

Welcome DR JUDE MELLOR

We are delighted to introduce Dr Jude Mellor as the newly appointed Head Teacher at The Ashby School. Dr Mellor will be joining The Life Multi-Academy Trust on the 23rd August 2021.

Job Role: Head Teacher

Bio:

Having grown up and been educated in Sheffield, I moved to Leicester to attend university completing a BSc in Combined Sciences; a modular degree encompassing Geography, Geology, Archaeology & Computing and feeding my love of inter-disciplinary study. It was this, alongside my love of the hills that led me to be a Geography teacher and I completed my PGCE, also at Leicester University, in 1998.

My early career saw me teaching in Warwick, Leicester and Coventry alongside furthering my education through the completion of an MSc in Educational Leadership, an NPQSL and growing my own leadership pathway through departmental, faculty and then whole school leadership across a range of schools, subjects and key stages.

In 2010, by then a mum of two small children, I started my first full senior leadership role as Assistant Headteacher for teaching and learning in an 11-16 Leicester school undertaking a BSF rebuild. This was such an exciting opportunity to rethink and reshape my own and the school's philosophy of education and approach to pedagogy that, alongside this, I undertook and completed a PhD in Educational Research, gaining my doctorate in 2016.

In 2016 I moved 'across town' to be Deputy Headteacher at a contrasting school allowing me the opportunity to take my own learning and leadership journey to another level and explore with more depth varied educational contexts. My 5 years as Deputy and then Senior Deputy have been instrumental in leading me to Headship and I am immensely grateful for the opportunities they, and the remarkable leaders I have been privileged to work with and for, have provided me with.

I am delighted that this journey has led me to be appointed Headteacher of Ashby School at such an opportunistic time of innovation. I am hugely excited at the challenge and potential this brings me personally as the next stage in my own learning journey, whilst also believing passionately in the potential for such innovation to improve even further the education provision for the young people of the town.

Education is an amazing profession to work in; I love the challenge, the pace, the power to make a difference and, most importantly, the opportunity to be a learner. I also know that working in education needs balance; and travel, sport and the rolling hills shared with family and friends provide that for me. I am immensely grateful for it all.

