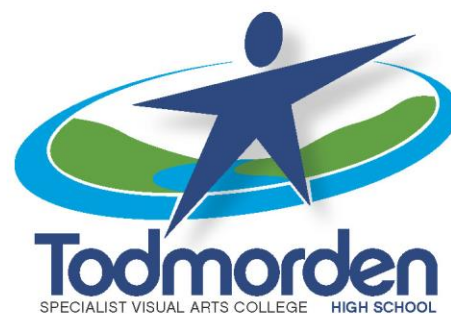


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Dear Colleague

We are delighted to enclose details and an application form for the position of Teacher of English at Todmorden High School. Todmorden High School has been on a transformational journey of change over the last three years moving from the bottom 5% of schools nationally to the top 18%. In the last two years our GCSE results have put Todmorden High School in one of the top three schools within Calderdale.

We are looking for someone who is innovative and creative and will continue to inspire our students, giving them a love for English and embedding literacy skills for life. The successful candidate will be an outstanding teacher with a proven record of securing exceptional progress for students. The successful candidate will also have a fantastic knowledge of the new national curriculum and have a keen interest in developments and changes to the national curriculum.

On the 10th and 11th March 2015 we welcomed Ofsted to the school as part of the inspection process for schools categorised as Requires Improvement. The inspection team were overwhelmed with the rate of change that had taken place within the last two years and they left the school feeling confident that not only was Todmorden High School a 'Good' school but it was in fact a very good school with an outstanding group of students.

Todmorden High School's staff and students are unashamedly ambitious and very proud of their achievements over the last three years. Everyone associated with the school is committed to continuing this journey of improvement to ensure we provide an outstanding education for the young people of our community.

We are outward looking in our approach and we look to other outstanding organisations and individuals for advice and guidance for further improvements and examples of best practice. Todmorden High School is also very keen to collaborate with other schools to share the knowledge, experience and skills of our own colleagues and we are ambitious to see these collaborations continue to grow. We are committed to investing in our staff ensuring that they receive the very best continued professional development and support throughout their time with the school.

Todmorden High School is a strategic partner of the Trinity Academy, Halifax (Outstanding 2014), Trinity Teaching School Alliance (TTSA). As a strategic partner of TTSA, members of Todmorden High School's senior leadership team form part of the working groups, driving the work that the alliance does in order to provide support to schools locally and across Yorkshire and Humberside. In addition to this, we also host 'School Direct' teacher placements which allow the school to turn talented graduates into fantastic teachers.

The school has been awarded a significant investment from the Local Authority, with a £5m building planned for the school. This exciting project has just started and it is expected to be completed in Spring 2018 and it will provide resources to promote a developing curriculum for the school and it will also allow the school to grow giving us additional space to increase our PAN.

Above all else, we are looking for a teacher of English who is passionate about working with young people of all abilities. The successful candidate will need to be a highly motivated, committed and passionate teacher of English who is an excellent team player. In return, you will join a team of top professionals, with great relationships and team cohesion.

Should you choose to apply then please ensure that the enclosed application form is completed fully. A CV is not required. Supporting statements should be no longer than two sides of standard font and should address how you meet the person specification as well as the contribution you would make to Todmorden High School. We welcome you to visit the school prior to submitting your application.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.
Yours sincerely

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Acting Headteacher

