



AKELEY WOOD  
SCHOOL

# DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM



# Part of a Global Family

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What kind of education genuinely prepares young people for the future?

How can schools ensure their students are well-equipped to navigate the unknown paths ahead?

Akeley Wood School is part of Cognita, an extraordinary network of diverse yet connected schools, spanning eight different countries. We share one common purpose: to create an inspiring world of education that builds self-belief and empowers individuals to succeed.

Together, we provide a uniquely global education that goes beyond grades to develop the skills young people need in order to embrace the opportunities – and challenges – they will face beyond school. Qualities like resilience and a global mindset, cultural awareness and collaboration – these, alongside strong academics, are at the heart of a Cognita education.

As a global family, we connect with each other to share expertise, insights and best practice across the world to help us develop rich learning environments in every school.

**“A uniquely global education that goes beyond grades to develop all-round academic excellence.”**

When your classroom is the world, thinking big comes naturally. Our 70+ schools in Europe, Latin America and Asia equip young people with the confidence and resourcefulness that prepares them to grow, thrive and find their success in a fast-changing world.

# Be part of a brand new concept for Sixth Form

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Akeley Wood School occupies three beautiful and historic campuses near Buckingham, Wicken Park, Tile House Mansion and Akeley Wood House.

A dedicated centre of excellence for Sixth Form, AW6, opens at our Tile House Mansion campus from September 2021 following the re-organisation of age ranges across the three locations.

Tile House Mansion is being re-developed to be the first dedicated independent Sixth Form campus in the area and we are committed to ensuring it offers an unrivalled educational experience - specialising in combining academic excellence with preparation for the future.

At AW6 we will be inspiring students to be game changers, disrupters, creative thinkers and leaders in waiting. We are preparing students to develop successful careers and lives beyond school.

This is an education as unique as its students and we are seeking an exceptional practitioner who drive forward the vision for this unique proposition.

# Our Ethos & Values

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**An Akeley education is about far more than just academics. Equally important is equipping young people with the confidence and resourcefulness that prepares them to grow, thrive and succeed in a fast-changing world. We do not know what the future holds and from our Junior School campus, Wicken Park to our dedicated Sixth Form Campus, AW6, we prepare our children to be adaptable to change, to be ambitious and excited about their future and to grasp every opportunity with both hands.**

Our approach at AW6 is to offer the very best in Sixth Form education and experience. Academic excellence delivered by a dedicated team of teaching professionals who consistently support students to achieve top band results is matched by an equally impressive co-curricular and future ready programme supported by leaders in industry.

This is a multi phase development. For the opening in September 2021, we will have completed a re-furbishment of the ground floor of the mansion house to provide numerous dedicated study and social spaces, café and lecture room. The second and third floors will be Sixth Form teaching and tutor rooms and house our fully equipped Business Suite created for both formal and informal business meetings and 1:1 coaching sessions. The suite will incorporate a Microsoft Teams video conferencing solution. Real world experience!

The opportunities afforded at AW6 enable students to gain essential networking skills, develop resilience and confidence and ensure that they are ready for whatever the future holds.

In addition to a comprehensive Future Ready programme, students will have access to a full speakers programme and masterclasses with Sixth Form students from across the Cognita Schools group. They will also engage with business leaders in half-termly business breakfasts, benefit from professional mentoring and have access to specialists in university entry - wherever their ambitions lead them.

We will encourage students to re-invent, re-imagine and re-evaluate situations and scenarios and help them to hone the skills that enable them to pivot and adapt to ever changing life experiences and find the self-belief that they can achieve more than they thought possible!

We hope that you can help us to achieve this for them and look forward to your application.

# Key Responsibilities

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- To build and maintain a culture and curriculum which takes account of the richness and diversity of AW6 community distinct from the Senior School but aligned to the Akeley Wood School Aims, Ethos, Vision & Culture.
- To drive AW6 to be the best Post 16 provider in the Cognita group and the wider area through maintaining a thirst for innovation and creativity and actively engaging with educational research.
- Effectively and empathetically lead, manage, support and develop the AW6 staff maintaining high expectations and securing positive accountability.
- Lead Teaching and Learning, holding responsibility for educational standards across AW6;
- Lead Pastoral Care, with oversight of the behaviour and welfare of all pupils in AW6;
- Be a member of the Senior School Leadership Team and other staff teams as appropriate and to contribute to the development of policy and planning for the school.
- Strategic Development of the AW6 in line with the Senior School development plan;
- Promote and develop links with key stakeholders and the wider community;

The full details of this role are within the Role Profile.

