



Darland High School

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of English

The English team comprises six full time teachers and two teachers who also teach elsewhere in the faculty. Standards have traditionally been very high in English and results at KS3 and GCSE have consistently been above local and national levels. There is a strong tradition of extra-curricular theatre visits and the very well equipped English suite of classrooms is a highlight in the school for the quality of displays. All staff at the school have their own laptops and iPads and the school has an excellent programme of training for new staff.

We are looking for someone with exceptional communication skills, who has an infectious love of teaching English. You will be joining a strong and happy team, with a great ethos for mutual support and collaboration.

I have been head teacher at Darland since September 2009 and have had the privilege of working with a fabulous team with a real appetite for change. Darland has always had a reputation for high standards in public exam results. On the Welsh system of school categorisation we received a grade 2 (yellow), reflecting the enormous amount of work that has taken place in the school recently to drive up standards. Obviously our ambition is to achieve a grade 1 and our current focus is to improve English language results to the same level as English Literature, which have been consistently spectacular for a number of years.

For the last four years, Darland has been oversubscribed for Year 7, but despite this, we are at heart a small school, with a standard number of 168 per year group, a factor which allows teachers and managers to get to know our learners very well. We take pupil wellbeing very seriously and our two resource centres (for Dyslexia and ASD) help promote an inclusive climate in the school, aided by a major commitment to extending opportunities for our students through an impressive programme of extra curricular activities.

On the school website you should find attached a copy of the school prospectus. Please ensure that your application is completed on the standard Wrexham application form and that you attach a letter of application in support of this document. Obviously, there is only so much information about the school and the post, that can be gleaned from these documents, so I would be happy to discuss any aspects of the post with you over the phone, or should you wish to visit the school prior to making an application, my PA, Clare Pickup, will be happy to arrange this. May I remind you that the deadline for applications is noon on 28th June 2018. Interviews will be held early in the following week.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely

P Agnew Headteacher