



# Wycombe High School



~ Girls' Grammar School ~



At Wycombe High  
*we look beyond*

## Appointment of **Clerk to the Trustees / Governance Professional**

**REQUIRED from September 2021**

**PART TIME, TERM TIME ONLY + Insets + 1 additional week  
(approximately 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per annum)**

**Bucks Pay Scale 8, Pt 41 - Bucks Pay Scale 8 Pt 45**

£39,082 —£43,490, pro-rata

(actual salary is £13,956 —£15,530 per annum,  
which is an hourly rate of £20.26 —£22.54)



APPLY AT [WWW.WHS.BUCKS.SCH.UK/VACANCIES](http://WWW.WHS.BUCKS.SCH.UK/VACANCIES)



# The Role

We are seeking to appoint a proactive and enthusiastic clerk who will provide an effective and efficient service to the Trust Board of our school. This role might suit a retired solicitor or barrister, or someone who works or has worked in a school and who has an understanding of governance.

The clerk will be based onsite for two days per week and will take minutes, convene the meetings and provide advice to the Trust Board. Meetings usually take place during afternoons/early evenings.

**KEY DATES:**  
Deadline for applications 12 July 2021, 8:00 am

The successful candidate will be a good communicator, computer literate and the ability to work to tight deadlines.

Responsibilities include advising the Trustees of procedural and legal duties, preparation and circulation of agendas/minutes, and other administrative duties as required.

Previous minute taking experience is essential, and knowledge of school governance would be highly desirable.

In return we offer the opportunity to work in a friendly, vibrant, outstanding school.

**Interviews to be held during the week commencing 12 July 2021**

# The Person

We are looking for the right person to fill this vacancy; you are looking for the right school to work in.

We hope that this booklet and the school prospectus give you a flavour of Wycombe High School.

To help you in your application, below are the characteristics that we are looking for when reading the applications and at the interview:

- ◇ Education to Level 3 or above
- ◇ Knowledge and confident use of software packages including MS Office, Excel and Outlook
- ◇ An excellent communicator, with very good oral and written skills
- ◇ Good interpersonal skills
- ◇ Able to prioritise workload and work quickly and accurately under pressure
- ◇ Proactive and able to work on own initiative
- ◇ Able to work independently but also as part of a team
- ◇ Professionalism and the ability to work within defined standards and procedures
- ◇ Innovative, identifying alternative ways to resolve issues, improve standards and procedures
- ◇ Courteous, discrete and respectful of confidentiality
- ◇ An eye for detail
- ◇ Positive, 'can do' attitude to work
- ◇ Experience of delivering a high quality, responsive service
- ◇ Experience of working in a busy environment with people of all ages
- ◇ Experience of managing workload and meeting challenging deadlines.
- ◇ Committed to the ethos of Wycombe High School



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# How To Apply?

The application form can be found on our website:  
<https://www.whs.bucks.sch.uk/about-whs/vacancies>

To apply for this post, please complete the application form and a letter supporting your application. In your letter you should:

1. State your reasons for applying for this post
2. Outline the experiences that you believe have prepared you for this post
3. Describe the skills and strengths that you will bring to the school, paying particular attention to the person specification above.

Please note that the application form must be completed in full. It is not sufficient to substitute a C.V. for all or any part of the form.

You are welcome to telephone or e-mail the school to ask for clarification of any matters in this booklet or if you have queries on how to complete the application form. Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic, we are unable to show prospective applicants around school prior to application.

## **SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION VIA EMAIL TO:**

Mrs S Cromie, Headteacher,  
Wycombe High School,  
Marlow Road,  
High Wycombe,  
Bucks, HP11 1TB  
Email: [hr@whs.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:hr@whs.bucks.sch.uk)

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## **REFERENCES**

Please note that it is our practice to take up references before shortlisting for interview. If you would prefer us not to do so unless you are shortlisted, please indicate this clearly in your application. Current and previous employers will be contacted as part of the verification process pre-appointment checks.

When an applicant is short-listed, any discrepancies or anomalies in the information provided or issues arising from references will be taken up at interview. Your referees should include your most recent employer. References from relatives or friends are not acceptable.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Wycombe High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff are required, before taking up post, to undertake a criminal record check through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

Candidates for teaching and support staff posts will be assessed at interview for their suitability to work with children. Appointment is conditional upon at least two satisfactory references which include specific comments on working with children and young people.

All staff at the school have a responsibility to promote and safeguard the welfare of students at the school.

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# Pay and Conditions

## PAY SCALE

### Bucks Pay Scale 8 point 41—45

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Hours of work will be 15 hours a week (2 days). The role is for 40 weeks per year i.e. Term Time + Insets + one additional week.



Non-teaching staff are auto-enrolled in the Local Government Pension Scheme, a scheme which offers exceptional employer contributions and benefits.

We also provide an Employee Assistant Programme for staff, a completely free service giving staff 24/7 access to counselling, plus legal, medical and financial advice and support.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Wycombe High School is committed to equal opportunities for all its students and staff, irrespective of race, colour or nationality, gender, marital status, family circumstances, religion, sexual orientation, age or disability. There will be no discrimination on these grounds, or for any other reasons which cannot be shown to be justified. Students applying for admission to the school and candidates for posts at the school will be treated according to school policies on admission and recruitment and with regard to British and European legislation.

Attention will be paid to the importance of equal opportunities education in both the formal and informal curriculum and our curriculum will be reviewed at frequent intervals to ensure that this policy is reflected in practice.

The Headteacher is responsible to the Governors for monitoring this policy.

The school operates an Equality Cohesion Scheme.

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## SMOKING AND ALCOHOL

The school operates a no-smoking policy. Smoking is not permitted at any time on the school site.

The consumption of alcohol on the school site is not permitted during the hours of the time-tabled school day and thereafter only at the Headteacher's discretion during authorised school events.

## DRESS CODE

The school has a dress code for staff: staff should dress in a business-like and professional manner, similar to the dress styles which are the norm among service industry professionals who regularly meet the public, such as bank staff. Discrete piercings in the lower ear only are allowed; and no visible tattoos, in line with expectations for students.



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**At Wycombe High School, we**

***Look beyond* the traditional grammar school.  
*Look beyond* league tables and examination results.  
*Look beyond* stereotypes and conventions.  
*Look beyond* a world where futures are fixed.**

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