

FRED LONGWORTH HIGH SCHOOL



TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS – MPS Required 1st January 2020

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in this post. To help you decide if the job would suit you, we offer some details and thoughts which we hope will give you a flavour of the school.

You can find out even more about us from our website www.filhs.wigan.sch.uk

We are seeking an enthusiastic and well-qualified teacher to join the faculty of eleven staff. The person appointed will teach Mathematics across all ability ranges.

To be successful you will be able to demonstrate:

1. Excellent classroom teaching skills.
2. A real empathy with students.
3. A high degree of organisational ability.
4. A good knowledge and understanding of Mathematics.
5. The ability to command the respect of staff and students.
6. An understanding of the place of Mathematics in the curriculum.
7. The ability to work as a member of a team.

Specifically you will:

1. Be familiar with the requirements and demands of the new National Curriculum at both key stages and the implications of functional skills.
2. Be proficient in terms of ICT skills and their role in the delivery of Mathematics education.
3. Have an interest in curriculum innovation and development.
4. Be able to work under pressure and plan the use of time.
5. Have knowledge of assessment procedures in relation to the Mathematics National Curriculum.
6. Have knowledge in matters related to effective monitoring of achievement in Mathematics.

Our prime requirement will be for a teacher who has good subject knowledge and who is willing to work hard and help to take the faculty forward.

The Mathematics Faculty:

- ◆ In 2019 74% of students achieved 4+ in Mathematics. Of these, 17% achieved either grade 7, 8 or 9
- ◆ 51% of students gained grade 5+
- ◆ Utilises the VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) via Maths Watch, setting students homework and targeted revision using this
- ◆ Has 9 interactive Smartboards
- ◆ Has 12 highly motivated and talented teaching staff and a HLTA linked to the faculty
- ◆ Is popular with students, staff and parents
- ◆ Received an excellent report from Ofsted 'The department is a very good team which encourages high standards within and beyond the school'

Belonging, Engaging, Succeeding Together.

Our aim is for every student to achieve at the very best levels possible. High expectations, together with excellent relationships between staff and students based on mutual respect, lead to an atmosphere in which students enjoy their learning.

A relentless focus on high quality teaching and learning ensures that students have the best possible learning experiences in the classroom, and our emphasis on homework helps them to extend their learning beyond the school day and to develop important independent learning skills.

Our students are encouraged to work hard so that they take full advantage of the excellent learning opportunities open to them. We make sure that they are rewarded for their hard work through praise and also through a comprehensive system of rewards and merits.

'Pupils are committed to doing their best, and pupils of all abilities demonstrate resilience in lessons. They persevere when they find things difficult and understand what makes a successful learner.' Ofsted 2017

Creative Achievement - Arts and Applied Learning

Our Arts specialism helps us to develop our students as confident and imaginative young people. They are encouraged to find and develop their talents, whatever they may be, and a wide range of opportunities means that high numbers of students are involved. Performance skills are nurtured, through activities including ambitious drama productions and many musical activities including Rock School, choir, brass bands and orchestra.

When our musicians are not entertaining audiences within the school and local community, they frequently make their mark in competitions, winning titles such as North West Youth Brass Band championship.

We believe in giving our students the best possible experiences of working with professionals within the Arts and are particularly proud of our official partnership with the Halle Orchestra, especially as we are the first school to be granted this honour. We regularly welcome their musicians into the school to work alongside our students, with a positive impact on all areas of the curriculum.

Drama and dance have also forged important links with Arts organisations, including the Royal Shakespeare Company, and we have an extensive programme of activities in the community, including disability dance festivals. Our artist in residence – currently a sculptor – works across the curriculum to develop students' talents in the visual arts.

Our second specialism of Applied Learning enables us to enhance experiences of the world of work across our whole curriculum through a range of vocational opportunities that provide students with the knowledge and experience to apply their skills in the real world of work, giving them a real advantage in moving on to further education, training or employment.

For these reasons, we certainly intend to keep the focus on our specialisms!

Ofsted: Pupils benefit from a broad and balanced curriculum. The expressive and creative arts inject the curriculum with vigour and vitality'. Ofsted 2017.

Method of Application

Please download and complete our application form. You should attach a letter of application outlining your educational philosophy, how you have prepared yourself for this post, your strengths and interests, what you have to offer. In particular your views on raising and maintaining levels of achievement would be most welcome.

Should you wish to discuss the post before making an application, please telephone Mrs Roylance (Head of Maths) at the school.

The closing date for applications is Monday 30th September. Interviews will be held as soon as possible. We look forward to receiving your application.

J Garretts
Headteacher