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## **Head of Welsh (and Languages)**

**TLR 1b (XXXXXX see Janice). To start in September 2017**

Darland High School is an 11-16 High School north of Wrexham and two minutes from the border with England. The population of the school has risen dramatically over the last four years and this trend will continue in September 2017 when the roll will reach 860. Estyn described this school as “a very good place to teach”. Visitors frequently comment on the friendliness and politeness of our students.

The governors of Darland High School are looking to appoint a passionate Welsh teacher and a committed team player to lead our Faculty of Languages. You will join a high performing team, who have experienced significant success in raising both the profile and the standards of Welsh in the school. Results at Key Stages 3 and 4 are significantly above both Family of Schools and national averages. Such is the popularity of Welsh as a subject, that it gained the highest approval rating by both students and parents in a recent 360° survey. Over 65% of last year's Y11 achieved Full Course GCSE C+ in 2016 and nearly all achieved a GCSE C+ in the short course. The faculty have embraced fully, the forthcoming changes at GCSE and are looking forward to continuing our upward trend of improvement.

The successful candidate will be:

- An outstanding teacher of all ability ranges
- A leader who can engage a team of colleagues, inspire trust and implement the right strategies to ensure sustained progress
- Able to contribute to the achievement of the school's overall aims and objectives
- Be willing to share best practice with other colleagues within the school

The Faculty of Languages comprises six teachers (three FT Welsh, three PT French). The Head of Faculty is ably assisted by an Assistant Head of Faculty, who has responsibility for all French taught in the school. The Faculty is very well organised and there is an excellent team ethos. As well as having their own suite of classrooms, each teacher has their own laptop and iPad.

The school has a reputation for academic excellence, achieving results at both key stages, which are consistently above both local and national averages. We have close relations with the local community as well as with neighbouring schools, with whom there is a spirit of active curriculum collaboration. The school is set in extensive landscaped grounds and has benefitted from a major rebuilding programme, which saw a new science and ICT block open recently. As a result of the significant and sustained improvement in standards at the school, we are oversubscribed for 2017.

An application pack is available for downloading from the school website, [www.darland.wrexham.sch.uk](http://www.darland.wrexham.sch.uk)  
The deadline for applications is midday on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Should you wish to visit the school before submitting an application, please contact the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Clare Pickup on 01244 570588.