

SYDNEY SMITH SCHOOL  
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East Riding of Yorkshire  
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Headteacher: Kevin Beaton



### General Information

Sydney Smith School is a National Challenge School that is seeking rapid improvement and the school is seeking candidates who can work effectively in challenging inner city schools.

The school is situated on the western outskirts of Hull in a large green field site of 53 acres. Hull is part of the wave 2 BSF authorities and there are exciting opportunities as the programme is implemented for completion in 2015. The school has enormous potential and is both ambitious and determined to be successful.

There is a developing partnership between the Local Authority, other educational institutions, local business and the local community. The school is seeking to involve the local community in the life of the school in a significant number of ways. The school is piloting the use of the innovative Family Learning Signature as a means of ensuring greater engagement of the families in their learning.

Sydney Smith School has ambitious plans to become a specialist college and is seeking to develop a vision which sees the school as a centre of excellence which will raise the aspirations and expectations of the entire local community.

The students within the school have results at KS2 that are broadly in line with national averages and the school is now determined to be a major partner in the attempt to raise the self esteem and aspirations within Hull. Since 2001 there has been a steady rise in examination results that was halted due to the impact of the devastating flooding of the school in June 2007.

The school suffered extensive damage in the floods of June 2007 when every ground floor room in the school suffered water damage up to a depth of 4 feet. In the following year a £5.8 million repair and refurbishment programme at the school ensured that all the rooms and facilities have now been restored and all the contents have been replaced.

The school has excellent sports facilities that include a fitness suite, dance studio, swimming pool, all weather area, gym and sports hall alongside the extensive field facilities.

The school has 6 traditional computer rooms but is now making more use of the new E-PCs within the school and now has nearly 250 in use in 5 different departments. These allow the students to have access to their school work both

inside and outside of the school. The intention is to expand this use of the E-PC with the students at the school.

The school has a strong action plan and an enthusiastic staff committed to improving the opportunities for the students in the school. The school has enormous potential and is both ambitious and determined to be successful.

To help ensure this success the school is seeking candidates who are willing to prove they can work effectively in challenging inner city schools.

The school now has:

- a developing curriculum:
  - with greater personalization for the students
  - more access to vocational courses at KS4
  - a two year KS3
- an emphasis on using ICT throughout the curriculum
- a commitment to staff development
- ambitions to become a specialist College
- an ethos which encourages good attendance and achievement at all levels

Any offer of employment to this post will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau.

Sydney Smith School is a non-smoking site.