



**THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL**  
Aspiring & Achieving Together

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**LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Dear potential colleague,

Thank you for requesting further details regarding the post of Deputy Headteacher at The Westleigh School. This is an exciting opportunity for someone who is looking to embed their senior leadership experience in a key position within our school, and who is ready for the responsibility of playing a pivotal part in helping us build on our rapidly improving foundations and secure our future successes. This post offers an excellent opportunity to both current and aspiring Deputy Headteachers to build upon current successes and achievements and to gain professional enjoyment and satisfaction from developing the school even further.

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of The Westleigh School, a fantastic establishment that is welcoming, hard-working, student focussed and which is proud to serve its local community and beyond. We are here to ensure that each student reaches their potential and develops his or her own particular abilities, interests and talents to the full – academic, sporting, personal, social and community. We provide a broad and high quality curriculum from year 7 through to year 11 which has been designed to maximise the progress of all students, and which is fuelled by the inspiring and committed members of staff who work here.

Young people are key partners in their own learning and their voice matters; we listen to their views and ideas and act upon them. We engage them in the running of the school and provide students with opportunities to develop leadership and organisational skills. We also arrange many trips and visits to extend learning beyond the classroom, which enables students to benefit from the experience of life beyond school. This ensures that our students are fully prepared for taking their place as successful young adults further afield in society, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Our vision at The Westleigh School is to have students who aspire and achieve, who are kind, respectful and socially responsible and who are fully committed to 'Team Westleigh.' The successful candidate must have a full understanding of what it means to have a knowledge rich curriculum, one that expands both our students' capabilities and their understanding of the world beyond the classroom. It is essential that the successful candidate is able to exemplify our school values and ensure that these are interwoven into all aspects of everything that we do, displaying a rich understanding of the relationship between the pastoral and the academic to further develop effective strategies that enable all staff to follow a whole-school collaborative approach.

Another significant aspect of the role is working with our highly skilled Heads of Faculties. It is vital that the successful candidate is able to understand and negotiate the complexities and demands of this aspect of the role to ensure adequate support, challenge and empowerment of those working in middle leadership roles.

The senior leadership team are fully committed to our Team Westleigh ethos, and I consider myself lucky to lead a team of such skilled and supportive professionals. The successful applicant will be working alongside myself as headteacher, a deputy headteacher, a senior assistant headteacher, 3 assistant headteachers and a school business manager.



Working with The Shaw Education Trust provides fantastic career opportunities, and gives staff access to key personnel who provide high levels of challenge, drive and support. The Trust are dedicated to ensuring both staff and students are supported to excel. We are fortunate that the Trust provides a bespoke leadership pathway programme, which enables the next stage of professional growth within the group.

We welcome all potential applicants to visit our school, meet our students and staff and see what makes our school a rewarding place to work. If you wish to make arrangements for this, please contact my PA, Miss J Cadman [jillcadman@westleigh.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:jillcadman@westleigh.wigan.sch.uk) or telephone 01942 202580, Ext 210.

In the meantime, thank you for considering our amazing school as the next chapter in your career, and I hopefully look forward to reading your application soon.

Yours faithfully,



**CARLTON BRAMWELL**  
Headteacher