Following 19 years of successfully leading the college, our current Headteacher will be retiring in Spring 2022, therefore a rare and exciting opportunity has arisen to lead Unity College and to continue the relentless drive towards becoming an outstanding college.

Unity College is looking to appoint an exceptional, committed leader to share our ambition and strategic vision to build upon the Ofsted ‘good’ rating (November 2018). Your energy and enthusiasm will inspire, challenge and empower all members of the college in achieving our vision.

Our new Headteacher will have strong leadership skills, and be comfortable managing competing agendas. The college has a talented, motivated and dedicated team of teaching and support staff, committed to ensuring that everyone at Unity is given every opportunity to be “the best that they can be”.

Unity College is a successful and extremely popular 11-16 mixed college in the heart of Burnley. The college is oversubscribed and has an excellent local reputation. In September 2010 the college moved into a new £33 million state of the art building which provides an excellent environment for teaching and learning. The current admission number for Unity College is 1260 and due to the ongoing success of the college the college will expand to 1500 students by 2025. It is very exciting times at Unity College, which will be the largest 11-16 college in Lancashire by 2025. There is an extensive building programme of nineteen additional classrooms to accommodate the growing demand for places at Unity College which is expected to be ready by spring 2022.

The successful candidate will benefit from:

• Governors who have high expectations and are positive and supportive.

• A talented, hardworking and inspirational SLT and staff who are relentless in their focus on college improvement.

• Supportive parents and local community who are dedicated to college success.

• Good OFSTED rating in November 2018.

• Stable finances projected for the next five years.

• Growing student numbers and LA funded extensive building programme to further grow the college which is expected to be ready by Spring 2022.

Opportunity to visit the college between Monday 11 October – Tuesday 9 November (please note we have a two-week half-term - Monday 25 October- Friday 5 November – visits can be arranged the first week of our half-term)

Closing date: Wednesday 10 November 2021 at 12 noon

Shortlisting: Monday 15 November 2021

Interviews: Monday 29 November and Tuesday 30 November 2021

Unity College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students. Shortlisted candidates will be subject to an enhanced criminal conviction check through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and a declaration relating to the Childcare Disqualification Regulation (Childcare Act 2006).

Please visit our website for an application pack and further information (<https://www.unity-college.com>) Completed applications should be returned by email / post to Mrs E Johnson Headteacher’s PA ( e.johnson@unity.lancs.sch.uk ).

Visits to Unity College are encouraged and warmly welcomed and strongly recommended to meet the existing Headteacher and to see staff and students at work. Please contact Mrs E Johnson, Headteacher’s PA, on e.johnson@unity.lancs.sch.uk or 01282 683010.