## BEACONSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Applicant,

Thank you so much for showing interest in our school and the Head of Faculty (PE) teaching 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 staff to lead the newly created Faculty 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.

The Faculty is an outstanding group of curriculum areas with excellent track records of examination success. It consists of 8 teaching staff and 1 technician; they are a very hard-working, dedicated and collaborative team with a range of responsibilities outside of the PE/Dance Curriculum in addition to their teaching roles. With a newly refurbished astroturf pitch and teaching classroom embracing innovative learning and cutting edge technology, the Faculty is forward thinking and inspiring students to both enjoy and succeed in the subjects.

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.

With help from Government bids 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 built three new Science laboratories. 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.

As part of your application, please write a letter (no more than to two sides, font 11) explaining how your skills, creativity and passion for effective leadership for this Faculty, with particular reference to your ability for PE teaching would best meet the requirements of the job description and personal specification.

The closing date is on the advert and details of whom to contact are there too.

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

Kind regards.

Rachel Smith

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