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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the post of Assistant Principal - Head of the Eliot SEN Resource Centre at Brompton Academy (BA), which is part of the University of Kent Academies Trust (UKAT).

The Eliot Centre has long been a key part of BA, and we truly have great respect and admiration for the amazing young people who are educated in our centre, and who face, not only the relentless onslaught of educational change to the curriculum like all our students, but who also face many challenges emanating from their special educational needs. The Eliot Centre demonstrates our commitment to being a truly inclusive community school with an ethos that matches. The Eliot Centre is the largest SEN resource base in a mainstream school in England.

The Eliot Centre caters for 100 young people, mainly in receipt of Education, Health and Care Plans. There are approximately 20 students per year group who are taught in two classes per year group for the core subject areas. At the moment each year group comprises: 8 students whose main need is speech, language and communication needs, 8 students with more complex needs (but generally not behavioural), and 4 students with specific learning difficulties. The Local Authority commission / purchase places in the Eliot Centre. All this is formalised via a service level agreement.

However moving forward into 2018/19 and after negotiation with the LA the composition of the Eliot Centre will change as follows for the next Year 7 entry:

- 16 Speech and language and communication needs(some with ASD)
- 2 Physical Disability places
- 2 Specific Learning Difficulties

The majority of students on entry follow curriculum pathways taught by specialist Eliot Centre staff however students do go to some mainstream lessons including options as we move further up the school.

The Eliot Centre is housed in excellent accommodation with airy bright rooms with other therapy rooms nearby.

The successful applicant will also be part of the wider Strategic UKAT leadership team working across two academies – Brompton Academy and Chatham Grammar School for Girls. Please log onto our website for further information about the academy.

## **Application process**

Please fill in the application form and write a letter of no more than 2 sides of A4 outlining how your skills, abilities and experience best fit you to take on the role of Assistant Principal – Head of the Eliot SEN Resource Centre, taking into account the responsibilities outlined in the Job Description, and the skills, qualifications and experience outlined in the person specification.

- Closing date Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 12 noon
- Shortlisting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February and invitation to interview issued.
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 – Interviews

I look forward to receiving your application and should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call me at Brompton Academy on 01634 – 583502.

Yours sincerely

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