



Woodkirk Academy

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The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

Principal: **Mrs J Barton** BMus (Hons) MA NPOH

Dear Candidate

Thank you for taking the time to consider applying to join the staff at Woodkirk Academy. I hope the information provided will encourage you to seriously consider becoming part of one of the most successful and vibrant schools in Leeds.

Woodkirk prides itself on its friendly atmosphere and excellent behaviour. Students enjoy learning with support and encouragement from a committed and ambitious staff, who put children at the heart of all they do. Students are supported by a talented pastoral team, who emphasise the pro-active rather than the re-active. A very successful positive behaviour policy, ensures that students are rewarded for good behaviour and that disruption is very rare.

Examination results have been consistently high over a number of years with 80% of students achieving Level 4+ in English and 76% Level 4+ in Mathematics this summer. Our Key Stage 5 results saw 56% of students achieve the highest grades A*-B and the pass rate overall was 99%. Although we view examination results as important we are primarily dedicated to educating the whole child so that they are fully prepared for citizenship in the 21st century. To this end we offer a vast number of extra-curricular opportunities, including many trips and visits aimed at maximising experiential learning. We also offer the only school based Sixth Form locally which attracts large numbers due to its success with mainly level 3 qualifications.

A fully embedded and comprehensive induction programme for teaching and non-teaching staff new to the school, ensures that colleagues are given appropriate support to make a successful transition to our school. Each member of staff is greatly valued and the Governors and I are eager to recruit a colleague who is committed, enthusiastic and has a shared vision for the education of the next generation.

If you decide to apply, please write a short letter (no more than one A4 side) to accompany your application. I suggest you mention details of your education, training or experience relevant to the post and any innovations that you might like to introduce to further enhance our organisation.

Yours sincerely

J Barton
Principal

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