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Part-time Teacher of Photography (0.6)

Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher of Photography at John F Kennedy Catholic School (JFK). I hope that you find the information we have provided for you informative and useful – its aim is to help you as you begin to consider whether JFK is the right school for you in the next stage of your career development.

JFK was opened in 1967 and is a mixed 11-18 comprehensive Catholic school with approximately 1100 students on roll, including 200 in the Sixth Form. The school enjoys a very good reputation in Hemel Hempstead and beyond as a strong community with high academic achievement, excellent extra-curricular opportunities and a welcoming, friendly environment. Our fundamental aim in educating our young people is formed by considering the Latin root of the word 'educate': a 'drawing' out of the potential in each child. We believe that all of our students have their own unique gifts and talents and our task as teachers is to maximise their achievements. This means more than just focusing on exam results; personal development and spiritual development are equally important.

Last year the school underwent its most recent inspections: Section 8 in March and Section 48 in December. The headline outcomes for these inspections were all 'good'. In terms of results our Progress 8 figures so far have been: 0.10 in 2016 and 0.09 in 2017. These were achieved without a compulsory 'Progress 8 bucket-filling' policy.

The governors are seeking to appoint a well-qualified graduate teacher to join this thriving and high achieving department. The successful candidate will teach across the ability range in Key Stages 4 and 5.

The successful candidate will help students to create their own photography and develop an appreciation of the different genres, practitioners and their styles. They should also help students to gain an understanding of camera control, editing digital images in the Mac Studio and building a stunning portfolio. There is scope within this course to extend into lens and light-based media such as video or moving images. We are looking for a teacher who can help students to progress on this course and develop their personal enquiry and expression involving the selection and manipulation of images.

I hope that having read this letter and the information about the school that you will choose to apply. To do so, you are asked to complete the application form in full but instead of a supporting statement please write a letter of application which relates your experience to



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the job description and person specification. In your letter you should also outline your personal educational philosophy, your vision and the contribution that you can make to John F Kennedy Catholic School.

I am always happy to welcome visitors to the school and I encourage you to come and visit us to see the school for yourself. If you would like more information about the school please visit our website (www.jfk.herts.sch.uk). If you would like to know more about the post itself please do not hesitate to contact my PA, Eva Final (email: efinal@jfk.herts.sch.uk), who will be very happy to answer any questions you may have. May I ask you to return the application form to the school address. Thank you for your interest in the post.

Paul Neves
Headteacher

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