Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the post of Principal, which has arisen from the retirement of the current Principal, Wayne Birks, after 5 successful years at St George’s Academy.

St George’s Academy is a mixed 11-18 school of 2,200 students including 340 in the sixth form. We have been serving the community of Sleaford and the surrounding rural areas for over a hundred years. The academy is popular and oversubscribed and was rated “good” in its last inspection in 2015. The Academy has also secured three consecutive years of positive Progress 8 and has a strong local reputation.

We value every student and work hard to help everyone achieve his or her best, giving them the life chances they deserve. Our vision is to provide a world-class education for all students, and we strive to create innovative and effective teaching and learning methods that encourage students to strive for excellence. High expectations are at the heart of all we do.

We have talented and highly committed staff, including over 140 teachers and a full range of support staff. They are highly skilled, knowledgeable and versatile. Their dedication to the students and the Academy means that staff turnover and absence are very low. Our students are hardworking, well behaved and proud of their school. We value their opinions in how we run the academy and this helps them to become responsible members of the community.

The school has two campuses: the main campus in Sleaford is situated in 32 acres of parkland. A £20 million building programme was completed in 2012 and has given us exceptional facilities and the very latest technology. This includes our Innovation Centre which has a full-size car simulator, 3D cinema, TV studio and radio station. Our smaller campus at Ruskington was completed in 2015 and provides outstanding accommodation. ICT networking links the two sites, giving all students access the same high quality resources. Both campuses and facilities are used by the local community in the evening and weekends.

We are a leading member of the Sleaford Joint-Sixth Form (SJSF), a collaboration of the co-educational sixth forms of St George’s Academy and the Robert Carre’s Trust. The SJSF provides a full range of post 16 courses for over 700 students and is a beacon of educational provision across Lincolnshire.

The attached documents include instructions on how to apply, together with dates for the various stages of the selection procedure. Candidates who are eventually short listed will receive further information about the academy to help them prepare for the interview stage. Potential candidates are welcome to visit the Academy prior to making an application.

If you are the inspirational leader we are looking for and could lead the school from 'good' to 'outstanding' then we would like to hear from you.

Yours sincerely

Graham Arnold

Chair of Governors