

Letter from the Headteacher

for applicants for the role of Pastoral Mentor KS3 and Transition

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Dear Applicant

We are delighted to invite you to come and look around Theale Green School and on our journey to achieve the ALET Mission of "transforming lives through learning". As we enter our second academic year as part of ALET, we have made our mark within the Trust and placed Theale Green School firmly on the ALET map.

We want you to be certain that you have chosen the right school for you. Our staff team at TGS are loyal, confident, supportive, resilient and hugely determined; our determination is borne of a clear desire to ensure that TGS will become the best school that it can be, and we are highly focused on the pathway ahead to achieve our Mission. If this feels like a "family" that you would like to join, then we will be delighted to welcome you.

Our pastoral support is very much valued by students, parents and carers alike. This role is twofold, part engaging with year 6 students and Primary schools in order to ensure a smooth and positive transition into secondary school, additionally supporting key-stage three students on their journey through the mainstream school. This role is varied, challenging and rewarding. Working in a team of experienced staff this role is pivotal to supporting our students to thrive in their time in Theale Green School.

As Headteacher (I teach a Year 10 and a Year 11 Science class), I am passionate about the power of education to open doors for young people, and in this age of results driven outcomes often being seen as the primary measure of success for schools, Theale Green School equally has a rich and impressive heritage of the Creative Arts and Sport, which continues to grow from strength to strength in our curriculum. Talent comes in all shapes and sizes, and we firmly believe that whilst high grades are an important aspiration for all of our students, each individual student has much to offer Theale Green School in addition; every child at Theale Green School must feel valued for who they are, and building confidence and resilience is an important part of the ethos surrounding participation in life at school. Student leadership, membership of clubs, involvement in the community, participation in sports teams and performance events and the Duke of Edinburgh programme all provide important opportunities for personal development of our students.

We have recently invested in a refurbishment of many of our buildings, completely refurbishing our IT suites and upgrading our whole school network; our Sixth Form students value their modern and



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accessible facilities. Year on year our Sixth Form outcomes gather strength, and we are very much in the top echelons of Sixth Form schools nationally in terms of the progress our students make during their A Levels. Yet again this year we were exceptionally proud of the destinations achieved by our students, and we have achieved the elite status of a Grade 1 ALPS School for Sixth Form provision.

Students know that our Values of Respect, Hard Work and Progress are the drivers for daily life at school. We believe that if students' emotions are balanced, they are willing to put in effort, and they are motivated to go further, then they will be successful growing up in our community.

We look forward to welcoming you to Theale Green School to meet our students and staff.

Jo Halliday Headteacher

