

March 2018

Dear Colleague,

**SENDCO/HEAD OF LEARNING SUPPORT FACULTY**  
**Required for September 2018**

Thank you for your interest in this full-time permanent position. We are looking to appoint a SENDCO/Head of Learning Support from September 2018. This is an exciting opportunity to lead the Learning Support faculty. We are committed to excellence of achievement and try to ensure that pupils reach their full potential, at whatever level they are working.

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, dedicated and inspirational professional to this crucial role in the school. Applicants will be outstanding practitioners, with a strong record of working effectively with children with SEND. S/he will have a sound understanding of all legal and statutory requirements in respect of SEND provision.

The intention is that the teaching commitment will be determined after the appointment according to subject specialism.

Sheldon is a high-achieving and oversubscribed school with a strong record of success and an outstanding local and national reputation. You would be joining a very hardworking and supportive faculty which has a strong collegiate atmosphere. It is a large team with an excellent record of success. We offer a full programme of induction and support to all colleagues who join us.

Sheldon is a great school. I have worked in six schools in total and am continually impressed by the positivity of the staff and the atmosphere around the school that is overwhelmingly happy and shows our students to be enjoying their learning in a thriving environment. It's simply a pleasure to come to work each day and I think you would find staff would say the same to you were you to ask them. Students are proud of their school and Ofsted commented in the recent inspection in June 2017 that "pupils are keen to share their enthusiasm and enjoyment of school, reflecting the principles that we have instilled." Moreover, "the all-pervading caring ethos ensures that pupils are happy and able to thrive from the moment they arrive at school."

There is a continual focus on staff development and wellbeing, both of which rated very highly in the most recent survey conducted in the summer of 2017. Staff morale, in what are challenging educational times, is high, born out of there being a real sense of community. We work hard, but the effort is worth it and the students certainly appreciate it. You will see lots of laughter and you will also have a lot of fun.

Further details concerning the role and information about the Learning Support Faculty and the school are enclosed together with an application form. In addition, we have included other information to outline the all-round offer, but please also take the time to look at what happens in the school day-to-day by visiting our website. I hope that, having read the information, you will be keen to apply.

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The successful candidates will be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils in the school. The posts will be dependent on a successful enhanced DBS check.

Please return the application form, together with a covering letter [no more than two sides of A4, please] to me by the closing date of **18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (noon)**.

We hope to interview by 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018. If you have not heard from the school by this date, you should consider your application to have been unsuccessful on this occasion. If that proves to be the case, may I thank you in advance for taking the trouble to apply and wish you success in your future career.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Spurdell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a light grey rectangular box.

Neil Spurdell  
**Headteacher**