



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL LICHFIELD

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Dear applicant,

Thank you for requesting details for the position of Assistant Headteacher. Please take time to read through the recruitment pack to understand more about the role and our school. There is further information available through the website.

If you have not yet been to King Edward VI School and are wondering whether this is the right school for you then I would encourage you to come and visit. Pre-application visits are encouraged but not essential. Please contact Mrs Jetson via office@keslichfield.org.uk to book for one of the following times.

- **Thursday 25th April 3.30pm**
- **Tuesday 30th April 3.30pm**
- **Thursday 2nd May 3.30pm**

King Edward VI School is a thriving, successful, highly respected and over-subscribed 11-18 school which serves the south-eastern part of the City of Lichfield and a number of surrounding villages. We are immensely proud of our traditions but equally proud of our forward-looking and innovative team. Staff work very hard to keep us at the forefront of educational developments and ensure that our students receive an all-round education of the highest quality and that their families feel secure and confident in entrusting their children to us.

This is a growing school; we moved from eight to nine forms of entry in 2019 and from September 2023 the Published Admission Number is for 250 students in Years 7 to 11. The increase in our Published Admissions Number was agreed with Staffordshire County Council in response to the rising local population. We also have a large and successful Sixth Form with approximately 360 students following post-16 courses.

The school has recently undergone significant building work with the replacement of outdated accommodation in two new teaching blocks. This has been funded by the County Council to ensure that the buildings are fit for purpose as the school grows. We also added the former Leisure Centre to our school buildings several years ago; providing our new reception area and dedicated PE teaching space in addition to the sports facilities we have used over time.

We embrace change and seek to ensure that it has a positive impact on our students and staff. As you will see from our school Values and Vision, we value all members of our school community. The relationships between staff and students are incredibly positive; staff also go above and beyond to provide students with opportunities for learning both in and beyond the classroom.

The senior team is strong and stable, with two Deputy Headteachers alongside four Assistant Headteachers and the Business Manager. One of the two Deputy Headteachers has recently secured promotion to Headteacher of the school from September 2024, the headteacher will be leaving after 10 years in the role. This advert is linked to the recent promotion of one of the Deputy Headteachers to the role of Headteacher from September. Shortlisting will take place after the Deputy Headteacher interviews to confirm the availability and the remit for this role.

We are currently a maintained community school. In the changing landscape, governors are mindful of the future of the school and the importance of working with others. Our school status is regularly under review but at present there are no identified planned changes. We collaborate with the other secondary schools in Lichfield and Burntwood; our Sixth Form timetables are also aligned to allow for some joint provision or for students attending courses at other schools. King Edward VI School is also a strategic partner linked to the John Taylor Teaching School Hub, supporting and leading on teacher training programmes and wider professional development.

Thank you again for your interest in the post. You will find further information on our website www.keslichfield.org.uk . Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school if there is any further information which you require to assist you in making an application. As stated in the advertisement for the post, the closing date for receipt of applications is Tuesday 7 May at 9.00am. Interviews for the post are currently scheduled to take place on Friday 17 and Monday 20 May 2024. Any candidates who have not been contacted within one week of the closing date should assume, that on this occasion, their application has not been successful.

If you feel that this is the school that you would like to work in then please complete the application form and recruitment monitoring form in full, sign them and send them back to us, preferably by email. Please include with your application a covering letter, no more than 2 sides of A4, which clearly highlights:

- why you are particularly interested in this post and what areas of senior leadership would you most like to contribute to
- what particular strengths and qualities you feel you could bring to King Edward VI School
- how your values align to our school vision
- your experience of leadership (and the impact of this) that makes you a suitable candidate for this post

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Jane Rutherford (Ms)
Headteacher