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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in this post of Head of Computing at Archbishop Tenison’s.

The Computing department currently has two teachers within it, one of whom is full-time and is the Head of Department and the other of who is part-time and a former Advanced Skills Teacher. It is a very good, energetic and well- qualified team. The subject is well regarded in the school and uptake at GCSE and A Level is very good.

The Computing department is forward looking. The school was one of the first to teach Computing at GCSE and A Level and retains that tradition of expertise in this area, recognising both the challenges and rewards it brings pupils. We have worked very hard to make the transition from ICT to Computing effectively and we have done so successfully.

The department is fully resourced, air-conditioned with its own sizable office. Senior leaders & the outgoing Head of Department have worked incredibly hard to establish the foundations for long-term success within this highly important subject area. This is a great opportunity for an experienced and inspirational teacher to become a strong Head of Department.

To give you a better idea of the progress made recently, strategies we have implemented to help us achieve our long-term vision include;

* Carefully considered recruitment to KS4 & 5
* 3 x 50 minute lessons in Year 10 / 4 x 50 minute lessons in Year 11
* Setting of Year 9 classes to allow students to make fast and sustained progress within their teaching groups/ability
* Setting of Year 8 on “accelerated learning rotations”
* Introduction of “Global Tracking Systems” to allow us to monitor pupil progress effectively & efficiently
* An innovative yet accessible KS3 curriculum that provides highly effective preparation for GCSE & beyond
* A meaningful and efficient assessment policy
* Investment in high quality learning resources
* Internal & external Computing CPD opportunities
* Retention of a highly skilled Computing AST on a part-time basis.

Archbishop Tenison’s is a lively, friendly and high achieving school, where pupils and students take their studies seriously. As a Church of England school we are always pleased to receive applications from colleagues who are keen to help us develop our Christian ethos and educational vision.

We look forward to receiving your application and to meeting with you to talk about the opportunities here. In your **supporting statement** please include the following points:

* why you would like to take up this post at this time;
* which experience and qualities make you particularly suitable for the post;
* examples of how you would contribute effectively to the department and school, if appointed.

Please see our website for further details on this position and our School.

Yours sincerely



Richard Parrish

Headteacher