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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the post of KS3 English at Easthampstead Park Community School.

Our English Department currently comprises a close-knit team of seven teachers, led by a well-established Head of Department. At GCSE and A-Level, our students follow the AQA specifications in Language and Literature. The number of students choosing to study A-Level English Language (OCR) and A-Level English Literature (AQA) is healthy and our KS5 results are consistently above national average.

Over the last year, we have been developing our KS3 English curriculum, with a focus on ensuring it is engaging, stimulating and provides the firm foundations students need to succeed in their GCSE studies. Whilst inroads have been made in this area, there is still work to be done, ensuring all students access a range of high quality and challenging texts from a range of different genres. We've also been working on interleaving our English curriculum to aid students' knowledge retention, regularly revisiting previously taught ideas and topics. One of our future aims is to more closely align topics and skills in English and History, so students make greater links between these subjects.

Our English team provides students with a good range of extra-curricular opportunities, including opportunities to attend the theatre and to watch performances of drama texts they are studying in school. However, we are always looking to further broaden the range of cultural experiences we offer. As a school, we have an extensive CIAG programme, providing students with an excellent range of opportunities to engage with employers and to consider careers. We are now working on Gatsby Benchmark 4: linking curriculum learning to careers.

The successful applicant will work closely with the Head of Department on curriculum planning and developing outstanding English teaching department-wide. We are looking to appoint an excellent classroom teacher who loves English, is eager to develop as a leader, embraces a challenge and has a 'can do' mind-set. This may be someone taking their first step into middle leadership, or someone with greater past experience. Whichever, they will be passionate about English and classroom pedagogy, be a lifelong learner who relishes new challenges and opportunities and is dedicated to bringing learning to life for students both in the classroom and beyond.

At Easthampstead Park Community School, we are dedicated to having high expectations, tight discipline and providing students with an exciting and varied curriculum. Our whole school expectation that students and teachers alike never stop learning means that staff quickly develop their practice and progress in their career. We expect hard work, skill and dedication to our ethos, and in return, we provide an excellent working environment, first class professional development and an excellent benefits package. We want you to look forward to each day working at our school.

If you require any further information about the role or wish to arrange to visit the school please contact Rhona Franco, Personnel Officer on 01344 304567 / rhona.franco@epschool.org.

If you have the ambition, creativity and dynamism to help lead our English Department on this exciting next stage in our development journey, we very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Cook
Headteacher



Headteacher: Mrs Liz Cook MA, BA(Hons)