Staff testimonials – October 2023

Our school is one of a kind and I am so proud of the work we do here. I've worked here for six years and have witnessed the great social and mental health effects this school has had on our young people, who have established friends for life and feel equipped to advocate for themselves and embrace their autism. Our school takes a holistic approach to ensuring that students are happy, safe, and supported at school while reaching their full academic potential. Every person who works here is dedicated, incredibly knowledgeable, and, most importantly, aspires to help our students find appropriate, secure pathways that reflect their abilities, interests, and strengths.

Melissa Denton
Work Experience & Careers Co-ordinator

I have been in education for over 20 years and have worked at Lighthouse for the past 5 years. I can honestly say that Lighthouse School is the most progressive and supportive environment that I have ever experienced in the education sector. I like the background and short history of the school - the fact that it is family-founded and maintains a community and family feel. Being at Lighthouse feels like playing a part in making history and creating new best practise every day. The small nature of the provision means that students, parents, and staff alike all have a voice and are always responded to. New ideas and initiatives are heard and implemented. The provision is both highly individualised and flexible, and everyone is treated and respected as an individual with great ideas and potential.

The working environment is excellent. The students are wonderful and clearly make great progress in their social skills and overcoming their barriers as they progress through the school. The building and grounds are beautiful and well maintained. The school is safe and student behaviour is well managed.

The school offers many wellbeing initiatives including on Staff Development Days which are effective, creative and fun. Staff also benefit from: early leave days; staff discounts; free tea and coffee; and excellent wellbeing and health care benefits, inc. counselling services.

The co-operation between colleagues is fantastic and staff work together as a team. The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) are approachable and open to staff suggestions, and I would recommend a role at the school to a friend.

Sally Dexter
Key Stage 5 Co-ordinator and Employability Manager

“I've only been at Lighthouse for just over a year and it is a wonderful place to work, staff are kind and supportive and I feel like a valued staff member here.
The students at Lighthouse are ambitious and push themselves every day. It's truly a pleasure to work here.”

Amelia Parkin
Educarer/Healthcare Assistant

Working at Lighthouse is just amazing! The school are committed to ensuring staff wellbeing is at the forefront of everything they do, and the Leaders lead with care and consideration for their staff.

Louise Jarvis
Student Support Administrator