

Darland High School

Headteacher : Mr Peter Agnew

**Head of Computing and ICT**  
**MPS plus TLR2b £4,258 (subject to pay award).**  
**Full time and permanent.**  
**To start on 1st 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 teacher of ICT and computing and a committed team player to lead our new ICT department, forged in a recent restructure. GCSE ICT is our most popular Option subject with over 60 pupils opting to take the WJEC course every year. Teaching is shared between the head of department and the Assistant Headteacher, also an ICT specialist. Standards at both KS3 and KS4 have been improving recently and the school is in a very good position to further improve our standards. There are four dedicated ICT teaching rooms and multiple class sets of tablet devices. Technical support is very good. Teachers all have laptops and i-pads and there is a strong culture of using ICT in lessons throughout the school.

Although currently we only offer ICT to GCSE, there is a huge appetite for GCSE Computing among our more able students, so applications from teachers able to teach this qualification would be particularly welcome. The post holder will also coordinate the development and roll-out of the Welsh Government’s Digital Literacy Framework. This exciting initiative will capitalise on the enthusiasm for learning through ICT to establish innovative competency standards throughout the curriculum.

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 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.

(Ad for HR use)

The deadline for applications is midday on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Interviews will be held later that week. Should you wish to visit the school before submitting an application, please contact the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Clare Pickup on 01244 570588.

Wrexham Council welcomes applications from suitably qualified candidates regardless of race, gender, disability, sexuality, religious belief or age.

Application packs are available from:

Human Resources Service Centre, Guildhall, Wrexham, LL11 1AY. Tel: 01978 297403.

E-mail: [hrrservicecentre@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:hrrservicecentre@wrexham.gov.uk) or alternatively, on the school's website at [www.darland.wrexham.sch.uk](http://www.darland.wrexham.sch.uk)

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS DIRECTLY TO THE HEADTEACHER AT THE SCHOOL

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS : mid-day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**