

Dear Colleague

Thank you for your interest in the position of Teacher of Mathematics. This is an exciting opportunity to join our school for the Autumn Term 2019 and I hope this letter will give you a better understanding of The Burgate School and Sixth Form and the way we work.

The Burgate School and Sixth Form is a school that wants every student to enjoy their learning and feel valued for who they are. The school provides high quality comprehensive education for children aged between 11 and 18 and we enjoy an excellent reputation within the local community for our high standards. Consequently, many students attend the school through parental choice. We provide a broad curriculum and a creative approach to learning that inspires curiosity, builds collaboration, helps develop resilience and encourages flexibility of thought.

This could not be a better time to join The Burgate; our GCSE results in 2018 were exceptional with 78% of students achieving both English and Mathematics at Grade 4+ and 55% achieving Grade 5+. This gave a Progress 8 value added score of +0.33 which was significantly above the national average and placed the school as the third best performing in Hampshire. Our A level results are consistently very good and in both 2017 and 2018 were our best ever, ranking us in the top 25% of 16-19 providers nationally for the second year in a row. 46% of A level results were at A*-A grades and over 78% at grades A*-C, with practically all students gaining a place at their chosen university.

The successful applicant will join a school that is looking to build on its success and in which the students have a strong desire to learn and make progress. Collaboration to improve learning and teaching and consultation on change will ensure the on-going success of our school. Whilst I believe that The Burgate already provides the best local education for girls and boys, our desire to be one of the top comprehensive schools nationally continues with great enthusiasm.

We offer a wide range of subjects at GCSE and A Level delivered by a highly qualified team of professional teachers and support staff who are committed to offering the highest quality of education to the students. All staff members participate in a well-established performance management scheme. Induction and in-service training are provided for all staff and there is a special internally run programme for NQTs and another for RQTs, as well as access to a wide range of CPD through our Teaching School alliances and beyond. Internal promotion is a typical route for progression to higher levels of leadership for Burgate staff.

The school has a very committed and supportive board of trustees, enjoys healthy links with the local community, our cluster primary schools and partnership schools alongside an active parent-teacher association, which organises social, educational and fund-raising activities. We benefit from the excellent support of parents whom we encourage to maintain close

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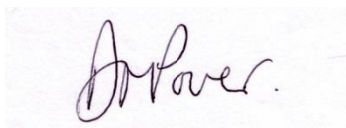
contact with the school and to get in touch whenever they have queries or concerns regarding their child's education.

I have pleasure in making available information about the post, curriculum and department details together with a person specification which I hope will encourage you to apply for this position. I would also encourage you to explore our website so as to get a better understanding of what we believe is a happy, caring and successful school. Other information such as our prospectus and a copy of the latest Ofsted inspection report are available on our website.

The Burgate School and Sixth Form is situated on the outskirts of Fordingbridge, in Hampshire. Salisbury, Bournemouth, Southampton and the Channel ports of Poole and Portsmouth are all within easy driving distance, and the major cities of Bath, Bristol and London all easily accessible by road and rail. With the New Forest National Park, Isle of Purbeck, Jurassic Coast and Salisbury Plain further enriching and enhancing the natural beauty of the local environment, the successful candidate will have a chance to live and teach in one of the most highly desirable areas of England, where the standard of living is of the best available nationally.

I very much look forward to receiving your application to work with us at The Burgate.

Yours sincerely

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David Pover
Headteacher