



# GILBERT INGLEFIELD ACADEMY

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Dear Sir/Madam,

## Head Teacher vacancy, Gilbert Inglefield Academy

The school was very pleased to receive your request for information in connection with the post of Head Teacher at Gilbert Inglefield Academy and I'm delighted to forward the information pack and application form in connection with the position.

Gilbert Inglefield made the transition to Academy status in 2012 and continues to accept pupils aged 9 to 13. It is one of four middle schools serving the busy market town of Leighton Buzzard. The last OFSTED inspection took place in June 2016 when the school was awarded an overall "Good" status.

Not only is Gilbert Inglefield a strong school but we have close links with other schools, particularly with Vandyke and Brooklands which have been maintained for some considerable time. These links include teaching exchanges and combined training days. We are looking forward to these links being continued and expanded.

Although Gilbert Inglefield is a strong school, the governors are keen to see the school develop further. Our new Head Teacher will share the governors' vision of ever improving outcomes for our pupils and will develop and implement plans that support this vision.

The Governing Board is seeking to appoint a Head Teacher who will continue to build on the excellent progress the school has made in the last few years and who will also play a key role within the local community as the growth in population helps to shape the future of the school. Demographically there are existing developments in the locality which will result in significant future expansion of Gilbert Inglefield Academy.

Leighton Buzzard is the third largest town in Bedfordshire and is poised to expand rapidly. It is a very attractive, vibrant town situated in the Ouzel valley and has a delightful historic market place and town centre with many very attractive architectural features. In his "England's Thousand Best Churches", Simon Jenkins rates All Saints Church in Leighton Buzzard as the finest in the County. The town also boasts a Narrow Gauge Railway, many parks and spaces and is close to the Grand Union Canal. New housing developments, close to the school, are due to commence in the near future, thus providing increasing student demand for some considerable time to come.

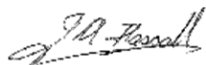
I encourage you to visit the school. I will be only too pleased to show you around Gilberts, please contact the Office Manager, Samantha Sibley at [ssibley@gilbertinglefield.org](mailto:ssibley@gilbertinglefield.org) to arrange a visit. I'm confident that you will be impressed, not only by the premises themselves but by the ambience found throughout the school. The children, staff and governors are friendly and approachable and are all proud of what the school has achieved.

Please note the following key dates:

Applicant visits:	15 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> November & 3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 (excluding 26-28 <sup>th</sup> )
Application closing date	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Shortlisting	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Assessment day and interviews	18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018

Thank you once again for your interest in our school and we look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John A Hassall', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

John A Hassall,  
Chair of Governors