

FRED LONGWORTH HIGH SCHOOL



February 2025

Dear Colleague

Thank you for showing an interest in our school and in this important post, which has become available due to the promotion of the current postholder. You have a copy of the detailed job description in your pack, but please feel free to contact me to discuss the post if you are unsure about anything. We welcome visits to the school from prospective candidates; this will help you to decide if the school is right for you.

Fred Longworth High School is a large 11-16, mixed comprehensive school with 1300 students on roll. It is a wonderful school, renowned for its family atmosphere, its innovative curriculum, strong teaching and learning and rich provision, particularly in the Arts. Our reputation locally means that we are always over-subscribed, and we pride ourselves on the strength of our relationships with students and parents. The school was graded 'good' in its last inspection (October 2022). Our most recent OFSTED report can be found [here](#).

Our success is a result of our relentless focus on high standards and on the building of strong working relationships between staff and students. An inclusive approach underpins everything that we do. Whole school results have always been well above national and local averages, but a recent dip has meant that there is room for improvement, including in Maths. This is therefore an excellent opportunity for an ambitious and talented individual to make their mark.

A positive and collegiate working culture exists across all areas of the school. Our staff are supported and their talents are nurtured. This position is a key role within the Maths leadership team. We are seeking a leader with strong interpersonal skills and a drive and passion for improvement. The previous post-holder was a lead in the regional Maths Hub and work on developing our curriculum has been significant. As a lead practitioner, you will be expected to take our provision further through the development of the Maths curriculum and by ensuring excellent delivery through the development of our team of staff. The Maths faculty is a large team comprised of a Head of Faculty, Lead Practitioner (this post), three post holders plus 6 other teachers of Maths. You will be joining us at an exciting and significant time. In October 2023 the school moved into a brand-new school building. Much work has already been done, but we feel that there is plenty of scope for further developments in our new setting.

If you feel that you have the skills and experience, we seek, we would be delighted to receive your application. Please ensure that you complete the application form in full and attach a letter (no more than 2 sides of A4, font size 11, Arial) outlining how you aim to develop Maths at Fred Longworth High School, together with an explanation of how your skills, qualities and experiences have helped to prepare you for this role. The closing date for applications is Monday 24th February, with interviews being held shortly afterwards.

Thank you once again for your interest in our school. I look forward to receiving your application and, hopefully, to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Davies'. The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops for the letters 'P' and 'D', and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr Paul Davies
Headteacher