

Welcome to Upper Wharfedale School



A young person with blonde hair tied back, wearing a green school uniform with a white collar and a green lanyard that says "Upper Wharfedale School", is sitting at a desk. They are focused on shaping a piece of blue clay into a river, with small green and brown clay figures representing trees and hills. On the desk are two blue books, a green protractor, and a small container of colored markers. The background is slightly blurred, showing other students in the classroom.

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- Thank you for your interest in the position of ICT/Network Manager in our school. We are an outstanding rural high school in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales. The local area offers superb opportunities for those who enjoy the outdoors as well as being well placed for access to historic, vibrant and culturally-rich towns and cities nearby
- Only ten minutes from the heart of Skipton, our school is surrounded by the beautiful landscape of Upper Wharfedale. Our school is at the centre of the community and our facilities are open at evenings/weekends to provide activities and enrichment for local young people and their families
- Regular public transport brings staff and students from local towns and villages. The Dales is a fantastic place to live and work. The local market town of Grassington is the setting for the fictional Darrowby in "All Creatures Great and Small."
- Our school is diverse, inclusive and heavily over-subscribed. We welcome students from a wide area, stretching over 200 square miles. We have students of all backgrounds, abilities and aptitudes. We are extremely proud that our students go on to achieve outstanding results in Year 11, with progress rates in the top 10% schools nationally

- With a strong commitment to staff wellbeing we have adopted the Department for Education Wellbeing Charter and supporting and caring for our staff is central to the ethos and working of our school. With our commitment to family-friendly working practices we are able to offer the position as School Term Time only [plus 3 weeks of school holidays, timing by mutual agreement] if that would work better for you. *To explore this option further please see the accompanying information pack.*
- Staff learning and development are also very important to us and we are committed to helping all staff to explore areas of professional interest and prepare for the next stage of their career. Support staff are encouraged to take part in our leadership development programme, "Strengthening Success" and the successful candidate would be very welcome to participate in that this year.
- Whilst we are a small school we have innovative ICT systems in place, designed to make the operation of the school efficient, as well as offer opportunities for improved communication and collaboration. The current post-holder has built an established and extensive network and ICT is at the heart of the operation of our school. This has meant we were well-prepared for the challenge of remote learning during the pandemic and we continue to use technology to enhance and enrich the staff and student experience of learning.



- The successful candidate would be well-supported by colleagues in the site team as well as our Business Manager, Mrs Amy Dalglish
- Please have a look at our website [here](#), have a look at our superb location (What3words: ///solution.digestion.spending) and check us out on Twitter @UpperWharfedale
- If you are interested in hearing more about the opportunity available or would perhaps like to visit us and see how things work currently, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Email us on admin@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk or telephone the school office on 01756 752215
- Appointing the right person is more important to us than a specific "tick-list" of training or experience. We want someone who values what we value and wants to be part of our school community. If our school sounds like a good fit for you, we would encourage you to apply
- Thank you for your interest in our school and I very much look forward to receiving your application

With best wishes

Catherine Reeves

Headteacher

