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Dear Applicant

**General Teaching Assistant**

Thank-you for your interest in the post of General Teaching Assistant.

I am incredibly proud to be head teacher of this wonderful school!

At around 1530 students TGS is a large and high achieving 11-18 comprehensive school and one which has a unique ‘family’ feel. At TGS students care and look out for each other; staff are incredibly hard working and take pride in knowing our students as individuals. We deliver a broad and rich curriculum, provide excellent pastoral support and pledge to deliver really high quality experiences for all our students. A commitment to professional learning is at the heart of our success here; we have high expectations of colleagues but provide great opportunities in return.

When I first arrived at TGS there were a number of things that immediately impressed me. The first was the very open and welcoming nature of the school from both the staff and students. The second was the sheer variety of activities which are offered both within the curriculum and after school hours. Finally it was apparent that TGS was a school with a strong reputation for looking after its students and where high standards of conduct are non-negotiable.

My ambitions for the school focus on developing a ‘culture of excellence’ where all students achieve highly whatever their background or ability. This relies on providing learning and teaching of the highest possible quality to engage, enthuse and motivate. At TGS we do not limit our definition of achievement simply to traditionally academic pursuits; we believe in developing well rounded individuals and, as such, we make a significant investment in the areas of sport, creative and performing arts

As an inclusive school we pride ourselves on providing outstanding support for all students with particular learning needs. As a consequence we are looking to recruit someone who will really contribute something special to our team and who is a key high quality and engaging classroom practitioner.

If you feel you are ready for the challenge and would like to know more about the school and its activities please take a look at our website at [www.tgsch.com](http://www.tgsch.com) . If you would like to speak with me directly, however, or arrange to visit during a school day, *please do not hesitate* to contact the school on 01937 833466.

To apply for the post please complete the application form and include a letter of application. Your letter must not exceed two sides of A4 (10pt font) and should specifically address the following question: *‘what are the challenges of being a teaching assistant and what skills and experience do you bring to the role?’*

Thank you for your interest in this post, I look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Sibley

Headteacher