



Heworth Grange
School

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

BUILD YOUR DREAM CAREER

Join our Team!



RECRUITMENT PACK

Head of Year

Heworth Grange School, Gateshead

EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY WITH INTEGRITY

WELCOME FROM THE CEO



Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Head of Year at Consilium Academies.

At Consilium, we are on a mission to being an excellent trust with excellent schools – we would love you to join us in that mission.

We are a values driven trust and bring this to life every day though our commitment to excellence, equity and integrity.

We recognise the unique value of everyone, whether they are staff or students and are dedicated to ensuring that every member of our Trust reaches their full potential. To achieve this, we collaborate with stakeholders and external organisations to build relationships that enhance opportunities for all members across the Trust.

We have a commitment to ensure each and every staff member is supported to achieve their goals within their career and have the skills and development to flourish. This commitment is reflected in our Centre for Professional Learning, where colleagues have access to tailored training opportunities and resources to meet their specific needs.

We firmly believe that every student, regardless of their background deserves an excellent education and an equal opportunity to fulfil their potential. This vision guides us in creating an environment where every pupil can thrive.

As part of our Trust, our academies align with collective aims, including prioritising holistic development of pupils academically, socially and emotionally. We aim to instil a passion for lifelong learning and continual improvement among our academies, staff and students, empowering them to pursue their aspirations and ambitions. Our goal is to create a family of academies that is inclusive and embraces diversity, fostering a supportive community where all members feel inspired and empowered to succeed.

We look forward to your application, thank you for your interest in joining the Consilium family.

Mr Michael McCarthy
Chief Executive Officer of Consilium Academies.

WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to Heworth Grange School

Thank you for your interest in joining Heworth Grange School. As Principal, I am proud to lead a community that is committed to delivering an excellent education for every student who comes through our doors. Our ambition is clear: to be the school of choice for our community and beyond – a place where parents have confidence, students are proud to belong, and staff feel valued, supported and, as part of a determined team, able to make a meaningful and lasting impact.

Heworth Grange is a school that is more than an organisation focused solely on examination outcomes, although our students do achieve highly across a wide and diverse curriculum, from maths and Computing to Dance and Film Studies. What defines us is the breadth of opportunity we offer and our commitment to supporting and developing the whole child. We believe education should extend far beyond academic achievement, shaping character, ambition, and responsibility.

Our curriculum is intentionally broad and balanced to ensure there is a pathway to suit every learner's strengths, interests, and aspirations. We want our young people to uncover their talents, find their passions, and develop the confidence they need to succeed in life. Alongside academic rigour, we place significant emphasis on personal development, community engagement, and preparing students for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

We are a large school with excellent facilities, yet we are increasingly known for the warmth, connection, and genuine care that underpin our culture. The strength of Heworth Grange lies in its people. Our talented and dedicated staff team bring expertise, integrity, and compassion to their roles, ensuring our students feel seen, supported, and inspired. Joining Heworth Grange means becoming part of a collegiate, ambitious, and highly committed professional community where your contribution will be valued and where you will be supported to grow and excel. It's a lively and vibrant place to work where the rewards of delivering real change to our students and community are more than worth the efforts.

As a member of staff, you will play a central role in delivering exceptional teaching and pastoral care, shaping the experience of our students, and contributing to our continuous drive for improvement. We expect high standards, but we invest heavily in professional development, collaboration, and the systems that enable staff to thrive in their work. We're on a journey of transformation and, as part of the DfE's RISE programme, we're receiving additional funding, support and opportunities to work with other local schools and trusts to ensure we become recognised as the excellent school our students deserve. Our most recent Ofsted inspection took place in November 2024 and celebrated the changes that had been put into place – those changes are now embedded and we're confident that our next inspection will show significant improvements in all key areas. We need the best people to join us and help accelerate those improvements.

If you've got the moral drive, enthusiasm and energy to join our team at Heworth and really make a difference to children's lives, I'd love to hear from you. If you are considering joining us, I encourage you to visit the school, meet the team and experience our culture in action. Seeing our community on a typical day is the best way to understand what makes Heworth Grange such a rewarding place to work.

Neil Rodgers
Principal

ABOUT THE SCHOOL



Heworth Grange is proud to be part of Consilium Academies' Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). As part of Consilium, we are dedicated to working towards the Consilium mission of providing an inclusive partnership with our community where lives are enriched by providing care, experience and opportunity, and where every student benefits from the same opportunities to succeed.

We are guided by four key drivers.

Every child- No Excuses

At Heworth Grange, we want every single student to achieve their potential. We go the extra mile for our students and understand that some of our students will require more support to overcome barriers to learning than others. We work collaboratively to problem solve and find the best therapeutic and academic solutions for our students to achieve the best possible outcomes.

High Expectations

We know that expecting the best from all our students is integral to them achieving a world class education. We strive day in and day out to ensure the highest standards of behaviour where everyone can learn and develop in a safe and secure environment. We also work tirelessly to embed the importance of attendance as a vital employability skill and work collaboratively with parents and carers to ensure all students attend school.

Engaging Learning

We know that great teaching and learning everyday will make the difference for our students and will support them to achieve their very best. We want to ensure all students are fully engaged and inspired by the learning experiences at Heworth Grange and as educators we fully commit to professional development to ensure we are continuously developing and providing the best experiences for our students.

No Islands

We know that there is strength in unity and at Heworth Grange we do not want anyone to feel like an island. We care for each other and we support each other, this means that we learn better. Our No Islands culture means that we work collaboratively with parents, carers, outside agencies, governors and other Trust schools. We value relationships above all else because we know that trust is vital to the success of our organisation. We put students and staff at the heart of our decision making, ensuring everyone benefits from continuous improvement. We ensure that our staff have access to great professional development so that we continue to grow in expertise and provide the very best education for our young people.

We want to do everything in our power to ensure that the students at Heworth Grange leave school with the academic qualifications and personal skills to become happy and successful adults in their own right. We want our students to develop a life-long love of learning and to have the confidence to make a difference in their community as positive, proactive citizens within our society.

ABOUT THE TRUST



Consilium Academies is a Multi-Academy Trust dedicated to Excellence and Equity with Integrity. Consisting of eight schools across three hubs in Salford, South Yorkshire, and the North East of England, our culture is built on support, guidance, capacity building, and fostering a collaborative approach to school improvement.

Our Trust is committed to the highest standards of curriculum, teaching, and learning, leading to excellent outcomes for our pupils. This commitment extends to our staff, with a focus on high-quality learning, professional development, and an uncompromising approach to support and growth.

Schools within the Trust are encouraged to engage in rigorous self-evaluation and take swift action to address any areas of underperformance, guided by our School Improvement Framework.

Our Key Areas of Focus:

- **Expert Knowledge:** We prioritise school-to-school support, fostering expert knowledge, and providing effective assistance to our schools.
- **Ambitious Curriculum:** Our schools share a common language for curriculum development, with a focus on Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions, and embedding Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion throughout.
- **Effective Pedagogy:** Our research-focused approach seeks impactful teaching methods, a shared language for pedagogy, and developing partnerships with external experts.
- **Purposeful Practice:** We respect each school's identity while promoting a shared understanding of high-quality practice and staff development.
- **Rigorous Assessment & Intervention:** We implement evidence-based benchmarking and targeted support through Rapid Action Plans, maintaining a relentless focus on achieving strong outcomes for all students.
- **Rich Culture:** Guided by Excellence, Equity, and Integrity, we aim to identify, attract, develop, and retain expertise at all levels, ensuring our schools contribute to the Trust's success over time.

Led by our Chief Executive Officer, Michael McCarthy, our Central Team provides direct services, accountability, leadership, and management to our schools. We operate a strong partnership model, where our partner schools play a crucial role in the Trust's continual growth and development.

Our collaborative approach respects each school's individual identity, empowering them to focus on student achievement and success while being part of a supportive network committed to excellence.

BENEFITS



As a Trust, we want our staff to feel supported and valued. Whether you are a teacher or member of the support team, we want your work to have a positive impact on your health and wellbeing.



A CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SCHEME, MEANING WE'LL SAVE TOGETHER

34 DAYS ANNUAL LEAVE + BANK HOLIDAYS FOR SUPPORT STAFF (PRO-RATED FOR PART-TIME) & 36 HOUR WORKING WEEK FOR FULL-TIME SUPPORT STAFF



EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH ACCESS TO COUNSELLING AND CBT 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK

A CPD OFFER FOR EVERY MEMBER OF STAFF; TO HELP YOU PERFORM AS WELL AS YOU CAN IN YOUR ROLE, TO HELP YOU REACH YOUR CAREER ASPIRATION



FREE MEMBERSHIP TO VIVUP. WITH HUNDREDS OF EXCLUSIVE OFFERS AND DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE ONLINE AND IN STORE.

ACCESS TO THE LEADING HOME ELECTRONICS LEASE SCHEME, EXCLUSIVE TO PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES



ENHANCED CONTRACTUAL SICK PAY IN LINE WITH THE BURGUNDY BOOK AND GREEN BOOK, PROTECTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

AUTOMATIC PAY PROGRESSION FOR ALL STAFF IN LINE WITH THEIR CURRENT GRADING STRUCTURE



JOB DESCRIPTION



JOB TITLE:	Head of Year
REPORTS TO:	Assistant Principal
CONTRACT:	Permanent
WORKING PATTERN:	36 hours, Term Time plus 5 days
GRADE:	NJC Grade 7 (19- 23)
ACTUAL SALARY:	£28,731.58 - 30,859.05

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

The main areas of responsibility of the post-holder will include:

- To develop and maintain a positive ethos within the year group that encourages pupils to have high expectations of themselves and others and promotes effective learning
- To have responsibility for ensuring effective pastoral care and promote academic success for all pupils within the year group, liaising with external agencies where necessary in order to provide the appropriate interventions

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES & TASKS

Leading and Managing People

- Lead a team of Form Tutors in encouraging pupil's academic, emotional and social well-being
- Liaise with SLT link to ensure appropriate materials and activities are available in Form time
- Oversee the work of Form Tutors, including recognising and celebrating achievement
- Work with Form Tutors in monitoring and improving pupil's attendance, punctuality and behaviour.
- Leading Year Team meetings, discussing all matters relating to pupil management and progress, setting agenda items and circulating minutes
- Support the professional development of Form Tutors

Pupil Support and Guidance

- To develop and maintain an ethos within the year group that sets high expectations for all pupils in all aspects of their work through assemblies and whole school initiatives, including preparing and holding year assemblies
- To monitor the academic and personal progress of all pupils within the year group, encouraging high aspirations and achievement including the provision of support and guidance
- To monitor and promote pupil's attendance and punctuality in accordance with school policies and procedures
- To ensure the very best standards of behaviour, acting as a role model for Form Tutors and pupils to promote positive relationships
- To coordinate pupil progress reports to parents
- To liaise with staff / parents / other agencies to ensure appropriate support for pupils at all stages including behaviour management
- To assist with the organisation of Parents Evenings
- To ensure parental concerns are dealt with promptly and that communication between home / school is maintained to a high standard in order to promote a positive partnership
- To provide reports for Governor's Disciplinary Panel meetings and ensure the SIMS database is maintained with all relevant information pertaining to each pupil within the year group

Policy and Planning

- To prepare the agenda for and hold weekly year team meetings, including production and distribution of minutes
- To liaise with Line Manager to ensure consistency of implementation of school policies and procedures
- Ensure staff are well informed of all matters relating to the year group in order to promote good communication
- Encourage the practice of working as a team
- Show commitment to the extra-curricular activities of the school, including providing for opportunities for cooperation and competition within the year group
- To provide regular reports on the progress / development of the year group

Whole School

- To ensure that school policies and procedures are communicated to Form Tutors and pupils within the year group and implemented accordingly
- To maintain knowledge and understanding of the school ethos and be instrumental in its realisation
- To attend all relevant meetings and cascade information to Form Tutors
- Liaise with and inform parents on all aspects relating to their child's education, achievement, behaviour and relationships with peers
- To lead on an identified whole school responsibility.

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
- To pursue and promote the achievement and integration of diversity and equality of opportunity throughout the Trust.
- To plan, monitor and review health and safety within areas of personal control.
- To participate in the Trust's Professional Development Review process and engage in continuous professional development and networking to ensure that professional skills and knowledge are up to date.
- To maintain high professional standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance, conduct and positive, courteous relations with students, parents, and colleagues

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- The job purpose and key statements remain indicative and by no means exclusive. Given the evolving needs of the Trust, flexibility among staff is very important. All staff may be required to undertake other such reasonable duties as may be required from time to time in line with the grade of their post.
- An Enhanced DBS Check will be requested on successful application to a position at the Trust.

PERSON SPECIFICATION



Training and Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
5 GCSEs, or equivalent, at grade C/4 or above (including English and Maths)	☒	
Educated to degree level		☒
Clean Driving Licence	☒	
Experience, Skills and Knowledge	Essential	Desirable
Supportive of the ethos and values of the school	✓	
Excellent interpersonal skills	✓	
Self-motivated and organised	✓	
The ability to encourage and motivate students	✓	
Competent use of ICT	✓	
Excellent Literacy and Numeracy skills	✓	
Excellent verbal and written communication skills	✓	
Flexible approach to working	✓	
Willingness to take a full role in the life of the school	✓	
Qualities to be a positive role model to all students	✓	
Experience of event organisation		✓
Excellent health and attendance records	✓	
Experience of working with young people and families	✓	
Experience of working with outside agencies	✓	
Experience of delivering assemblies / speaking to large groups		✓
Experience of supporting students in lessons, particularly those vulnerable to underachievement	✓	
Knowledge of Safeguarding Policies and Procedures	✓	
Experience of using SIMS		✓
Experience of using CPOMS		✓
English Fluency	Essential	Desirable
Possessing a relevant qualification for the role attained as part of education in the UK or full taught in English or Welsh by a recognized institution abroad	✓	
Passing an English or Welsh spoken language competency test or possessing a relevant spoken English qualification at CEFR Level B1 or above, taught in English by a recognized institution abroad.	✓	