Executive Headteacher



Howard Cutler
Chair of Governors

Visits in advance of your application are very welcome. To arrange a visit for our designated days, please contact **Mrs Sally Evans, CEO's PA** on 01756 707609 or evanss@sghs.org.uk.

We wish to receive your completed application form by email no later than **noon, Tuesday 6th February 2018** marked for the attention of Mrs S Evans, CEO's PA.