

**Shelley College**

**Lead Practitioner/Director of Chemistry**

**Application Pack**

**September 2017**



## Welcome from the CEO



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for taking an interest in this post at Shelley College. I hope the materials enclosed in this pack give you a good sense of what makes the school a special place to work and provides the information you need about the post. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need anything further (or would like to visit before writing your application).

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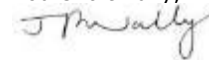
We enjoy many advantages at Shelley College. As a National Support School and National Teaching School, we are at the centre of a network that aims to provide the very best professional and career development opportunities. We are also at the centre of an emerging academy chain of secondary and primary schools that share our values and want the very best for their students and staff. Whatever your role or whatever your career plans, we can help you achieve them. Added to that, we possibly have the best rural location of any secondary school in the country, close enough to the cities of Leeds, Manchester and Sheffield for many of our staff to travel from these areas. Our staff are friendly and supportive of each other and there is a strong sense of a committed team working together.

Our students, of course, are at the heart of what we do and it is essential, whatever position you are applying for, that you relate well to children and young people. The students at Shelley College are a pleasure to work with; they are keen to learn, talented and very well-behaved, far from the negative views that can often be expressed in the press about teenagers!

It is important to read the information provided carefully. We want you to be happy in the role you are applying for and committed to performing the job to the best of your ability.

I very much hope you are encouraged to apply for the position and look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours faithfully,



John McNally  
Principal



## Information about Shelley College

Shelley College is a 13-18 year mixed comprehensive academy having converted in 2011. Our fundamental beliefs about education are summarized in our mission statement of "Valuing People, Supporting Personal Best". The first part of this statement illustrates our desire to help young people be happy and confident at school and beyond. We think this in turn gives them the best chance of being successful in achieving their goals and ambitions. The second part of our mission statement recognises that we all have different strengths and can only try our best. This is not an easy option; asking young people to always try their best in everything they do is very ambitious and we do all we can to help everybody to reach their full potential.

Parents tell us that they value a school where their child feels happy, valued, known as an individual and supported to do their best. We try our utmost to deliver these aims. We have a commitment to achieving our guiding values, our five 'C's':

Consideration	-We treat everybody as we would wish to be treated
Communication	-We listen, explain and check understanding
Collaboration	-We help people work together effectively
Celebration	-We build confidence by recognising contributions and efforts
Commitment	-We keep trying until we have given our absolute best.

These values underpin our behaviour policy, which we call "Commitment to Learning", which places an emphasis on rewarding all our students for trying their best or exceeding expectations. We frequently celebrate students' successes and we set great store by trying to work together with parents, to achieve the best outcomes we can for their child.

This approach, together with a rich curriculum, has brought our students considerable success. They perform very strongly in public examinations, compete at a very high standard in a wide variety of

sports, perform at the highest levels of dance, Humanities and music, contribute to a wide variety of charitable causes and support numerous community causes. We do not subscribe to the negative manner in which many young people are often portrayed because we see evidence of a superb attitude, hard work and commitment on a daily basis. We are very proud of the young people who attend our college.

Our sixth form is increasingly becoming the first choice destination for students from a number of high schools as well as our own. We offer a distinctive choice; being a relatively small post-16 institution we can offer a level of personal attention that is difficult to match elsewhere. This personal touch extends to teaching, where our small class sizes allow teachers to offer individual guidance and to our pastoral support, which enables our staff to know each student well and help at whatever level is needed. Again, this standard is reflected in our rapidly improving results, with recent outcomes consistently placing us in the top 10% of all post-16 institutions nationally. Again, there are wealth of curriculum options available and a warm, friendly and happy atmosphere balanced with a determination to help everybody achieve their personal goals.

The same beliefs apply equally to our staff. We believe in investing in our staff, to help them become the best they can be. We want our employees feel valued, happy in their work and keen to achieve their personal best. Our staff are friendly, hard-working and a great team. If you are thinking of joining us, I hope this encourages you to find out more and apply.

Awards can only ever tell part of the story about a school but we are proud of number of whole-school achievements and our strong performance in statistical tables. We were delighted to be recognised as 'Outstanding' by OFSTED and the Department for Education has awarded us 'National Teaching School' and 'National Support School' status. We are equally proud of our other awards, such Investors in People Gold and our PE Quality Mark.



SHARE Multi-Academy Trust is the charitable company that currently runs Shelley College, Heaton Avenue Primary

School, Millbridge Junior, Infant & Nursery School and Cowlersley Primary School. We are an emerging academy chain of secondary and primary schools that share our values and want the very best for our students and staff.

We believe in helping staff and students achieve their personal best and are keen to recruit the very best talent to our Trust. As well as being part of the Trust, some of our schools are National Support Schools and National Teaching Schools and as such, we can offer our staff a wealth of career development opportunities and the support you need to enjoy your role.

More than 300 people work hard across the Trust to ensure we provide the very best education and service across all our schools, from invigilators joining us for a few hours a year, through flexible part-time work to many full-time teaching and support roles.

If you share our passion for challenging, improving and making our schools the best they can be, we'd love to hear from you.

## Valuing People, Supporting Personal Best

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# Employee Benefit Schemes

**A world of benefits and reward for all staff!**

We believe in making the world a happier place to work. We do that by providing a package of flexible employee benefits, including:

- An attractive pension scheme for both Teaching and Support Staff.
- School's Advisory Service – staff well-being support and medical cover, including amongst other things: counselling; physiotherapy; and operations.
- Share Academy Savers – the home of our employee benefits. Offering discounts on everything from groceries and shopping through to holidays, insurance, days out, restaurants and more.
- Salary sacrifice benefit schemes - salary sacrifice enables staff to give up some of the cash value of their pay to receive other benefits which saves on tax and national insurance. The Trust currently runs the following salary sacrifice schemes:
  - Childcare Vouchers - savings of up to £933 a year. Childcare vouchers can be used for pre-school and nursery costs plus after school clubs, summer camps and even independent school fees.
  - Bikes – savings of up to 42% on the cost of a new bike.
  - Computers – savings on the cost of Desktop machines, Laptops, Apple Products and software.

## Director of Chemistry Role Profile

<b>Role Title</b>	Director of Chemistry	<b>Reporting to</b>	Director of Science
<b>Section</b>	Science, Shelley College		
<b>Contract type</b>	Permanent	<b>Grade / Salary</b>	MPS/UPS + TLR 2b

### Part A – JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>Overall purpose of role</b>	As Director of Chemistry you will be required to meet the general requirements of this post, as specified in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document. In addition, you will be required to fulfil any reasonable expectations from the Senior Leadership Team. The post will require you to work in partnership with the Science teaching staff, TLR holders, Senior Leadership Team and governors to promote the continuous improvement of the Chemistry Department.
<b>Safeguarding Requirements</b>	<p>This post requires the post holder to work in settings with children and young adults. Any employment offer is therefore subject to the results of an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). People who may have contact with younger children (i.e. primary school age) are also required to complete a declaration about family or other members of their household.</p> <p>Applicants MUST complete the MAT's standard application form to be considered, will be required to provide evidence of identity and qualifications and offers of employment will be subject to satisfactory references. For applicants who work or have recently worked in a school, one of the references must be from the headteacher.</p>

<b>Key Outputs</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To work with the Director of Science, Assistant Director of Science and other TLR holders to promote and facilitate the delivery of excellent teaching and learning in Chemistry and to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help lead the Science Faculty in accordance with the school's aims and ethos</li> <li>Improve students' levels of progress and attainment in Chemistry across all key stages</li> <li>Steer improvements in the quality of teaching and learning in Chemistry across all key stages</li> <li>Support high standards of student behaviour for learning and engagement</li> <li>Contribute to maintaining a safe environment for students.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Develop, implement, monitor and evaluate a development plan for the Chemistry Department</li> <li>Monitor and evaluate the quality of teaching and learning in the Chemistry Department</li> <li>Ensure a suitable curriculum is in place for students of all abilities studying Chemistry across all key stages and qualifications within the faculty.</li> </ol>

5. Ensure students work in a safe environment, taking responsibility for ensuring risks are identified and managed well
6. Coach and guide colleagues to improve standards of teaching and learning in Chemistry with a particular focus on AFL
7. Support other subject leaders to raise standards by sharing good practice and collaborating on curriculum developments
8. Agree clear, achievable outcomes with staff and/or students
9. Help colleagues that you line manage to produce their own personal development plan. Carry out drop-ins, formal observations and work scrutiny reviews for the teachers that you line manage.
10. Support colleagues that you line manage to review progress towards their objectives within the school's framework for benchmarking and help them to evaluate evidence from a range of sources to support this process.
11. Devise and implement strategies for narrowing the attainment gap in Science for different groups of students
12. Develop schemes of learning for the Chemistry curriculum, in line with national developments and the best interests of students
13. Track students' progress, rewarding success and intervening to improve standards
14. Identify best practice within the Chemistry Department and across the school and help to share it with others
15. To undertake any other duties associated with the role, as may be decided by your line manager of the Principal.

**Dimensions** (Financial/Statistical/Mandates/Constraints/No. of direct reports)

- Range of Teachers approximately 80 across the whole school.
- Range of Students approximately 1400.
- Number of direct reports up to 3.

**Work/Business contacts**

**Internal:** All teachers and support staff to advise how effectively to support students to achieve their Personal Best.

**External:** Parents and Families, Examinations Boards.

**Expertise in Role Required (At selection - Level 1)**

**Essential or Desirable**

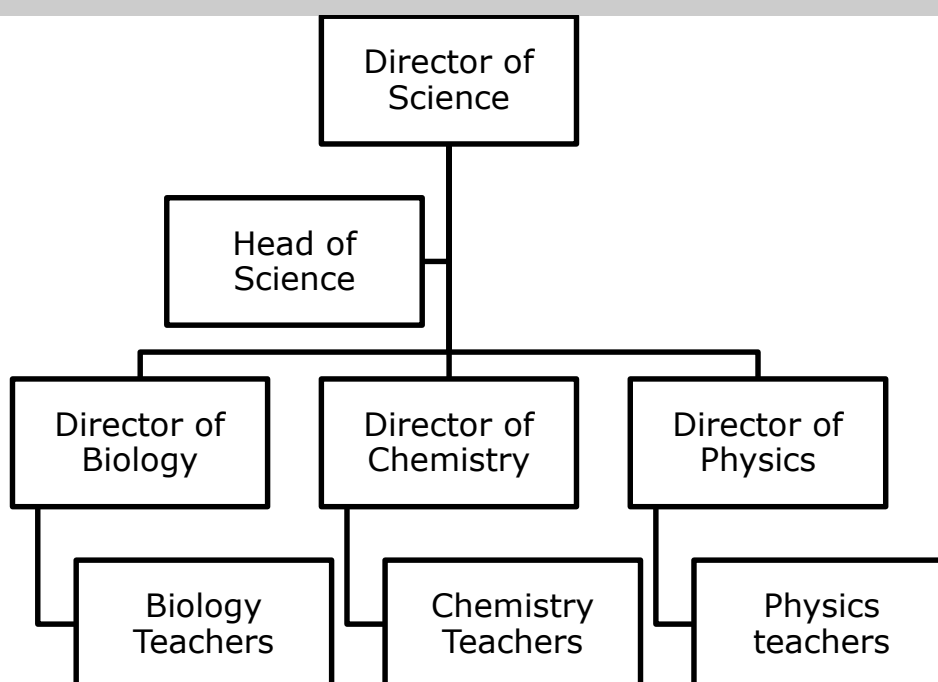
- | Expertise in Role Required (At selection - Level 1)   | Essential or Desirable |
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| • Qualified Teacher Status  | Essential              |
| • Degree or equivalent  | Essential              |
| • Evidence of continuing professional development and a willingness to undertake further development as appropriate | Essential              |
| • Able to teach to a high standard  | Essential              |
| • Successful experience or the ability to teach subject at GCSE   | Essential              |
| • Successful experience or the ability to teach subject at A Level  | Essential              |
| • Experience of developing departmental strategies and effective implementation                                     | Essential              |
| • Experience of implementing whole school strategies  | Essential              |
| • Able to view departmental goals in a whole school context   | Essential              |

• Able to develop strategies for engaging students, develop the curriculum and secure improvements	Essential
• Able to analyse data with a view to developing strategies to improve performance	Essential
• Able to monitor and evaluate impact of interventions and strategies	Essential
• Detailed knowledge of current developments in subject area for all levels including sixth form	Essential
• Knowledge of innovating teaching and learning strategies	Desirable
• Successful experience or the ability to teach subject at GCSE	Essential
• Successful experience or the ability to teach subject at A Level	Desirable
• Highly competent in ICT and the use of computers	Desirable
• Excellent communication skills	Essential
• Excellent behaviour management skills	Essential
• Commitment to the safeguarding of young people	Essential
• A willingness to be fully involved in the wider life of Shelley College, including extra-curricular activities.	Desirable
<b>Other (Physical, mobility, local conditions)</b>	
• Is willing to work flexibly within scope of overall hours, e.g. evening meetings.	Essential

#### **Expertise in Role - After initial and advanced development**

- Successful experience or the ability to teach at A Level
- Evidence of monitoring and evaluating interventions and strategies
- Evidence of data analysis and strategies used to improve performance
- Evidence of on-going continuing professional development.

#### **Structure**





***Signatures***

Approved by : CEO



Approved by : Post Holder/or Representative

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<http://home.shelleycollege.org/vacancies>

Closing date: The closing date is 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 9am.

