



May 2022

Thank you for considering the post of Assistant Headteacher at South Wirral High School.

This vacancy has emerged because one of our Assistant Headteachers has secured a promotion.

The successful applicant would be joining a vibrant, energetic and committed leadership team that has come together under my Headship over the last six years. The ethos of our leadership team is first class, and has been modelled throughout the pandemic period by leaders with a shared strategic vision and attention to operational detail.

Our leadership team currently consists of:

Headteacher – Simon Goodwin

School Business Manager – Tom Moseley

Deputy Headteacher – Mike Cloherty

3 Assistant Headteachers – Gill Williams, Will Chitty and Helen Latham

3 Associate Assistant Headteachers – Daryl Harrison, Liz Wigfall, Sian Hodson-Evans

This is a community-based and inclusive school. We share a passionate commitment to lead a school that we would be happy for our own children to attend, as in fact many of our staff do. We want our children to experience academic rigour, excellent behaviour and outstanding pastoral support.

Over the last six years the school has undergone a quiet revolution. The impact of this is evident in our rising school roll (over-subscribed for the last two years) and in the pilot Ofsted inspection that we volunteered for in March 2021. Unfortunately, that did not change our designation of “Requires Improvement”, but it was clear from the feedback we received that the school now deserves that label.

Our leadership team has experience and strength in all areas of school leadership so we have considerable flexibility in allocating a portfolio of responsibilities to the successful candidate.

So the successful candidate might choose to focus, for example, on curriculum design or implementation, narrowing the gap, behaviour and attendance, personal development or another area of leadership.

We are interested in the candidate whose leadership attributes will complement and enhance our existing team, rather than for a specialist.

As you familiarise yourself with the school, you will find it useful to look at the information that we share with prospective parents and students which you can find here

<https://southwirral.wirral.sch.uk/transition2022/>

In addition, a look at our “South Wirral TV” page on YouTube, will tell you a lot about our culture

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj2yxQOVt7kFn2f4EZmtPhQ/videos>

There is an opportunity to visit the school at 3.30 pm on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> or Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please get in touch if you would like to visit on either of those days.

I look forward to meeting with you, as we consider this significant appointment to our school.

Simon Goodwin