May 2018

Dear Potential Applicant

**Post of Director of Study for Performing Arts**

Thank you for your interest in the above post. I hope the information provided on our website will be helpful in the construction of your application.

The application form should be completed in full. In the section ‘how do you meet the selection criteria’ please link your skills, knowledge, experience and personal qualities to the requirements of the post, as described in the job description and person specification. We want you to tell us why you are the right person for the job.

You will be an outstanding classroom practitioner and will be able to demonstrate that you can motivate and inspire pupils of all ages and abilities and actively contribute to the high expectations and achievements of the Performing Arts Faculty. You will have a proven record of success, leadership and management and you will be able to show a commitment to continuous improvement that will develop further the high expectations and achievement that already exist in the Faculty.

As well as leading the Performing Arts Faculty, the successful candidate will be expected to lead a subject and contribute to a highly inclusive and successful extra-curricular programme. The ability to lead and teach PE would be a distinct advantage. So would the ability to teach other subjects. The Faculty offers Drama at GCSE level and Music, Dance and Performing Arts at BTEC level.

We offer excellent support and CPD, including a powerful, whole school focus on the development of learning and teaching. This is an excellent opportunity for an ambitious person. Applicants of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post will involve sensitive child protection issues. Candidates invited for interview must be able to demonstrate a deep understanding of these matters. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Shortlisted candidates will be notified as soon as possible after the closing date, which is **9.00am on Monday 21st May 2018**. References will be taken up at this point. Interviews will take place on Thursday 24th May 2018. If you do not hear from us within 14 days of the closing date, please assume that your application has been unsuccessful.

Fairfield is a great place to work. We are an outstanding school with high standards and expectations. However, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. If you wish to work in such an environment, please give us your serious consideration.

If you require any further information, or an informal discussion about the post, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Good luck with your application.

Yours sincerely
**Mr B Hesketh**
**Headteacher**