BEACONSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Applicant

Thank you so much for showing interest in our school and the post of Teacher of Spanish and/or French. We are extremely proud of our school, our students and our staff. We are excited about our intention to appoint a new, dynamic and inspirational member of the Languages team and look forward to hearing how your skills, attributes and experience can match our needs at this time.

Beaconsfield High School is a happy, high achieving and remarkable grammar school in the delightful town of Beaconsfield. The school is oversubscribed, our students achieve incredibly well at both GCSE and A level and make good progress each year that they are with us. The vast majority of our students go on to higher education but some take a gap year and then progress to university or higher level apprenticeships.

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The Languages Faculty consists of eight members of staff and two Foreign Language Assistants. All students study three languages in Year 7; they then choose two to continue throughout KS3. At KS4, at least one language is studied to higher level GCSE. We currently have a number of girls who choose to continue their studies in two languages at GCSE, where results are excellent. We offer A levels in French, Spanish and Latin. One of our A level students has been offered a place at Oxford University next year.

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I joined this school in April 2015 and I can genuinely say that there is so much positive energy, achievement and 'buzz' at Beaconsfield High School that it is difficult to give you a full picture of what goes on here. Our staff give so generously of their own time to enable the girls to have wonderful and enriching experiences, often in their holiday time, such as language trips, history trips, ski trips, sports tours (including to Australia!), music tours, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, to mention but a few. Sporting achievements are outstanding, with national medals being won this year by several of our teams, and dance is superb with the annual dance show being a real highlight. Hundreds of our students take part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and many students take part in debating competitions, mock trials, young enterprise competitions, drama productions, music concerts ... the list is endless.

We believe that students should feel cared for, we work very hard to support their well-being through a strong pastoral care framework, and a recently developed scheme called 'Getting Life Ready'. We recognise that happy and confident young women are far more successful in all that they do. There is something for everyone at our school and the ethos and atmosphere is one of acceptance and mutual respect.



Dare to be remarkable

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We have recently invested over £3,500,000 in refurbishing some of the older parts of the school. Our staffroom is completely refurbished and we have built three new Science laboratories. We have also invested £100,000 in new servers and IT infrastructure ready for the next stages in the development of an IT vision over the coming five years to support and promote the remarkable learning that already takes place.

All of our academic faculties achieve very well, the Languages Faculty has many strengths. They have helped us to ensure that our Sixth Form outcomes make us the best Sixth Form in Buckinghamshire. Now we wish to enhance the high standards already in place.

As part of your application, please write a letter (no more than to two sides, font 11) explaining how your skills, creativity and passion for effective teaching in Spanish would best meet the requirements of the job description and personal specification.

The closing date is on the advert and details of whom to contact are there too.

This is a remarkable school and we will provide you with a vibrant, exciting opportunity to develop your leadership skills in a school dedicated to excellence.

Kind regards.

Rachel Smith

Headteacher