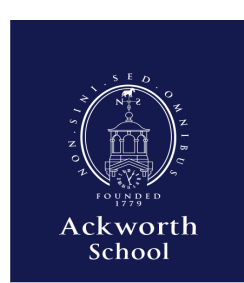


HEAD OF BOARDING AUGUST 2023



Ackworth has always been a co-educational, boarding and day school. For over 240 years, we have maintained a passion for teaching and learning. We are proud of our traditions and family values, but equally proud of our innovative approach to co-education.

Ackworth is a dynamic and forward-thinking school. We strive to develop resilient individuals who not only think creatively, but also act ethically and with responsibility. We encourage our students to express themselves with confidence, to embody the Quaker value of speaking respectfully to others, but also in a way that is true to themselves and their beliefs.

Located in a beautiful rural setting in Yorkshire, we offer broad educational opportunities from nursery age to sixth form, for day pupils and boarders. We are an attractive school to international students where they can easily settle into life in the UK. Our supportive approach to pupils, where English is not their first language, is equalled by the welcoming nature of our UK based pupils.

We truly are an international school and this is supported by our boarding team in order to make our boarders feel like they are at home. Our boarding and pastoral staff provide a caring and safe environment to help our pupils settle in well and quickly make the most of their time with us. Currently, over 90% of our boarders are from outside of the UK although we do have a number of day pupils who flexi-board from time to time.

The Head of Boarding is responsible for leading a small team of four boarding tutors and is supported by an Assistant Houseparent. Currently there are 76 boarders in the combined house, of two wings, with scope to return back to two houses, once numbers increase. There is also room for expansion into junior boarding as a more specialist offer and this is something that could be explored as part of a drive to increase numbers.

The role is dedicated to boarding and is a non-teaching role. There is an expectation to work as part of a rota and this includes a mixture of evening and weekend duties in conjunction with day time working in tandem with the Assistant Houseparent.

Suitable candidates will have previous boarding experience and will understand the statutory requirements as well as the challenges that come with supporting children who live away from home, and also their home country. With these challenges come rewards and to see these children thrive and flourish, as they become accustomed to life at Ackworth, is the reason why you will excel in this type of role. It is very much a commitment beyond the 9 to 5 but does provide the flexibility to benefit from the longer school holidays. We ask that you provide support for three weeks beyond the 34 teaching weeks to take care of pupils arriving and leaving and prepare for each new term.

It is essential that the post holder lives on site and this would be in a three bedroom flat within the boarding house. The role would suit any number of people with a variety of personal circumstances whether that be families, couples or single people. As we are an all through school, we can offer subsidised places for the children of the post holder. For couples or families there is the scope to involve both partners in the life of the boarding house, should this be something that appeals. We are an inclusive school and we ensure that we provide a warm welcome to all of our staff and all them to be part of our community on site.

Benefits

- Salary –. Dependent on ability to evidence skills, knowledge and experience
- Contributory pension
- Remission of fees from Junior School onwards, of 50%.
- All meals and refreshments provided during working hours.
- Access to fitness suite and pool
- Employee support programme

Application Process

The closing date for applications is Friday 17th March 2023

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Application can only be accepted if they are submitted on a school application form. References will be requested prior to the interview date. Please see the Application Process document on the school's website for more details about our recruitment process and the adherence to safer recruitment guidelines.

Ackworth School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff to share this commitment. Applicants should also be in sympathy with the Quaker Ethos. The successful applicant will be expected to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including the completion of an enhanced DBS disclosure.