



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

SHAKESPEARE'S SCHOOL

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Dear Potential Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining us at King Edward VI School. We are proud to be recognised as one of the most successful schools in the country but we understand that a key feature of outstanding schools is that they do not sit still. We are therefore seeking to appoint an ambitious new Head of Mathematics who can build on recent achievements and lead one of our strongest departments into a new and exciting era.

K.E.S. is a unique school and the successful candidate requires equally unique talents. They must genuinely cherish and champion the traditions of the School whilst simultaneously ensuring that the department is dynamic and forward-looking. K.E.S. is a relatively small school, with only 420 boys in the main school and 300 in our Co-educational Sixth Form, and this gives it a sense of being a community. The site is compact, people know each other and it is a very happy place. We are fortunate to have students who enter the School in Year 7 having passed the 11+ exam, who are talented and enthusiastic and have good academic potential. They are joined in the Sixth Form by students from over 40 different schools with a proven track record of success at GCSE.

Extra-curricular activities figure largely in the School's life: music, both choral and instrumental, are quite outstanding; the scale and variety of the sports and activities programme (including DoE and World Challenge) is comparable with that found in the independent sector and it is, perhaps, only right and proper that in Shakespeare's School the drama is of such high quality that it receives national acclaim. What is particularly impressive about the extra-curricular programme here is the fact that it is characterised by both diversity and excellence; all students are able participate whilst those with genuine talents have an arena in which to perform at the highest level. The dedication shown by the staff to enable such activities to prosper is genuinely appreciated by the Governors.

The successful applicant will not only lead one of our most successful departments but will also join the School's Academic Leadership Team – the engine room of middle leaders tasked with driving up academic standards. He or she will also be expected, as a matter of course, to play a full part in School life. In a school the size of K.E.S. much depends upon staff goodwill beyond the usual classroom expertise, and such goodwill is much in evidence in a friendly and welcoming Common Room.

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K.E.S. actively promotes disability equality. Please let us know if you have any special requirements.

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K.E.S. has always played a major role in the life of Stratford-upon-Avon, situated as it is in the heart of the town, just up from the Royal Shakespeare Company theatres. We are proud that Shakespeare was educated here and that the medieval Guildhall is still used as a classroom today. Stratford-upon-Avon really is a wonderful place to live and work and it will come as no surprise that teaching posts are nearly as sought after as places in the School!

The departmental details, job description and person specification plus the School website should give you a flavour of K.E.S. and will hopefully answer any questions that you have at this time but I would, of course, be pleased to answer any further queries that you may have. If you have a disability and need any assistance with the application process or require the application form in large font please contact Mrs Susan Swann, my PA, who will be happy to help with this.

The successful applicant for Head of Mathematics must be single-minded in their pursuit of excellence and relentless in their drive to make further improvements. I hope that what you know about King Edward VI School and the position attracts you, and I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bennet Carr', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bennet Carr
Headmaster