

A message from John Boydell, Chair of Corporation Board

After successfully leading the College through some difficult times into the promising position we now hold, our current Principal and Chief Executive, Dr Lis Smith, is retiring at the end of March 2021, and we are seeking applications for her successor who will work in partnership with the Board to ensure Preston's College continues its upward journey to deliver excellence, with employable, fulfilled learners, who together with the communities we serve, respect us as their partner and ally for success.

At Preston's College we put the learner experience at the heart of everything we do. Our staff are committed to the delivery of high-quality teaching and communication, and our Board members oversee and share such commitment.

We are on an upward trajectory, having been accredited as "Good" in our last Ofsted inspection, with an ambitious but realistic goal to reach "Outstanding". Internally, since that last inspection we have achieved further, measurable progress, and we are continuing to push forward. The College benefits from an experienced and settled leadership team and motivated staff at every level. However, our progress to date does not make us complacent; there is still much to be achieved.

We have a simple-to-understand approach, which is to make our learners the "most employable". We seek to have them become happy and productive members of the communities they live and work within. We are not elitist: all our learners matter, whatever their abilities.

Excellent partner relationships with employers, schools, FE and HE institutions, LEP, local government and community institutions have helped in learner recruitment and in the elevation of the College's reputation. That is something to build upon, and we will continue to invest and innovate, for our reputation in the near and wider communities we serve is a key part of building further success. Confidence in us and respect for us matters morally and commercially.

The journey to becoming an outstanding college will need everybody to work together to deliver excellence. This will, of course, be founded upon good planning and implementation of those plans but, crucially, also upon a shared attitude-of-mind to succeed, whatever the challenges that arise. Passing that attitude on to our learners will serve them well not only in their learning while with us but in their future lives. In addition, part of the measure of our success will not be just objective, measured results but to be remembered by our learners with fondness, confidence and respect.

The recruitment process for this role is being undertaken by Dodd Partners on behalf of Preston's College. For more information regarding this role and details of how to apply, please visit www.doddpartners.com/vacancies and download the assignment brief. The closing date for applications is **9.00am, Monday 9th November 2020**. Should you wish to have a confidential discussion about the role, please call John Dodd on 07545 43184 8 or 01244 738450.

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Creating THE most employable learners
- at all life and career stages

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