

CANDIDATE PACK

Assistant Headteacher – Achievement

Wingfield Academy

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Richard Fletcher
Chief Executive Officer



Welcome

My name is Richard Fletcher and I'm the CEO of the New Collaborative Learning Trust. My job involves working with Trust Leaders and Directors, to set the vision and values for the Trust, agree its strategic priorities, along with building a culture where each college and school sees itself as being part of something bigger. This is how we strategically fulfil our expectation that every young person in the Trust matters.

On a day-to-day basis I work with the Principals and senior staff in each of the Trust's 3 Colleges: New College Bradford, New College Doncaster and New College Pontefract, our 3 Secondary Schools; Brinsworth Academy, Wingfield Academy and Dinnington High School, and our 3 Primary Schools: Anston Greenlands Primary School, Redscope Primary School and Thorpe Hesley Primary School, all based in Rotherham/Sheffield.

One of the reasons why we formed the Trust was to share the successful educational model established at New College Pontefract. This journey has now taken us to the communities of Doncaster, Bradford, Rotherham and Sheffield, in the heart of Yorkshire. We genuinely believe in the power and influence of education and everything we do centres around our students receiving a first-class education and student experience.

We want to make a significant difference to the lives of young people and ultimately make a positive contribution to social mobility. We also believe that working in a Multi-Academy Trust significantly benefits all of our students and staff, and enables us to achieve the goals we set ourselves each year.

I'm proud to say that we are a successful Trust, because we ensure our students are taught by the very best teachers. Our educational model is distinctive, evidence-based and proven to work.

In all of our institutions, student outcomes remain a priority, as achieving outstanding results will open doors in the future and allow our students to progress to their preferred destinations. The question we have asked ourselves many times over the years is 'Are strong outcomes enough?' And the answer is simply no! This is why the Trust's strategic plan for the next 3 years states that we must establish a moral balance between pursuing outstanding outcomes and developing our students both personally and socially. This is why we offer many experiences in and outside of the classroom. We hope every young person will benefit from achieving academic success whilst at the same time developing as a well-rounded individual, ready to contribute positively to society.

The ultimate aim is that students leave our Colleges and Schools exceeding expectations, building the necessary skills and progressing to their next phase of education or meaningful

employment. Because our Trust is committed to collaboration, our teachers regularly share good practice and work together to ensure our students are in a strong position to compete against the highest performing students in the country. We strongly believe that no young persons' future should be determined by the circumstances into which they are born.

To finish, I feel it's important to outline the Trust's Teaching for Learning vision, as this is what really underpins our culture.

With this, we aim to:

1. Equip every student with the knowledge, skills and behaviours necessary to achieve outstanding outcomes.
 2. Build a deep understanding and common language around how we learn.
 3. Bring together the best available evidence around memory and learning, in a coherent set of actionable principles.
 4. Foster a culture of continuous improvement in which it is every teachers' obligation to improve their practice.
 5. Provide personalised, evidence-informed CPD, to focus the development of teachers on aspects of their practice that will have the greatest impact on their students.
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Wingfield Academy

Wingfield Academy has become an oversubscribed and high performing secondary school, placing it as one of the highest performing schools in Rotherham and in the top 5% nationally for progress. Wingfield has also been named a national lead school as part of the DfE's behaviour hub programme. The Academy is looking to expand and develop further, attracting the best people to work alongside our dedicated and ambitious staff who go the extra mile to make a quantifiable and powerful contribution to social mobility. We focus on the things that matter.

Wingfield Academy offers a 'child centred, progress focused' academy ethos, we have a cohort of students with high standards of behaviour and a willingness to learn. We have a welcoming and supportive community where staff really do matter. Wingfield offers a supportive and committed leadership team with a clear vision of raising standards of teaching, learning and positive behaviour.

About the Trust

Our vision can only be achieved through collaboration. Our shared belief is that raising outcomes, narrowing gaps and improving social mobility will be accomplished through proactive collaboration across all teams in the Trust, and between the Trust and its key stakeholders. The Trust's culture is further exemplified by its five core values, which characterise the way we seek to work.



Our Schools and Colleges

NCLT currently comprises of 9 schools and colleges including three sixth form colleges, three secondary schools and three primary schools.

Colleges



Secondary Schools



Primary Schools



**Anston Greenlands
Primary School**



**Redscope
Primary School**



**Thorpe Hesley
Primary School**

Employer of Choice

- NCLT was crowned 'Employer of the Year' at the 2023 MAT Excellence Awards - these national awards celebrate the very best performers from over one thousand MATs across the country.
- A strong commitment to staff wellbeing as outlined in our Staff Wellbeing Charter.
- Access to high quality professional training, both in-house and externally, to support your professional development.
- Attractive pension scheme.
- Additional benefits such as a cycle to work scheme and a technology scheme, and an Employee Assistance Programme.
- A culture of self-reflection and improvement to meet the needs of our staff.



**Employer of
the year**



How to Apply

All applications should be made by completing the NCLT application form. These can be downloaded from the vacancies page on our website, <https://nclt.ac.uk/vacancies/>. Completed application forms should be submitted to wfa-recruitment@nclt.ac.uk.

If you have any questions about the recruitment and selection process, please email wfa-recruitment@nclt.ac.uk, alternatively you can call 01977 802650.

NCLT has a commitment to safeguarding the welfare of students and all successful applicants will be subject to pre-employment checks including an Enhanced DBS check. All shortlisted candidates will also be subject to online checks in accordance with safer recruitment guidance. It is an offence to apply for this role if the applicant is barred from regulated activity relevant to children.

Job Description

Post: Assistant Headteacher - Achievement

Responsible to: Deputy Headteacher

Paid On: School Leadership Scale L12 – L16

Contract Details: Full Time, Permanent

Start Date: January 2027

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Strategic Leadership of Achievement and Outcomes

- Provide strategic leadership for pupil achievement, progress and outcomes across the Academy
- Determine the Academy critical list for Y10 and Y11 students, track their progress and plan timely interventions within basket one specifically.
- Take a lead on RAG process for all baskets.
- Take a strategic lead for the ethos and culture around achievement and ambition.
- Champion the progress of vulnerable groups ensuring their provision and intervention received closes the achievement gap when compared to national counterparts.
- Work with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team to sustain and further improve the Academy's exceptional academic performance.
- Establish and communicate the highest expectations for pupil achievement across all subjects and year groups.
- Ensure that leaders at all levels understand their accountability for pupil progress and outcomes and are equipped to fulfil this effectively.
- Identify whole-school priorities relating to achievement and translate these into clear, measurable and effective actions.
- Provide appropriate challenge and support to curriculum and subject leaders to secure consistently strong outcomes.
- Ensure that achievement priorities are reflected effectively within Academy improvement planning and self-evaluation.
- Evaluate the impact of strategies designed to improve achievement and ensure resources and leadership capacity are directed towards the areas of greatest need.
- Keep abreast of national developments relating to accountability, assessment, qualifications and performance measures, ensuring the Academy responds appropriately.

Assessment and Performance

- Provide strategic oversight of the Academy's approach to assessment, ensuring it is purposeful, proportionate and supports excellent teaching and learning.
 - Ensure that assessment information is accurate, reliable and used effectively to inform leadership decisions.
 - Lead the analysis and evaluation of pupil performance at whole-school, subject, cohort, group and individual pupil level.
 - Ensure that leaders use assessment information intelligently to identify strengths, emerging issues and priorities for action.
 - Lead regular reviews of pupil achievement with senior and curriculum leaders, ensuring agreed actions are implemented and their impact evaluated.
 - Ensure appropriate systems are in place to identify pupils who are not making expected progress and that timely action is taken.
 - Ensure predicted outcomes are appropriately robust and that leaders have a clear understanding of likely performance.
 - Provide clear and accessible information regarding achievement and outcomes to the Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team and other stakeholders as required.
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- **Securing Excellent Outcomes for All Pupils**
 - Champion the achievement of every pupil and ensure that high expectations apply regardless of starting point, background or additional need.
 - Maintain a particular focus on the performance of key pupil groups, ensuring that differences in achievement are identified and addressed.
 - Work with relevant leaders to ensure effective strategies are in place for pupils requiring additional support or intervention.
 - Ensure intervention is purposeful, evidence-informed and evaluated rigorously for impact.
 - Challenge expectations or practices that place unnecessary limits on what pupils can achieve.
 - Promote a culture in which excellent academic achievement is recognised, celebrated and expected.
 - Ensure that pupils are appropriately prepared for external examinations and assessments.

Core Senior Leadership Standards

Shaping the Future: Providing Strategic Direction

- Make a significant and notable contribution to the strategic development of the academy as well as taking personal responsibility for the monitoring and successful completion of the strategic plan and playing a leading role in it.
- Actively support, as well as strategically develop and maintain, academy policies and practices that promote high expectations, high achievement and inclusion through effective teaching, learning and behaviour strategies.
- Energetically support the leadership of an agenda of significant change, to raise standards and outcomes in all areas of academy life as it moves to become outstanding.
- Work at the direction of, and in conjunction with, the headteacher to translate the vision into agreed priorities, action plans and demanding key performance indicators and targets aimed at maximising every student's personal progress and achievement, whilst promoting ongoing school improvement.
- With the headteacher, ensure that plans resulting from the strategic direction agreed for the school are rigorously evaluated and result in courses of action that are competently implemented and thoroughly embedded to effectively evidence impact.
- Work with the headteacher to develop and sustain a challenging and clearly articulated vision for the academy, which sets high standards for all students, and which is understood, shared and acted upon effectively by students, staff and the Trust Board.
- Demonstrate the mission and values of Wingfield Academy in everyday work and practice. To motivate and work with others to create a shared culture and positive climate.
- Actively engage and forge supportive partnerships with all stakeholders including parents, members of the Trust Board, learning community partnership schools, other secondary schools and colleges, business and community partners, and the wider community as appropriate, in line with academy's strategic objectives.
- Maintain an agenda of high standards that is 'child centred, progress focused', and to do so without complacency or compromise.
- Ensure the sustained raising of aspiration, achievement and attainment is met through an inclusive, nurturing and innovative lifelong education environment.

Providing the Quality of Education

- Be a visible presence and high-profile member of the academy's senior leadership team, modelling the highest professional standards and supporting all staff to maintain an environment that allows students to grow and thrive.
- Ensure the quality of educational provision, including a broad and balanced curriculum and inspiring teaching and assessment that is fit for purpose, providing memorable learning experiences that prepare students for the next stage of life.

- Deliver an inclusive and equitable curriculum, irrelevant of students' social disadvantage, which takes into account the unique needs and qualities of every young person, supporting them to grow in character, resilience and confidence.
- Promote the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development of students, and prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.
- Have high expectations for behaviour and establish clear and consistent routines to ensure a calm and orderly environment where students' exemplary behaviour allows them to thrive.
- Promote and secure good and outstanding teaching, effective learning, high standards of achievement, and good behaviour and discipline which enable teachers to meet their professional standards.
- Undertake a teaching commitment and model outstanding classroom practice.
- Actively seek opportunities to collaborate with other academies, innovative and high achieving schools in and beyond the locality, to share and develop excellent pedagogies.

Securing Accountability

- Ensure personal leadership provides a strong sense of direction and is relentless in its pursuit to improve the quality of education and experience for all students.
- Set high standards as a leader, modelling at all times, the highest possible standards of professionalism, ethical leadership, dress sense and personal behaviour.
- Work actively with other members of the academy leadership team in monitoring the performance of both professional and co-professional staff in line with the academy's appraisal policies, strategies and practices.
- Work with the Trust Board and the headteacher, providing robust updates against key performance indicators and objective advice and support to enable both to meet their responsibilities.
- Ensure that individual staff accountabilities are clearly defined, understood and agreed, and are subject to rigorous review and evaluation.
- Develop and present a coherent, understandable and accurate account of the academy's performance in relation to specific area of responsibility to a range of audiences including Trustees, parents and carers.
- Ensure effective planning, allocation, support and evaluation of work undertaken by teams and individuals, ensuring clear delegation of tasks and devolution of responsibilities.

Developing Self and Working with Others

- Motivate, inspire and enable all staff to carry out their respective roles to the highest standard.
- Ensure a high standard of professional development for all staff and for self, taking into account needs identified through the appraisal process, latest educational thinking and research, along with workload and staff wellbeing.
- Develop a culture of responsibility that recognises both excellence and supports appropriate strategies to deal with under performance in accordance with the academy appraisal and capability policies and procedures.

- Build a collaborative professional learning culture within the academy.
- In conjunction with the headteacher, endeavour to recruit and retain ambitious, hardworking and well qualified staff.
- Develop and maintain effective strategies and procedures for staff induction.
- Reflect on personal performance and contributions made to academy achievements, whilst taking account of feedback from others in order to improve practice.
- Help ensure a safe working and learning environment through the application of appropriate risk assessment and adherence to current Health and Safety regulations, utilising the academy's line management system and in collaboration with appropriate staff.
- Treat everyone within the academy fairly and equitably.

Strengthening the Community

- Create and maintain a trusting partnership with parents and carers that will actively and positively improve students' achievement and educational experience.
- Seek opportunities to invite parents and carers, community figures, and those from the wider community, business or other organisations into the academy to enhance and enrich the academy and its value to the wider community.
- Seek opportunities to positively promote the academy on a variety of social media networks or through the local press.
- Be present at events/activities where representation of academy staff is required as directed by the headteacher.

Other Duties

- The post holder will be subject to appraisal objectives agreed annually.
- The post holder is expected to carry out such other duties as may reasonably be assigned by the headteacher.
- The post holder will take on any whole school initiative or responsibility that the headteacher may direct.
- The post holder will deputise in the absence of the headteacher.
- The duties of this post may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the post or level of responsibility entailed.
- The post holder will conduct daily duties during instructed times, as instructed by the headteacher.
- The post holder will attend weekly senior leadership team meetings.
- The post holder will attend any activity out of school time as directed by the headteacher.

All staff and senior post holders have a duty for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people. Staff must be aware of the Trust procedures for raising concerns about students' welfare and must report any concern to the designated officers without delay. Staff must also ensure that they attend the appropriate level of safeguarding training identified by the Trust as relevant to their role.

The post holder's duties must at all times be carried out in compliance with the Trust's Equality and Diversity Policy, and the post holder must take reasonable care of the health and safety of self, other persons and resources whilst at work. This entails supporting the Trust's responsibilities under the Health and Safety Act. All staff are expected to support the achievement of the Trust's vision and strategic objectives and to demonstrate its values through their behaviour.

Person Specification

There will be various opportunities for you to demonstrate you have the necessary attributes for this role such as through completion of the application form, at interview, during any tasks and through your provided references.

ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Relevant Experience	• Experience as a middle leader of a secondary school • Ongoing engagement on leadership development • Track record of providing inspiration, strategic thinking, planning and strong leadership and achieving successful outcomes for students, staff and governors • Track record of delivering and sustaining progressive improvements in areas of responsibility • Experience of implementing a successful school-wide or departmental strategy • Evidence of successful management of data provision • Experience of successful and robust staff management	• Experience of leading a core subject (Maths, English or Science)
Education and Training	• Qualified Teacher Status • Qualified to degree level	
Teaching and Learning	• Have a good, up-to-date working knowledge and understanding of a range of teaching and learning strategies and know how to use and adapt them, including how to personalise learning to provide opportunities for all learners to achieve their potential • Ability to develop effective relationships with students and staff • Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, with the ability to negotiate and consult tactfully and effectively, to achieve desirable outcomes • Strong ability to present to a wide range of audiences • Excellent ability to make well-judged decisions based upon accurate analysis and interpretation of appropriate data or information	

	• High level pro-active and creative thinking to anticipate issues, address problems and pursue opportunities • Strong resilience to operate in a challenging environment • Readiness to seek and respond to advice and guidance • Excellent collaborative working skills to perform effectively as part of the wider leadership team • Expert and robust people management and leadership skills; to lead by example • Determination to promote equality of opportunity throughout all aspects of academy life • Ability to set, expect and monitor excellent standards • Strong ability and drive to achieve challenging personal and organisational goals	
Personal Skills and Qualities	• Detailed knowledge of areas included in the job description • Full knowledge of the current Ofsted Framework • Excellent knowledge and understanding of the use of data and key performance indicators in determining benchmarks to set school targets • Knowledge of legislation and best practice in academy management and development • Knowledge of effective technologies to support teaching, learning and management • Up to date knowledge of suspensions and permanent exclusion legislation and processes • Relentless energy • Unashamedly ambitious for all students • Bothered • Emotionally intelligent and responsive to feedback	• Knowledge and understanding of the role of the Governing Body • Successful experience of working with Governors
Additional Factors	• Evidence of having undertaken recent and relevant continuous professional development and to demonstrate the impact of this in work practice	