

The Blue School

A Church of England School

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Dear Candidate

Thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher of The Blue School.

The Blue School has just celebrated its 375th anniversary and we are very proud of its core traditions of inclusivity and high aspirations for all. Our motto is 'The best we can achieve' and we take this very seriously both inside and outside the classroom, with our hugely dedicated and inspiring staff offering a wide range of enrichment opportunities for all students in addition to a broad, balanced and varied curriculum.

Our key priorities are focussed on supporting all of our students to achieve the very best of their academic and wider potential; and, of equal priority, on supporting the emotional wellbeing and mental and physical health of all of the young people who are part of our school community.

Our last two Ofsted gradings have been 'Good', although our sixth form has regularly been singled out by Ofsted for particular praise. We consistently achieve exam success above the national average. Our sixth form is particularly high achieving with the vast majority of our students going on to the Higher Education course of their choice. As well as annual success at Oxbridge, our commitment to the arts has resulted in a number of students being accepted for some internationally renowned London colleges in recent years such as Central St Martins, the London College of Fashion, Mountview Drama School and the Central School of Speech and Drama.

While based in the city of Wells in the heart of Somerset, the school's catchment area extends well beyond the city and is largely rural. Although we have many specialisms, ours is a truly comprehensive school which is inclusive and welcoming to all those in the area it serves. We are extremely popular and regularly oversubscribed and a continuing programme of extensive housebuilding in Wells is driving our numbers ever higher.

Our grounds are extensive, enjoying large playing fields and giving views of Glastonbury Tor and Wells Cathedral. The school site also houses the Wells Blue Sports Centre, a subsidiary company run by the school, and students and staff can make use of their facilities outside school hours. The school is one of the largest employers in the area, with over 100 teaching staff and 100 support staff (plus casual staff) and runs its own catering, maintenance and cleaning operations.

We are rooted at the heart of our community - we have excellent relationships with our partner primary schools, and are active members of Mendip Community Learning Partnership. We work positively with other Somerset secondary schools, including being a strong member of SASH (Somerset Secondary Heads Association).

We hope you will find all the information you need regarding the school and post in the accompanying documents: Information Pack, Job Description and Person Specification, and on the school website, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

We are really looking forward to receiving your completed application.

Yours sincerely

Dr Elizabeth Walker, Chair of Governors

