

Vale of York Academy is one of many Heartwood Learning Trust secondary schools. Vale of York has undergone a period of transformation and rapid improvement since joining the Trust in 2017. This is an exciting time for the academy and will be an exciting opportunity for an ambitious educational professional to join the team. This is a great career opportunity, a chance to work in a close knit community but with extensive opportunities for professional development across the Trust as a whole.

Vale of York is an 11-16 comprehensive school which serves a mixed catchment extending from the City Centre of York to the satellite village of Skelton on the northern edge of the City. The academy is over-subscribed; it has a growing population of more than 600 students who enter the school with attainment at around national averages, but with an increasing number of high attainers and gifted and talented pupils. Our commitment to every child is absolute and we strive to meet the needs of all our pupils whether they are capable of achieving ten Grade 9's at GCSE or require the support of a full time teaching assistant or individual package of learning in order to reach their full potential. We believe that Vale of York should be the first choice school for every student in our immediate catchment and that we have an important role in transforming the lives of all our young people and their community.

Vale of York is a community school which expects each individual to be their very best by accepting personal responsibility and always striving to do better. These expectations extend far beyond learning. We expect the highest standards of behaviour, creating an environment where students feel safe, sanctions are applied fairly and positive contributions are recognised and rewarded. We have a strong commitment to the personal development of your young people, which we believe enables them to be responsible citizens who go on to play their part in improving their community.

## **JOB DETAILS**

All posts at Vale of York Academy involve at all times seeking to further the mission, values and strategic aims of the school; accepting responsibility for the implementation of school policy, procedures and other guidance as set out in the Staff Handbook and elsewhere; working positively, flexibly and co-operatively both with colleagues and as appropriate with those outside school; and the setting of high standards.

All roles involve responsibilities and expectations as set out in the appropriate national standards and in the school's role specifications and documentation.

All members of staff are expected to promote and safeguard the welfare of students in accordance with the Safeguarding Children in Education Act, including maintaining clear professional boundaries in all relationships; to promote an anti-racist, multi-cultural approach; in line with school policy. Additional duties may be asked of members of staff by the Principal as occasion requires.

The generic role specifications below are offered in good faith as a guide to professional practice in the expectation that staff will seek to approach them in a professional manner. All role specifications are subject to revision in the light of changing circumstances.

Good luck with your application and I look forward to hearing from you!

**Gill Mills**

**Principal**