



BEACONSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Applicant

Thank you so much for showing interest in our school and the post of Lead Practitioner in the English Faculty. We are extremely proud of our school, our students and our staff. We are excited about our intention to appoint a new, dynamic and inspirational member of the English team and look forward to hearing how your skills, attributes and experience can match our needs at this time.

Beaconsfield High School is a happy, high achieving and remarkable grammar school in the delightful town of Beaconsfield. The school is oversubscribed, our students achieve incredibly well at both GCSE and A level and make good progress each year that they are with us. The vast majority of our students go on to higher education but some take a gap year and then progress to university or higher-level apprenticeships.

The English department is an outstanding department with an excellent track record of examination success. It consists of nine members of teaching staff; they are a lively, dedicated and approachable team with a range of responsibilities outside of the English Curriculum in addition to their teaching roles. The Department is committed to increasing the profile of English and Media Studies within the school. We work closely with the librarian to encourage wider reading and initiate a wealth of other events during the school year. We have our own school newspaper and take part in the BBC school reporting day. We organise theatre trips across all the year groups and contribute fully to other enrichment activities. At A level we offer Literature, Language and Literature and Media Studies, with a number of students applying to study English at undergraduate level. Our results are very strong and we continue to work towards even better progress. Our results this summer are below for you to see.

Summer 2017 results:

A level Literature: A*/B 91% A level Language and Literature: A*/B 95% GCSE Literature: L8/9 43%, L7-9 65%
GCSE Language: L8/9 40%, L7-9 66%

In September 2014, we became an academy and we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary with many events but the largest project was our creation of three brand new science laboratories over the summer.

I joined this school in April 2015 and I can genuinely say that there is so much positive energy, achievement and ‘buzz’ at Beaconsfield High School that it is difficult to give you a full picture of what goes on here. Our staff give so generously of their own time to enable the girls to have wonderful and enriching experiences, often in their holiday time, such as language trips, history trips, ski trips, sports tours (including to Australia!), music tours, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, to mention but a few. Sporting achievements are outstanding, with national medals being won last year by several of our teams, and dance is superb with the annual dance show being a real highlight. Hundreds of our students take part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and many students take part in debating competitions, mock trials, young enterprise competitions, drama productions, music concerts ... the list is endless.

We believe that students should feel cared for, we work very hard to support their well-being through a strong pastoral care framework, and a recently developed scheme called ‘Getting Life Ready’. We recognise that happy and confident young women are far more successful in all that they do. There is something for everyone at our school and the ethos and atmosphere is one of acceptance and mutual respect.

We have recently invested over £3,500,000 in refurbishing some of the older parts of the school. Our staffroom is completely refurbished and we have built three new Science laboratories. We have also invested £100,000 in new servers and IT infrastructure ready for the next stages in the development of an IT vision over the coming five years to support and promote the remarkable learning that already takes place.

All of our academic faculties achieve very well, the English Faculty has many strengths. They have helped us to ensure that our Sixth Form outcomes make us the best Sixth Form in Buckinghamshire. Now we wish to enhance the high standards already in place.

As part of your application, please write a letter (no more than two sides, font 11) explaining how your skills, creativity and passion for effective teaching in English would best meet the requirements of the job description and personal specification.

The closing date is on the advert and details of whom to contact are there too.

This is a remarkable school and we will provide you with a vibrant, exciting opportunity to develop your leadership skills in a school dedicated to excellence.

Kind regards.



Rachel Smith

Headteacher