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Dear Candidates

Headteacher Role at Stamford Welland Academy

Thank you for your interest in our Headteacher role. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Stamford Welland Academy and some of the developments that have taken place this year.

In February, we were delighted to share the excellent news that Ofsted had rated our academy 'Good' in all areas during an inspection that took place in January. This was the best judgement in the academy's history. The report demonstrated that we are putting in place the right processes and insisting on the highest of standards that will help all children to achieve their very best, whilst our work to promote personal development and welfare was described as 'outstanding'. Our Year 11 results have also been consistently strong over the past few years and we are looking forward to delivering another set of good results in the summer.

However, beyond the reports and results, it has also been pleasing and reassuring to know that the community's confidence in the school has significantly improved since we re-founded the school in 2014. More families are choosing the academy as their preferred secondary school and, as a result, we welcomed the largest cohort of Year 7s this year and based on current data, expect to be oversubscribed next year.

Now that Stamford Welland Academy is in such a place of strength, it feels like the right time to take the school forward to its next stage. We have worked hard to fulfil the Stamford Free School pledge of delivering a sixth form at the academy and I am pleased to announce that the Department for Education has approved a change in the status of the school, so that we will be able to teach students aged 16-19 years and add high quality courses to complement the range of Post 16 education in the town. We also have ambitions to become a government-designated teaching school, where we can train and develop knowledgeable and talented teachers to further improve education in the local area. In order to achieve this next phase in the school's future, we recognise that we will need additional leadership to continue this journey and achieve all the things of which we think our school is capable.

As of the New Year, I will become Executive Principal of the academy. As an Executive Principal, I will lead the strategic planning of the school and will be dedicated to getting the sixth form and teaching school up and running. We will also be appointing a new Headteacher, who will be responsible for day-to-day contact with students, families and staff. The Headteacher will work alongside me in my role as Executive Principal to continue to deliver an excellent academic curriculum in lessons and a parallel curriculum of experiences and beyond the classroom. Applicants for the role will be shortlisted and interviewed early in the New Year with the aim of appointing a candidate ready for the late spring or summer term.

This is a very exciting time to be a part of Stamford Welland Academy and I am looking forward to working on delivering further developments alongside the new Headteacher in 2018.

Please take your time to look at the information about the role and the school on our advert and please do not hesitate to get in touch with us to organise a tour or if you have any other questions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A J Partington".

Anthony Partington
Principal