

Dear Candidate,

Heyford Park Free School opened in 2013 as an all through school offering education from reception to post 16. The school's vision is to "know every one of our students well, providing an environment that allows them to achieve what they are truly capable of by promoting both excellent academic progress and a 'can do' attitude."

We are oversubscribed and experiencing rapid growth in both the Primary and Secondary phases. Our fantastic heritage site has been fully refurbished and provides a unique learning environment. Small year groups enable us to know every child well and personalise their learning. We are forward-thinking, with the freedom to shape our school curriculum in response to the needs of the local community and businesses. We are delighted that Ofsted judged us to be a Good school.

As the new Principal joining in January 2017, I have found the school really welcoming. Students are a pleasure to teach and the parents and governors are fully committed to the school providing a wealth of opportunities. You will find staff are fully supportive of each other and as Team Heyford we are working together to ensure we enjoy the opportunities of a small school whilst setting our aspirations high.

I have been fortunate enough in the last three years to work with schools on their journey to outstanding in both England and South Wales and find Heyford Park Free School a community that is committed to the proverb "It takes a village to educate a child".

As a school, we build professional development into the working week with students leaving early one day a week which is enabling us to work as a team to drive this forward. We have identified our priorities for this year and working on 3 areas of metacognition to improve teaching and learning from nursery to 6th form. Staff, students, parents and governors will be working together to develop their strategic plan and vision for the next 3 years.

Our first cohort of Key Stage 4 students have taken their GCSEs examinations last summer and we have welcomed our first cohort to our Sixth Form in September 2018. This is an exciting time for the school which offers a number of opportunities now and in the future for the right candidate.

The English curriculum follows a two-year Key Stage 3 and all students begin some of their English Language and English Literature courses in year 9. We have 10 hours of curriculum time per fortnight from year 7 – year 11 which enables us to study each topic in detail and complete effective revision during lessons. The students follow the AQA English Language and Literature specifications with a view to sitting both examinations at the end of year 11. In 2018 the English Language and Literature results were significantly above national average with students making positive progress and some achieving the highest grades. We deliver AQA English Literature B course as a full A Level to a small group who will be sitting their exams in the summer 2020. There's so much to be proud of when it comes to the English department from trips to the cinema or the theatre, creative writing competitions, local debating competitions to our Takeaway homework model; we would love to welcome you to the team!

I look forward to receiving your application and meeting you at interview. If you have any questions or would like to visit the school, please email me or Cat Marin on:

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Yours faithfully

Ms Karen Healey