

Forest Way School



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ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER VACANCY PERMANENT TO START AUGUST 2026 **Leadership Scale Point 9 to 15**

Head of Post 16 Off-Site Provision, Ibstock – August 2026 **Leadership Scale Point 9 to 15**

Forest Way Special School is seeking an exceptional practitioner to lead our new Post 16 off-site provision in Ibstock. This is an exciting project for our school, involving the transition of current Post 16 students to a bespoke facility specifically designed to maximize life skills and prepare for their next stage beyond the school environment.

At Forest Way, our vision is simple: we want every learner to "Thrive at Forest Way." If you are passionate about being aspirational for our students and are dedicated to ensuring they have the support and skills required for a successful transition into adulthood, Forest Way offers a uniquely rewarding environment.

We are an all-through mixed special school (ages 4-19) catering to pupils with core needs in Cognition & Learning, alongside significant C&I, SEMH, and sensory needs. We welcome applications from experienced leaders who value creativity, research-informed practice, and a heart for student-centred education.

Working alongside our highly committed and professional staff, you will embody our core values to:

- Create a welcoming and respectful environment where we nurture, praise, and recognize the unique abilities and potential of every student.
- Provide an exciting, engaging, and ever-evolving curriculum that is age-appropriate and sensitively matched to the needs of our young people as they prepare for life after school.
- Work closely with families and multi-agency professionals to ensure all pupils are prepared for ambitious futures and successful transitions through meaningful, dignified, and stage-appropriate learning.
- Learn from and support colleagues in other schools while remaining reflective and striving for continuous improvement in our transitional provision.

At Forest Way, high-quality learning that focuses on future outcomes is the key to our success. We place every young person at the heart of everything we do and are looking for a leader who is:

- Ready to meet the diverse demands of a vibrant school community and a developing off-site provision.
- Able to lead a new provision with confidence and a clear vision for student progression.
- Aligned with our core values that lead to independence and high aspirations for the future.

Join a team that holds pupils at the heart of everything we do. Help us build a provision that bridges the gap between school and the wider world, transforming lives through purposeful, age-appropriate transition.

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Closing date for applications: Friday 6 March 2026 – 9am

Interviews will be held: Friday 13 March 2026

To apply:

If you are interested in joining our school community, please visit MyNewTerm using the link below for an application form and further details about the position.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/137905/EDV-2026-FWS-97635>

Our Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy is on our website www.forestway.leics.sch.uk

Shortlisted candidates will be subject to online searches.

If you would like further information about the role please contact the school office on 01530 831899, forestway@forestway.leics.sch.uk and they will arrange a mutually convenient time for you to speak to the Head of School. Visits to the school prior to applying are welcome.