



COURT MOOR SCHOOL

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Dear Candidate,

Thank you so much for your interest in the position. As a young teacher I was lucky enough to get my first job at Court Moor School; I realised even then that it was a very special place. Subsequently, years later I returned to the school as Deputy Head, although by then the Headteacher, staff and students had all changed - the essential spirit of the school was the same.

Court Moor School has an excellent reputation amongst parents and the wider community - local estate agents advertise houses as being in the 'Court Moor catchment area' as a selling point. This reputation has been built over a number of years and head teachers. The school was awarded an Ofsted 'good' in 2013 with 'outstanding' behavior, which was recently confirmed with a one day inspection visit. Ofsted noted that the senior team were '*determined and passionate about making high-quality teaching and learning the priority for everybody*' and judged the school to be not only good but with '*many strong features*'. This positions us well to aim for an outstanding in the future as our ultimate drive is to be one of the best schools in Britain – whether that matches the Ofsted criteria for 'outstanding' or not we will do what we think is best for our students.

The results in 2017 were the best the school had ever had – topping the league tables in the County for Basics 9-5 and Attainment 8, second in progress 8. Our challenge is to now make those results the norm rather than cohort dependent and to deliver consistent high quality teaching to every student in every subject.

It is a good time to join Court Moor. With Ofsted out of the way, we are able to focus on the aspects of the school that we, as a team, deem as important. The tagline for my leadership of the school is, '*A great place to be, and a place to be great*' which guides my approach to both the staff and student experience. I am determined to make the school a place which values work-life balance, and breeds respect and responsibility between all members of the school community. We are proudly traditional in some aspects of our curriculum and uniform, but not afraid to be innovative in other areas.

The history department is very respected within the school with an experienced and committed team. Results have been consistently strong with 49% of grades at A/A* level. The team are passionate about teaching and learning and are very positive about change and experimentation in order to further improve the experience of history for our students.

Should you find you are still left with questions, then please feel free to arrange an informal chat about the position by calling the assistant head, Richard Bolton on 01252 615065 or by e-mailing rich.bolton@court-moor.hants.sch.uk. Thank you again for your interest in the position and I look forward to receiving your application in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Paul Jenkins
Head teacher

