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Dear Applicant

Head of Physical Education

Thank you for requesting details for the post of Head of Physical Education. This is a significant leadership role, as Physical Education contributes to our academic achievement and has a central role within our extended curriculum. Formerly a Sports College, the department has tried to maintain its key place within the school. Our students have a love of sport, and would also wish to access a wider sporting and activity menu. Therefore, expertise in motivating and improving female students would be essential.

If successful, you would be joining a school that is about to move to the next level in terms of performance. Following eight consecutive years of improvement, like many schools, we suffered a small decrease in headline GCSE results, but are securely judged as Good. Physical Education students have consistently been in the top quartile for school progress. If successful, you will need to have energy, intellect, passion and leadership skills to improvement the areas of curriculum physical education, examination physical education and the extended curriculum. We currently teach AQA GCSE and Pearson BTEC courses. If you do join us, you will be expected to play a major part in the continuing improvement of the whole school. Without doubt, this post is vital to the success of our students.

The Physical Education Department currently consists of five teachers. The Head of Physical Education works to the Headteacher. The department has frequently been judged to be Good, often with Outstanding features, during Area Reviews, and the quality of observed teaching has rarely fallen below Good.

In terms of facilities, the school has extensive playing fields, netball and tennis courts, a fitness gym, a sports hall, as well as access to the adjacent leisure centre for part of the week, as this supports our swimming programme and indoor sports curriculum. If you have any queries regarding this post that you wish to raise before applying for this position, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

I look forward to meeting you should you decide that this is an opportunity to make a real difference to a school and community that will welcome a leader, with vision, enthusiasm, intellect and integrity.

Yours sincerely

P Hearle

Headteacher



