



Ackworth School

CHILD AND YOUNG PERSONS COUNSELLOR

Ackworth School, a co-educational boarding and day school, was founded in 1779 by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). It maintains its ethos and traditions, and is still governed by the Society, although only a small number of pupils are from the Quaker tradition. The school is academically non-selective and provides an excellent range of facilities and extra-curricular opportunities. The school is a member of both HMC and the Society of Heads.

As a qualified counsellor, you will have a proven ability to communicate effectively with adults, children and young people and share our commitment to safeguarding pupils. An understanding of child adolescent development and youth mental health interventions are essential.

The successful candidate will be required to:

- Provide an independent and confidential counselling service to our students through individual sessions, responding to their personal, social, emotional or educational concerns;
- Evaluate and make decisions about psychological intervention or referral to other external services eg social services, CAMHS;
- Be alert to trends and patterns of problems and be willing to identify causes and recommend corrective action to the Pastoral staff;
- Play an active role in safeguarding students by adhering to the relevant school policies including the school's safeguarding policy.

We are looking for someone to provide a part time service, ideally both during and after the school day. This role may be combined with other counselling work as there is flexibility for when the sessions are run. We anticipate that there will be a requirement of between 5 and 10 hours per week. We can split the role between more than one person for flexibility and cover to be able to respond to absence and changing demand.

In return we offer:

- a competitive salary and generous fee remission of 50% for the children of our staff.
- all food and refreshments during the working day.
- access to sports facilities, new fitness suite and pool.
- free on-site parking.
- flexible pension and health benefits.

- a supportive and friendly work place environment based on the Quaker ethos of the school.
- a committed parent community which plays an active part in the school.
- a beautiful working location in an ideal location within easy travelling distance of the main centres of Sheffield, Leeds, Doncaster and York.

Applications should be sent to:

Joanne Colley
HR Manager
Ackworth School
Pontefract Road
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Pontefract
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Or by email to: jobs@ackworthschool.com

Closing Date: Thursday 19th May at 9.00am

Interviews will be held the week after.

For an informal and confidential discussion, please contact Joanne Colley on 01977 233600 or joanne.colley@ackworthschool.com

Applicants should read carefully the Recruitment, Selection and Disclosure Policy. Our recruitment privacy notice is also available on our website within "Working For Us". Please take time to read the school's recruitment process document in order that you are clear about the process and expectations in line with safer recruitment.

Ackworth School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and all applicants will undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and an enhanced DBS and Barred list check with Disclosure and Barring Service. Applicants should also be in sympathy with the School's Quaker ethos.