

14th May 2018

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for showing an interest in the role of headteacher of East Barnet School; I look forward to receiving your completed application form and hope to meet you at interview in the week commencing 18th June 2018.

This vacancy arises as a result of the retirement of the current headteacher, only the fourth to hold the post since the school was founded in the 1930s. The school therefore presents the successful candidate with a strong legacy and firm basis of continuity; but with the opportunity to drive further development and improvement to fulfil the school's vision in a changing educational environment.

The Governing Body is very active, supportive and fully engaged in all school activities. Our governors have a broad range of skills and a good knowledge base, but also understand the difference between challenge and interference. If selected, as part of the interview process, it is anticipated that we would like you to give us a tour of your school.

The current Senior Leadership Team has two vacancies, which are being held open until the new headteacher has been appointed. The school currently operates with a very distinctive distributed leadership structure, which provides a wide range of staff with opportunities to take on leadership roles.

East Barnet School has a broad and dynamic curriculum and excels in its extracurricular provision. It caters for a full range of students and there is no ceiling on attainment; significant numbers of students gained grade 9 in either English or mathematics in 2017, and post-16 ALPS scores are consistently high. Our school has a strong and very experienced staff, with high rates of retention. It has excellent modern facilities and resources which are increasingly in demand from the local community.

We take pride in having a very happy learning and working environment and are one of only a few educational institutions in the country to have gained a Gold Award from Investors in People – and not once, but twice. We operate on a basis of mutual respect and enjoy very warm working relationships at all levels.

The school's motto reflects our wish that students and staff look forward to coming into school every morning, so we would encourage all potential candidates to visit the school to discover if this is a place where they could be happy, professionally challenged and a key contributor in our success. We would therefore be very pleased to arrange a visit to the school in advance of application or interview. Please contact our clerk of governors, Renata Bryant, at rbryant@eastbarnetschool.com to arrange this.

Yours faithfully,



John Ireton
Chair of Governors