

Ponteland High School (part of Pele Trust)

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Required from January 2023, or September 2022, if possible

Headteacher (Group 8: L39-43)

The Directors of Pele Trust are looking to appoint an inspirational headteacher for Ponteland High School. The school is a successful, vibrant, popular and heavily oversubscribed 11-18 secondary school of c.1600 pupils. The vacancy arises due to the current headteacher assuming the full-time role of Pele Trust CEO from January 2023.

Our students make our school special; they are enthusiastic, talented and motivated to do well. We want the best for them; specifically, we want them to be happy, feel safe and secure, and to achieve exceptionally well - in that order!

This is an exciting opportunity for an ambitious leader who is looking to extend their experience as an established Headteacher, or for a Deputy Headteacher with a breadth of experience who is ready to move into headship.

The key priorities for Directors, and the school's Academy Committee, include ensuring that all pupils have access to an ambitious and inclusive curriculum, and high quality learning opportunities within a culture of continuous improvement amongst teachers; the latter is supported through adopting evidence-informed practice and engagement in Action Research.

The successful candidate will be an experienced and dynamic leader who shares our core values and has a proven track record of inspiring others to set the highest of expectations for themselves and others.

In order to build on the school's successes to date, our ideal candidate will:

- Be exceptional, committed and suitably qualified.
- Have a proven track record in raising standards of teaching and learning within a supportive and accountable environment
- Possess the skills to successfully lead strategic and organisational change
- Be committed to going above and beyond in order to help us become truly distinctive and outstanding
- Have an excellent understanding of the educational landscape, both locally and nationally, including matters of finance, legislation and policy

In return, we can offer you:

- The opportunity to join a well established school and Trust, an experienced and supportive CEO, a school of like-minded professionals who have common goals and aspirations
- Support for your ongoing professional development
- A supportive environment where the best people will flourish and grow
- An opportunity to build on the very secure foundations currently in place

If this sounds like the right job at the right time for you, then please consider the additional information and submit your application form and accompanying letter (no more than two sides of A4) by the deadline date.

Prospective candidates may visit the school on 5 or 6 May 2022 between 1000 and 1130. Visits are by appointment only. To book an appointment please contact Clare Barker (Head's PA) via email at c.barker@ponthigh.org.uk

The closing date for applications is Monday 9 May 2022 at 12.00 (noon).

Interviews are planned for 18 and 19 May 2022 (but may be subject to change).