



CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

A C H I E V E M E N T F O R A L L

The following post is available for support staff at this successful High School, to start as soon as possible:

SENIOR DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD

Grade 8, 37 hour per week contract (40 working weeks)

FTE Salary is £33,699-£38,220

Pro Rata Salary for full time (37 hours) is £29,263-£33,189

Purpose: To take responsibility for safeguarding and child protection (including online safety and understanding the filtering and monitoring systems in place), support staff to carry out their safeguarding duties and liaise closely with children's social care and other services. The role will suit an adaptable, flexible and resourceful individual who can demonstrate drive and relentless focus on acting in the best interests of our pupils. The Senior Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead will also assume the role of Senior Mental Health Lead (SMHL) for the school. As SMHL, they will develop and implement a strategic, whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing and oversee the school's mental health policy, providing staff training, and collaborating with external services.

About the Role

The role will involve working collaboratively with a dedicated team of experienced professionals to ensure that safeguarding and child protection are in place across the school. The senior DDSL will work with other staff including the DSL, DDSLs, SMHL, SENDCo, Attendance Team, Pastoral Team and Leadership Team. We welcome applications from people with strong verbal and written communication skills, organisational skills, a commitment to education and ensuring equal opportunities, as well as outstanding personal qualities including empathy, patience and resilience.

The role includes:

- managing referrals;
- referring cases of suspected abuse and neglect to the local authority children's social care;
- acting as a source of support, advice and expertise for all staff;
- ensuring child protection files are up to date;
- encouraging a culture of listening to children and taking account of their wishes and feelings among all staff;
- delivering appropriate safeguarding and child protection training, including online safety and staff responsibilities in relation to filtering and monitoring.

Cannock Chase High School is an 11–19 mixed comprehensive school with around 1100 students on roll. Students and staff are warm, open and supportive to one another and proud of their school. We were judged as 'good' in our most recent Ofsted inspection and behaviour was described as 'exemplary'. Mutual respect is a key feature of our relationships here.

Please refer to the following documentation, when completing an application for this post:

1. Application Guidance Notes;
2. Job Description and Person Specification.

A successful application will include:

1. A completed School Application Form;
2. A Letter of Application (of no more than two sides of A4), outlining how your skills and experience to date meet the requirements of this post.

Cannock Chase High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people. All appointments are subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance.

The job description and person specification are available from the Headteacher at the school or via the website: <https://www.cannockchasehigh.com/about-us/jobs-at-cchs>. All applications must be on the school Application Form (which is also available from the school or via the website), CVs alone are not acceptable. Completed applications are to be e-mailed to Iain Turnbull, Headteacher, at headteacher@cannockchasehigh.com,

Closing date: **Monday 15 September 2025, 9:00am**

Headteacher: Mr I Turnbull, BEd (Hons), NPQH

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