



BEACONSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Applicant

Thank you so much for showing interest in our school and the Spanish Assistant post. We are extremely proud of our school, our students and our staff. We are excited about our intention to appoint a new, dynamic and inspirational member of the Language team and look forward to hearing how your skills, attributes and experience can match our needs at this time.

Beaconsfield High School is a happy, high achieving and remarkable grammar school in the delightful town of Beaconsfield. The school is oversubscribed, our students achieve incredibly well at both GCSE and A level and make good progress each year that they are with us. The vast majority of our students go on to higher education but some take a gap year and then progress to university or higher-level apprenticeships.

Language Faculty Information:

The Languages Faculty consists of seven members of staff and two Foreign Language Assistants. All students study three languages in Year 7; they then choose two to continue throughout KS3. At KS4, at least one language is studied to higher level GCSE. We currently have a number of girls who choose to continue their studies in two languages at GCSE, where results are excellent. We offer A levels in French, Spanish and Latin. Each year we have applications to Oxbridge for Language or Combined Language degrees.

This successful Faculty is one which continually aspires to improve. The Language departments comprises of experienced and dedicated teachers, who work hard to develop and improve further the quality of the lessons they deliver.

The Faculty has an office in which each member of teaching staff has their own desk and which provides an excellent working atmosphere and aids collaboration.

In September 2014, we became an academy and since then we have invested heavily in the school and its infrastructure. I joined this school in April 2015 and I can genuinely say that there is so much positive energy, achievement and 'buzz' at Beaconsfield High School that it is difficult to give you a full picture of what goes on here. Our staff give so generously of their own time to enable the girls to have wonderful and enriching experiences, often in their holiday time, such as language trips, history trips, ski trips, sports tours (including to South Africa!!), music tours, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, to mention but a few. Sporting achievements are outstanding, with national medals being won last year by several of our teams, and dance is superb with the annual dance show being a real highlight. Hundreds of our students take part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and many students take part in debating competitions, mock trials, young enterprise competitions, drama productions, music concerts ... the list is endless.

We believe that students should feel cared for, we work very hard to support their well-being through a strong pastoral care framework, and a recently developed scheme called 'Getting Life Ready'. We recognise that happy and confident young women are far more successful in all that they do. There is something for everyone at our school and the ethos and atmosphere is one of acceptance and mutual respect.

We have recently invested over £3,500,000 in refurbishing some of the older parts of the school. Our staffroom is completely updated and we are currently in the middle of redeveloping the Language Classrooms. We have also invested £100,000 in new servers and IT infrastructure ready for the next stages in the development of an IT vision over the coming five years to support and promote the remarkable learning that already takes place.

All of our departments achieve very well; the Language Faculty have many strengths and are keen to enhance the high standards already in place. We offer a Homestay trip to Spanish and France to our GCSE students, encourage our A level students to take part in work experience abroad and we offer day trips to KS3 students.

As part of your application, please write a letter (no more than two sides, font 11) explaining how your skills, creativity and experience would best meet the requirements of the job description and personal specification as Spanish Language Assistant.

There is no closing date to this post, we will invite candidates to interview as and when we receive a successful application.

This is a remarkable school and we will provide you with a vibrant, exciting opportunity to develop your skills in a school dedicated to excellence.

Kind regards.



Rachel Smith

Headteacher