

Dare to be Remarkable

February 2019

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about the role of Head of English at King's Academy Binfield (KAB).

As stated in the advert, this is quite possibly the greatest opportunity of your career so far; the chance to work in genuine partnership to design and shape innovative and creative pedagogy, policy and practice in a brand new all-through academy as a founding Head of Department.

We opened in September 2018 with just 120 Year 7 students and will rapidly grow year on year to our capacity of over 1800. This in itself provides outstanding opportunity to ensure from the outset that all we do and how we do it is based on the most outstanding practice which enables all our students to flourish. Our staff team whilst small initially too, will also grow rapidly year on year as per the students. This means all staff will be expected to commit to all aspects of academy life to ensure the students get the exceptional education and experiences they deserve.

The primary phase at KAB and King's Academy Oakwood (KAO), a one-form entry primary school a mile away, which will be run as an intrinsic part of KAB open in September 2019 with students from Nursery to year 2.

Professional learning opportunities will abound as the successful candidate will not only provide the strategic leadership for English, they will also have opportunity to be involved in aspects of whole academy strategic and day-to-day leadership.

The successful applicant will work with staff, parents and of course students, to ensure the very best learning experience within the department and across the academies for all. Great progress of each and every student is essential. You will commit to our moral imperative of 'whatever it takes' and to the ethos of embedding a genuine thirst for learning and relentless pursuance of excellence whilst always considering the well-being of the students and the staff.

We are looking for someone who is creative, flexible and a great team player with a proven track record of success. I don't expect you to have had experience across all key stages however you will be excited by the prospect of supporting the creation of a learning journey from 4 to 18 and will be eager to learn about outstanding primary and secondary pedagogy and how that might impact on teaching and learning throughout all key stages. As stated in the advert, potential is as important as experience.

The successful post holder will be involved in the appointment and line management of the teachers within the department.

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Having been hugely oversubscribed for our first cohort, we are anticipating the same for our 2019 admissions into all year groups. It is incumbent on us therefore to honour the trust the community have placed in us by ensuring KAB and KAO provide an excellent, all round education.

I hope that this information is useful. If you require further information or wish to arrange a visit please do not hesitate to contact Amber Walker, my PA via email; amber.walker@kingsacademies.uk or phone, 01344 306983

If you feel that you are the right person to join the King's family at this very exciting time I will be delighted to read your application.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Principal

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King's Academy Binfield and Oakwood

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