



COURT MOOR SCHOOL

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Dear Candidate,

Thank you so much for your interest in the position. As a young teacher I was lucky enough to get my first job at Court Moor School; I realised even then that it was a very special place. Subsequently, years later I returned to the school as Deputy Head, although by then the Headteacher, staff and students had all changed - the essential spirit of the school was the same.

Court Moor School has an excellent reputation amongst parents and the wider community - local estate agents advertise houses as being in the 'Court Moor catchment area' as a selling point. This reputation has been built over a number of years and head teachers. The school was awarded an Ofsted 'good' in 2013 with 'outstanding' behaviour, which was recently confirmed with a one day inspection visit. Ofsted noted that the senior team were '*determined and passionate about making high-quality teaching and learning the priority for everybody*' and judged the school to be not only good but with '*many strong features*'. This positions us well to aim for an 'outstanding' in the future as our ultimate drive is to be one of the best schools in Britain – whether that matches the Ofsted criteria for 'outstanding' or not we will do what we think is best for our students.

Our whole school results are consistently strong, yet we have a determination to do the very best for all of our students. We are amongst the top ten secondary schools in Hampshire and aspire to be consistently in the top three, although not at the expense of becoming an 'exam factory' – good learning and student welfare is at the heart of what we do.

It is a good time to join Court Moor. With Ofsted not on the horizon for a while, we are able to focus on the aspects of the school that we, as a team, deem as important. The tagline for my leadership of the school is, '*A great place to be, and a place to be great*' which guides my approach to both the staff and student experience. I am determined to make the school a place which values work-life balance, and breeds respect and responsibility between all members of the school community. We are proudly traditional in some aspects of our curriculum and uniform, but not afraid to be innovative in other areas.

Food & Nutrition is part of our Technology department which is well-regarded in the County and delivers consistently good results. In 2018 Food & Nutrition gained 88% 9-5 and 53% 9-7 which were a result of consistently strong teaching within the department. There are two food rooms, one of which has been refurbished over the summer and one other food teacher who also works as a Head of Year alongside a part-time technician. We are aiming to run a catering course in addition to the Food and Nutrition GCSE next year. We are looking for someone who would take some subject responsibility for food, under the umbrella of the wider departmental structure of technology.

Should you find you are still left with questions, then please feel free to arrange an informal chat about the position by calling the Naomi Metcalfe on 01252 615065 or by e-mailing naomi.metcalfe@court-moor.hants.sch.uk. Should you wish to visit the school prior to application



we are always happy to tour the school with candidates, and believe experiencing the school in motion is perhaps our strongest marketing tool.

Thank you again for your interest in the position and I look forward to receiving your application in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Jenkins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Jenkins

Head teacher