



Ms Emma-Jane McLaren  
Principal

## Message from the Principal

Thank you for your interest in Winsford Academy.

It is an exciting time to join the academy, as we embark on our school improvement journey. As the new principal, I have been overwhelmed by the positive response I have received from staff, students and Winsford community.

The socio-economic context of the academy places it in the 5th quintile for deprivation, with 45% of students attracting additional Pupil Premium funding and more than 20% of students having special educational needs. Such complexity brings both challenge and opportunity; if you would like to make a significant difference to young people and are passionate about social mobility, then you will feel real satisfaction and love working at WA.

I am very proud that at WA we now have four SENCOs and a brilliant team of teaching assistants and safeguarding leads. Ensuring that *all* students are supported to make strong progress through the curriculum is a key focus within the academy.

Teaching assistants, pastoral leads and support staff are highly valued members of the Winsford community. As a team of professionals, they each provide additional insight and expert knowledge into how we can remove barriers so that students can access our knowledge rich academic curriculum. To enable staff to further develop and flourish as leaders, we provide high quality training and development, whether that be within the four main areas of special educational need, pastoral leadership, subject knowledge or explicit teaching strategies.

If you have any further questions or would like a confidential conversation about joining the team at WA, please do not hesitate to contact J Fox to arrange a call.

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I wish you the very best in your chosen career,

EJ McLaren