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Dear applicant

Thank you for your interest in the teacher of business vacancy here at Sharnbrook. I hope this letter will give you a clearer picture as to the nature of the department, and also a feel for the school as a whole.

The Business Education Department has stood out as a beacon for academic excellence and advances in learning innovation for many years, and its success is a credit to the hard work and dedication of both staff and students alike. Our student numbers and their achievements have grown exponentially over the years, as has our staffing and, therefore, we have grown to a close team of 7 with a range of educational and business experience, all dedicated to providing the best education and learning experience for students in their care.

At present, year 9 students join us to get a real taste of business, progressing to GCSE where we offer a range of different courses to suit different learning styles, including OCR Business, Leisure & Tourism and BTEC Business. From September 2017, when we will be going 2 tier, students will join us in years 7 and 8 for a business “taster”, giving real life knowledge, skills and understanding of the business world today.

At A level, we offer AQA Business, Economics and Accounting, and BTEC Level 3 in Business and also Travel & Tourism. Beyond the classroom, we have come first and second place in the county Young Enterprise competition and won first and second place in the B-Live competition for accounting. Economics students get the opportunity to attend educational visits to London as part of their course, such as to the Bank of England and the London Stock Exchange.

Each of our 7 classrooms is equipped with a teacher’s computer, projector and whiteboards, and all subjects are well resourced with textbooks and electronic materials, and a comprehensive range of classroom activities and assessment materials, all to support the teaching, learning and assessment of students studying in our department.

We are also fortunate to have 2 computer rooms in the department to support our vocational students, but also to provide easy access for completion of GCSE controlled assessments and research (particularly at A2 level in business and economics).

We are hoping to appoint an enthusiastic and committed colleague who has the desire to progress professionally and to engage in all aspects of this growing, vibrant department, as well as general school initiatives.

Sharnbrook is a school that is committed to the development and achievement of both staff and students, and we hope to appoint staff who will share this optimism.

Whatever the outcome of your application, I hope you will have found this information interesting and, should you apply and be called for interview, that your visit to the school will be a valuable one.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

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