Our catchment area is extensive – 350 miles² from the Cumbrian Border to Hamsterley, including Tow Law, Howden-le-Wear, Stanley Crook and Witton-le-Wear.

Over 80% of our students are bussed into school daily. Wolsingham School is situated on the edge of an area of outstanding natural beauty – the North Pennines. Despite our rural location, we are a very accessible school. Staff commute from Gateshead, Gosforth, Seaham and North Yorkshire.

For further information please visit our website: www.wolsinghamschool.net

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Candidate Information



‘Every Child, Every Day’

Thank you for requesting the application pack for a vacancy at our school. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Wolsingham School.

Wolsingham was judged GOOD in all Ofsted categories in January 2015 recognising:

- ✓ ‘A culture of high expectations.’
- ✓ ‘Students are courteous, friendly and demonstrate genuine concern for each other.’
- ✓ ‘Capacity to help assure further success.’
- ✓ ‘Parents have seen significant improvement in school.’
- ✓ ‘Students are keen to learn and enjoy participating in learning activities, students enjoy coming to school.’

Wolsingham School is a vibrant 11-18 school at the heart of the Wear Valley community with a history and reputation extending back to 1614 and a future-facing outlook. It is only a 15 minute drive from Durham. If successful, you will be joining the school at a key time:

- ✓ Teaching & Learning and the development of the whole student continues to improve
- ✓ A whole school focus on ‘How can we best meet each student’s learning needs?’
- ✓ New school accommodation from April 2016
- ✓ The only UK school to achieve ‘Master’ status for Accelerated Reader programme
- ✓ A community school offering excellent sporting facilities
- ✓ 2015 Ofsted recognising the impact of our successful journey of improvement

Building on a successful OFSTED Inspection (January 2015), the school and Governors are focussed upon further school improvement so that Wolsingham School moves rapidly from ‘good’ to ‘excellent’ across all of our provision.

We have high expectations for our students and we are determined to ensure that their tremendous potential is fully realised.

A comprehensive CPD entitlement supports staff at all career stages to benefit from and contribute to effective professional development both in-house and in local partnerships.

If you believe you have the appropriate skills, experience and energy to contribute to our whole school journey towards excellence, then I encourage you to apply.

If successful in your application, you will be rewarded by the support of a determined and cohesive staff team, fantastic students with a reputation for excellent behaviour and the personal and professional satisfaction of making a real difference to the lives and opportunities of the young people in Weardale.

Kate Morris
Acting Headteacher

Only the best will do for our children - our commitment to Safe Recruitment

Applicants are advised that:

- When applying, you must provide a full employment history, including periods of unemployment, with dates (to the nearest month) and the names and addresses of previous employers. Any gaps in employment will be explored.
- All references will be applied for in writing prior to interview and referees will be contacted to verify their authenticity. A reference pro-forma will be used without exception meaning that open or letter references will not be accepted.
- The School and Durham County Council reserve the right to contact your present employer and any previous employer.
- Candidates will be asked about disciplinary offences, including those which have expired alongside any safeguarding concerns.
- The post for which you are applying is exempt under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, so all criminal convictions must be stated, with dates. Failure to do so will disqualify the candidate from the appointment and, if appointed, may render the individual liable to immediate dismissal without notice.
- If successful in the selection process, you should be aware that you will be required to undergo an enhanced check carried out by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) to identify that you are a suitable person to work with children. Further checks will be made at regular intervals thereafter.
- An individual disqualified from working with children through any of the various means available is guilty of an offence if he or she knowingly applies for or accepts any work in a regulated position, i.e. classified as working with children. (Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000).
- Confirmation of your identity will be undertaken through the production of birth certificate / marriage or divorce certificate / passport, and educational / professional qualifications will be verified.
- The School and Durham County Council will only offer appointments if the above checks are satisfactory; and will allow no unsupervised access to children before completion of all checks.
- Preliminary interviews may be used to ensure applicants have a full understanding of the requirements of the job and its difficulties; young people may be involved in the selection process.

