

# Ridgewood Community High School

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## Letter to Candidates from Mr Ian Carden, Headteacher

**Dear Candidate,**

Thank you for your interest in Ridgewood Community High School. I am delighted that you are considering joining our accomplished and dedicated team. This is an exciting opportunity to play a key role in our continued journey towards excellence.

This position has arisen due to the retirement of our current Deputy Headteacher, who has been instrumental in driving school improvement since our last inspection in November 2023. Their leadership has helped shape the school's strong foundations, and we are now seeking an outstanding individual to build on this success.

You will be joining us at a pivotal time in our development. Over the past three years, the school has expanded significantly, and in Summer 2024, we completed extensive building work to establish a purpose-built offsite Post-16 provision and skills centre. This development reflects our unwavering commitment to providing the very best opportunities for our students.

At Ridgewood Community High School, we believe that recruiting and developing exceptional staff is key to our success. Our team is made up of highly skilled and passionate professionals, all dedicated to ensuring that our students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. We invest heavily in staff development and are committed to supporting the professional growth of every member of our team.

The role of Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education) is central to our continued progress. Working closely with myself and the Lead Practitioners, the successful candidate will play a crucial part in the strategic leadership, organisation, and management of the school. We are looking for an experienced and dynamic leader with a proven track record of excellence in a special school setting—someone who will inspire others, model outstanding practice, and drive forward our vision for an exceptional education.

We are seeking a leader who is ambitious for both themselves and our school community—someone who will embrace this exciting challenge and work alongside me to ensure Ridgewood Community High School exceeds expectations in all that we do.

I warmly encourage prospective candidates to visit us for an informal tour and discussion about the role, our school, our students, and our vision for the future. However, please rest assured that choosing not to visit will not place you at any disadvantage during the selection process.

I very much look forward to receiving your application and learning more about how you can contribute to our journey.

Best wishes,

Mr Ian Carden  
Headteacher  
Ridgewood Community High School

