



COURT MOOR SCHOOL

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Dear Candidate,

Thank you so much for your interest in the position. As a young teacher I was lucky enough to get my first job at Court Moor School; I realised even then that it was a very special place. Subsequently, years later I returned to the school as Deputy Head, although by then the Headteacher, staff and students had all changed - the essential spirit of the school was the same.

Court Moor School has an excellent reputation amongst parents and the wider community - local estate agents advertise houses as being in the 'Court Moor catchment area' as a selling point. This reputation has been built over a number of years and head teachers. The school was awarded an Ofsted 'good' in 2013 with 'outstanding' behaviour, which was recently confirmed with a one day inspection visit. Ofsted noted that the senior team were '*determined and passionate about making high-quality teaching and learning the priority for everybody*' and judged the school to be not only good but with '*many strong features*'. This positions us well to aim for an 'outstanding' in the future as our ultimate drive is to be one of the best schools in Britain – whether that matches the Ofsted criteria for 'outstanding' or not we will do what we think is best for our students.

Our whole school results are consistently strong, yet we have a determination to do the very best for all of our students. We are amongst the top ten secondary schools in Hampshire and aspire to be consistently in the top three, although not at the expense of becoming an 'exam factory' – good learning and student welfare is at the heart of what we do.

It is a good time to join Court Moor. With Ofsted not on the horizon for a while, we are able to focus on the aspects of the school that we, as a team, deem as important. The tagline for my leadership of the school is, '*A great place to be, and a place to be great*' which guides my approach to both the staff and student experience. I am determined to make the school a place which values work-life balance, and breeds respect and responsibility between all members of the school community. We are proudly traditional in some aspects of our curriculum and uniform, but not afraid to be innovative in other areas.

The English department is housed in its own block of seven classrooms centred around the recently-refurbished library and learning hub. The department is staffed with a mixed team with a range of experience. There is an English staff room and work room for the team. The teaching team currently consists of nine teachers which includes a lead practitioner. The department organises theatre trips and runs the school magazine, public speaking competitions and the ever-popular House Spelling Bee competition. The Head of Department started in September last year and it is a great time to join this up-and-coming department.



Should you find you are still left with questions, then please feel free to arrange an informal chat about the position by calling the Kirsty Teague, Head of English on 01252 615065 or by e-mailing Kirsty.teague@court-moor.hants.sch.uk Thank you again for your interest in the position and I look forward to receiving your application in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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

Paul Jenkins
Head teacher