

February 2021

Dear Candidate

Welcome to Rhyddings Business & Enterprise School, which serves the East Lancashire old mill town of Oswaldtwistle and surrounding area of Hyndburn. It has been at the heart of the community for over 85 years and although a smaller than average high school we cater for pupils from a diverse range of backgrounds. The school enjoys good transport links via the M65 corridor and adjoining networks of M6 and M66.

The school is in a period of transition, quite literally with a planned capital building programme. Uniquely, whilst this is taking place the school has been temporarily off-site for the academic years 2019-2021, to allow for demolition and construction work. Therefore, we are currently based at Hameldon College, Coal Clough Lane, Burnley for this academic year but return to Oswaldtwistle in September 2021.

In the meantime, the school continues to work hard to prepare the young people we serve and help them realise and reach their potential, providing them with the very best educational experiences. We are also part of an active application to form a new multi-academy trust (MAT), within Hyndburn, with a neighbouring high school and two primary schools.

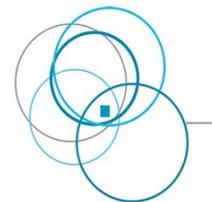
Pupils are well supported through our Pastoral House Continent system with year group tutoring supported by Continent Leaders. This provides the support pupils need to perform well across the curriculum as well as healthy competition throughout the year. We have an active extra-curricular programme and run a number of annual residential trips both here and abroad. Close links with the local Rotary Club provide access to bespoke programmes, community work and charitable activities. Large numbers of pupils complete their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

We have a 3 year KS3 and 2 year KS4 offering the EBacc, should pupils choose to do so.

Information for currently available posts: www.rhyddings.co.uk/vacancies

Despite Covid at the time of writing the school remains open to key worker and vulnerable pupils and socially distanced visits to the school can be accommodated.

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Food Technology Department

The Technology Department has two full time staff led by the Head of Design and Technology who is a Subject Leader in Education (SLE). This post is vacant due to the promotion of the current holder to a leadership role. There is also a Technology Technician to support the work of the department.

We offer a GCSE in Food Technology at KS4 and this is a popular option within our curriculum. At KS3 all pupils have a 60min lesson per week and cover a range of skills in both practical and theory. All the technology rooms are suited together with a specialist food prep room, classroom and resistant materials suite comprising CAD/CAM equipment. The rooms are well appointed in our technology and art block. The ability to teach across the technology disciplines or an additional subject would be an advantage but not essential.

All members of our community have access and use Office 365 including collaborative learning tools such as MS Teams and OneNote. The specialist food teacher is responsible for curriculum design and delivery as well as being supported by the Head of Department.

We have access to regular CPD both in school, external courses and through our local membership of the East Lancashire Teaching School Alliance (ELTSAs) and nationally through the PiXL organisation. At the heart of forming a new MAT is to provide the best career support, development and opportunity to all staff. The Trust, if successful, will retain national terms and conditions and follow the 'Burgundy' book.

Applications should be submitted using the forms available from our website with a supporting letter of no more than two pages of A4. www.rhyddings.co.uk/vacancies

Please return completed applications to Mrs Worthington, PA to the Headteacher worthingtong@rhyddings.co.uk

Similarly, should you wish to arrange a visit to the school please do contact her.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Williams
Headteacher

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