Date: 29th January 2018

Dear Candidate

**Position: Curriculum Area Leader: Chemistry**

Thank you for your enquiry regarding this position. We seek to appoint a well qualified and enthusiastic Curriculum Area Leader: Chemistry to join our highly successful Science Faculty. This post is being advertised as a full time, permanent role, commencing after the Easter break. This role comes with a TLR responsibility point 2b (£4,242 FTE) for leading our Chemistry department. No previous experience in a selective setting is necessary.

Dartford Grammar School for Girls is a heavily oversubscribed, selective school with an excellent academic record. Our vision for all members of our school community is ***“Working together to achieve academic excellence and personal potential”*.** We have very high standards in all areas of school life and expect our students to strive for their own personal excellence in everything they do. As a community our principal values are ***Respect, Responsibility, Excellence, Dedication*** and ***Creativity***. Together we share the same high expectations and ambitious aspirations whilst recognising and celebrating our differences as individuals.

We were delighted that Ofsted judged the school to be Outstanding in all categories in June 2016, and we now wish to further develop as a centre of excellence for teaching, learning and leadership. As Headteacher, I have very ambitious plans for our school and am fully committed to ensuring that every student has the very best opportunities to succeed.

In June 2017 we became an academy and established our own multi-academy trust, The Areté Trust. We are currently the only school in the Trust but we are very excited by the future opportunities for all members of our community, as we will be the lead school in The Areté Trust.

This post provides an excellent opportunity for a well-qualified and enthusiastic teacher to join a supportive and successful Science Faculty and ambitious school. If you think that Dartford Grammar School for Girls can provide the right challenge for you, we would very much welcome your application. **Applications will be viewed upon receipt. Final closing date for applications: 10:00am, Tuesday, 20th February.**

I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Sharon Pritchard

Headteacher