



RUTLISH SCHOOL

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Dear Applicant

RE: Rutlish School Head-teacher vacancy

The Application Pack and supporting documents, along with information on the Rutlish School website, provide a comprehensive background to Rutlish School together with the qualities, attributes and requirements that we are looking for in our new Headteacher.

The purpose of this short letter is not to cover the same ground again but instead to write a few lines about the School, its history, its tradition and its purpose within the local community and the broader Rutlish family.

Rutlish School first opened its doors in 1895 to 23 boys, the majority from local Elementary Schools, before becoming a Grammar School in the early 20th century. In 1970, after the London Borough of Merton moved away from the grammar school educational model, Rutlish School became a comprehensive school. Whilst we are still a non-selective, all-ability boys school and extremely proud of this, some of the original traditions of the School very much remain today. These include our House System that encourages competition across a range of activities. Another is our Sixth Form RR6, re-introduced in partnership with Ricards Lodge High School in 2010 (after its absence for a brief period in the early 2000s) to restore our responsibility for education for our boys across the whole secondary school age range. Rutlish School has also always had strong traditions across the Arts, Drama, Music & competitive sport, which continue to this day.

Rutlish School has resided in the Ancient Parish of Merton since we were founded with funds from the will of William Rutlish, Royal Embroiderer to Charles II. We enjoy strong links with our community and many local boys attend the School. The Rutlish Foundation Charity supports the School and ex-pupils in a variety of ways, and Trustees sit on our board of governors. The Old Rutlishians' Association, formed in 1906 by our second Headmaster, is a precious sporting facility that anchors us further in the local community and ensures that School friendships among boys and parents continue to thrive beyond our gates in a social and sporting environment.

Rutlish School was awarded by Ofsted an 'Outstanding' judgement in May 2017. Our ambition is to aim even higher. Against a background of an ever-changing National Curriculum and extremely tight budgets, the School is determined to continue to offer its boys the best education and opportunities it possibly can.



We want to recruit a Headteacher who fully understands and appreciates our past and will guide this wonderful and unique School to even higher achievements and accomplishments in the future.

All applications to be sent to the Clerk of the Rutlish, Full Governing Body, Mrs Tamsin Evans.
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Yours Sincerely



Peter A. Norrie
Chair of Rutlish, Full Governing Body