St Ivo School ***Fulfilling Potential***

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Dear Colleague

Thank you for your interest in St Ivo School and the post of Teacher of English. This is an opportunity to join a vibrant, successful and supportive department and would be suitable for an NQT or an experienced colleague. Whilst the post is for this academic year, we may be able to offer the option to extend to a permanent post.

St Ivo is a large 11-18 comprehensive academy in the town of St Ives, Cambridgeshire. We have around 1750 students with around 350 in our Sixth Form. The school is 60 years old and is proud of its place within the local community. We are a truly comprehensive and inclusive school. This is reflected in our approach to all areas of our work. From supporting students preparing for Oxbridge through to working with the most vulnerable St Ivo embraces everyone.

The rapport between staff and students has been central to our success over the years. St Ivo is a happy place to work and to teach. Students here are keen to learn and are well behaved. We are an active and dynamic community who see learning in all aspects of our work: lessons, tutor work, clubs, extra-curricular activities and trips. To get a picture of what we get up to visit our Facebook or Twitter feeds.

Staff development is hugely important at St Ivo. I believe that we are a creative staff that is willing to take risks and experiment with new ideas. We have well established Teaching and Learning groups who lead our CPD work. This includes research work alongside the Cambridge University Faculty of Education as part of the SUPER partnership. Indeed, a large number of staff have undertaken Masters programmes with the faculty over recent years. The scale of the school means that there are plenty of internal opportunities to broaden your knowledge and to develop your career. The majority of the current SLT have reached their positions through internal promotion. St Ivo is a school where you can make progress, develop your career and, I hope, enjoy doing it.

St Ives is a delightful town centred around an old river port on the River Ouse. It is well connected being close to both the A1 and A14. Public transport to and from Cambridge (15 miles) is excellent giving access to its fantastic mix of history, culture, shopping and cutting edge technology and business. London is less than an hour by train from either Cambridge or Huntingdon. In addition to this the area is surrounded by fantastic countryside. We think it is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

School performance is well above national average. In 2017 66% of our students gained grade 4+ in both GCSE English and Maths, with 20% of all grades at A*A or equivalent. Our 2016 Ofsted report rated the school as Good in all areas. It praised the quality of teaching, assessment and leadership. There was a strong message that this is a school well positioned for further improvements and a clear move towards Outstanding. As such this is an exciting time to be joining a rapidly improving, successful school.

As you will see elsewhere English is a successful and popular subject within the school. This is a great opportunity to join a team of first rate teachers across the school and to innovate a curriculum to be amongst the best in the country.

I hope that you will want to find out more about St Ivo School and that you will want to apply for the post. If you would like to visit us prior to application, you would be most welcome. Please contact John Andrews, Head of Department on 01480 375400, or email jandrews@stivoschool.org to arrange a visit.

I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Sam Griffin
Headteacher

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