

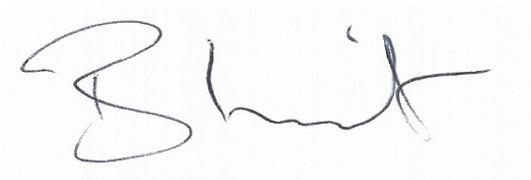
Thank you for showing interest in the position of Head Teacher in our school.

The Academy Committee of Ponteland High School is justifiably proud of our pupils, parents, teachers and all staff. Together we all ensure the school is a happy and safe environment with a focus on teaching excellence. During the various opportunities that the Academy Committee have to visit the school, we are always pleased to see happy pupils who are focused on their studies and striving and supported to achieve, including in sports and creative arts. We also see staff who are focused on stretching the pupils, while ensuring they are studying in a happy and supportive environment which is safe and secure. The school is a calm and purposeful place allowing learning and teaching to flourish. I hope you will be able to experience this during a visit.

Our School has navigated several challenges in the past few years, including the move from 3-tier to 2-tier education becoming a 11-18 year comprehensive school with 1600 pupils. The school established a local Multi-Academy Trust, the Pele Trust, comprising 5 local primary schools together with the high school. This MAT has allowed previously unattainable levels of co-operation and collaboration to deliver a joined up education experience for pupils. We were also delighted that £46m funding was released to allow the building of a new school, opened in October 2020, that our pupils and staff deserve. The co-location with one of our primary schools and a new leisure centre and sports fields in the centre of Ponteland enhances opportunities for all.

Given all these positive changes, I believe the role of Head Teacher at Ponteland High School is an attractive proposition and I have high expectations for any incumbent.

I welcome your interest and know you will not be disappointed by what you see.

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Professor Barry Hirst

Chair Academy Committee