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Candidate Information

Woldgate School & Sixth Form College





Welcome



Dear Applicant,

As Headteacher of Woldgate School and Sixth Form College, I am committed to providing the very best education for the young people in our care, and every day I feel privileged to be part of this school and to see the many great achievements of our pupils. Located on the edge of the beautiful Yorkshire Wolds, our school has a long tradition of being at the heart of the community, and we are proud to serve the market town of Pocklington, the City of York and the surrounding villages, providing excellent education and opportunities for each and every pupil.

Woldgate is a school with a distinct vision for education. Our view of an outstanding school is based on shared values, where every child is known and cared for as an individual. To cultivate this, we build a supportive and caring community, where a child's talents can grow through academic study and the opportunity to participate in the many activities, productions and visits that make Woldgate School unique. We are a school with a positive, welcoming, warm atmosphere, in which pupils take pride in their achievements and where each individual pupil achieves academically through consistently good teaching, in an environment that seeks to nurture their love of learning and challenges them to excel.

Founded in 1958, Woldgate's original school motto celebrated the distinct education the school sought to bring. This motto is, for me, an integral part of our school life; it defines who we are as a community.

"Everything you do should be worthy, of great merit, character and value."

Of great merit:

The quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially deserving of praise or reward.

Of great character:

The moral qualities that define an individual.

Of great value:

The principles or standards of conduct we work to; our judgment of what is important in life



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I truly believe that part of what makes this community so special is the Holistic Education we provide for our pupils. Our extra-curricular clubs, sporting activities, the arts and House competitions, combined with our wonderful visits programme, provide pupils with a unique opportunity to appreciate the world around them. I have long believed that the creative arts provide an exceptional platform upon which pupils can develop new skills, grow in confidence and, as people, develop qualities, in an environment where their talents are nurtured and then celebrated. This holistic approach to school life, for me, is integral to a good education and wonderful preparation for future life.

In 2017 and 2019 Woldgate School was presented with an 'Outstanding Outcomes Award' from the SSAT for our academic results. Achievements such as these are testament to the hard work and dedication of pupils, parents and teachers, and they draw upon a combination of academic rigour, pastoral care of the highest quality, excellent teaching and learning, complemented by structures that monitor progress and intervene to provide individual support for each and every pupil.

As we look to the future, I am absolutely committed to ensuring Woldgate School continues to develop with a clear, confident and strong identity based on shared values and with each pupil known and cared for as an individual. Our culture of collaboration and success will be matched by our determination to do the very best, both pastorally and academically, for the children in our care.

- A School where each child is known and cared for as an individual.
- An environment in which our pupils feel valued, safe and enjoy school.
- A School where every child is challenged and supported to succeed academically.

I welcome potential candidates to visit the school and meet our amazing colleagues, pupils and students, it would be a pleasure to take you on a tour of the school, please contact the Wonder Learning Partnership People and Culture Team (recruitment@wlp.education) to arrange a visit.

Luke Sloman

Headteacher



Our School

Community

Woldgate School is located in the Market Town of Pocklington. We are a rural school, primarily serving small village primary schools. Our pupils are, therefore, fortunate to have an excellent educational foundation in Church of England and non-denominational primary schools. As a school, our warm, friendly community provides a welcoming environment where each child is known and cared for as an individual and where our values are lived into being through the care and teaching we provide as a school. At the end of every school year our pupils follow the Minster Way and explore the beautiful Wolds. This unique school event provides an opportunity to be together as a community, to explore the beautiful countryside and to celebrate what makes Woldgate School and Sixth Form College unique. We are fortunate, therefore, to be able to educate in a rural setting, to serve our small local rural primary schools and to ensure your son or daughter can enjoy the many benefits of a school situated within a market town, rather than an urban city environment.

New School

In 2021, the school was identified, by the Prime Minister and the Department of Education, as one of fifty schools in the country that will be rebuilt, creating brand new and cutting-edge facilities for our children. While the new school buildings are being built, the original school will continue to function as normal until colleagues, students and pupils can move into the new facilities. The programme is already underway and we look forward providing our pupils, students and colleagues some of the very best facilities in the country

Care

We aim to foster the development of the whole person, in a disciplined and ordered working environment which is secure and caring, and within which each pupil can strive for excellence. We create a positive, happy atmosphere, allowing pupils to take pride in their achievements, and ensuring pupils and staff work together with mutual respect, courtesy and consideration for others. We are also a relatively small school with approximately 1,200 pupils and Sixth Form students: large enough to offer a broad, balanced and enriched curriculum, but sufficiently small that every child is known and cared for as an individual. This ensures our class sizes remain small, with pupil admission number of 208 pupils in each year

Academic Performance

With some of the highest outcomes in the region at both GCSE and A Level and with the support of parents, Woldgate School has consistently delivered some of the very best outcome for pupils and students. In 2023, Woldgate School achieved a Progress 8 of 0.35 (SEND School Support 0.42) and ALPs 4. These outcomes reflect the care and commitment we have as a school community to ensuring that all of our young people develop as individuals and achieve their full potential.





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We are part of a wider family of schools in the Wonder Learning Partnership along with Pocklington Junior School, Melbourne Primary School and Stamford Bridge Primary School. The Wonder Learning Partnership's vision is to build a Trust foundation ensuring all our schools have the strategies, expertise and capacity they need to improve the education of our children. Our schools are a family with shared values who support each other, work collegiately with each maintaining its own governing body. Our children have access to personalised tuition and our colleagues to tailored professional development.

We are incredibly proud of what we achieve as a family with both our Trust schools and the partner schools we work with. Our values encompass our vision for pupils and colleagues.

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Educate—we are committed to educating the whole child and believe every child should reach their potential

Empower—we will empower our whole school community through support, development and value in the pursuit of excellence

Engage—we will engage in best practice to develop the personal qualities and aspirations of pupils and staff

Enrich—we will ensure our children are exposed to a wealth of experiences and opportunities

The Trust consist of dedicated colleagues for CPD, school improvement, staff wellbeing as well as operational areas of finance and compliance. We are incredibly proud to have dedicated staff with expertise in these areas to help drive forward educational and personal growth.

“Wonder is the beginning of wisdom”

Socrates

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