**WHITLEY BAY HIGH SCHOOL**

**Permanent Teacher of Maths**

**MPS/UPS with effect from 1st September 2023**

We are looking to appoint a highly skillful teacher of Maths to join a talented and hardworking department. The appointed teacher would be required to teach across the whole age and ability range of a comprehensive high school. Maths is very popular at Post 16 level and we currently have 82 students studying Maths in Year 12 and 85 studying in Year 13. The Department also offers Further Maths to A2 Level. Many students go on to study Maths and related courses at University. There will be plenty of opportunities to teach post 16 straight away and indeed it is a requirement of the job that the person appointed can do so.

The Department is one of the largest in the region with a very good mix of experience. It is therefore an excellent environment in which to work and you will be very well supported in all that you do. The quality of our induction programme is one of the recognised strengths of the school.

The Department is at the heart of our Specialist College and makes an outstanding contribution to the school’s high achievement in public exams. Students are so successful because staff are relentless in their high expectations, but also in their generous and time consuming support. This is one of a number of reasons why our Progress 8 score for Maths was +0.51 in 2019 (the last time exams were sat by students). This placed our Maths department as one of the highest performing in the country.

If you are successful in joining the department, you must be able to sustain a heavy workload with good humour and optimism.

The Department has interactive whiteboards in every classroom as well as a dedicated ICT classroom and a class set of iPads which have greatly enhanced teaching and learning. The Department is committed to maintaining outstanding practice through collaboration, joint planning and developing innovative, creative lessons and opportunities for students.

All members of the Department are extremely active in organising a whole range of activities to enhance students’ appreciation of the curriculum and to provide opportunities outside the classroom. The Department runs weekly drop-in sessions for all year groups as well as entering the UKMT individual and team challenges, attending enrichment trips and a week-long MathsFest with events and activities involving all year groups.

The successful applicant will be a tutor within the school pastoral system, and will join a team of tutors led by the Head of Year. You will be responsible for overseeing the welfare and progress of around 25 students in one of our five year groups.

The school enjoys a high reputation for a number of reasons in the local community, one of which is the high quality of its extra curricular provision. I therefore expect to appoint people who not only enthuse students in the classroom but who will make exciting things happen within the wider context of the school.