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Dear Applicant

May I offer you a very warm welcome to Hodgson, an outstanding academy, I hope what you read in our application pack inspires you to apply for this very important post. If successful you will be joining a team of highly committed, innovative and successful professionals.

At Hodgson we have very traditional values and believe in a culture of mutual consideration and respect. This underpins our learning environment which is calm, orderly and mutually supportive. In terms of our teaching practice we seek to remain cutting edge. Teaching and Learning is at the heart of everything we do and we strive for constant improvement and innovation. Our teachers work tirelessly to improve their practice, regardless of the stage they are at in their career or if they are already graded outstanding. As a teaching school we train future teachers, future leaders and work collaboratively with other schools on continual professional development. Joining the staff at Hodgson gives you opportunities to maximise your abilities and progress in your chosen profession.

In 2012 Hodgson and Blackpool Sixth Form College (who run the Fylde Coast Teaching School), formed a multi-academy trust and now sponsors academies in Blackpool with Mr Nicholson as Executive Principal. These are exciting times to be working in the teaching profession and at Hodgson we are proud to play a part in helping to raise standards locally, to extend the opportunities and raise the life chances of students on the Fylde Coast.

As Acting Principal at Hodgson I am hugely excited about the future of the academy. I look forward to appointing new leaders and teachers who will bring ambition, energy and creativity to our academy. Despite 80% of our students achieving the new basic measure, 86% of the students achieved a grade C or above in mathematics and 84% in English in 2016, we believe still more can be achieved. At Hodgson the sky is the limit. Expectations are very high at Hodgson but the rewards are fantastic – are you up to the challenge? If you wish to make your mark in our excellent school then please apply for this post and, if successful, join us at Hodgson.

Yours sincerely

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