

Welcome from Headteacher:



**Blenheim**

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Blenheim High School, and I hope that after reading the enclosed information, you will be encouraged to join our team at this exciting time in the school's development. Please come to visit us to see for yourself what a dynamic and vibrant department this is, within a forward-looking establishment, and to see the importance we place on learning across our school.

Hopefully you will have read our Ofsted report and gained further information on the background of Blenheim High School. We are entering a key phase in Blenheim's development and are determined to work tirelessly to ensure that Blenheim becomes one of Surrey's outstanding providers of education with specialism in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

Appointed to the school in October, I am excited to have taken the helm at Blenheim High from April 2017. Previously a Leader in an Ofsted outstanding school, I recognise the strengths that Blenheim already has and aim to build on these foundations to ensure Blenheim's future will be one where students' life chances, including those of our disadvantaged students highlighted in our Ofsted report, become even richer. I've been struck by the relationships between staff and students, which are a strength of the school. I am impressed with the commitment and diligence of staff who clearly have students' best interests at heart and who regularly go 'above and beyond' to ensure that our young people are given every opportunity to realise their potential both inside and outside of the classroom.

I am now looking for committed and talented team members to join me on a journey of further improvement for the school. In return, we can offer you the chance to shape the future direction of the department, the wider school and your own professional development and pathways.

We are part of two teaching alliances; The Sutton School Alliance and George Abbot, Guildford, and we are a technology training hub. Consequently, professional development is a key feature of the school and we aim to be an exceptional place to work, attracting, retaining and developing the finest teaching and support staff.

At Blenheim, every student and teacher has an iPad for learning and therefore the successful candidate will need to be willing to become familiar with the use of iPad technology and to understand and champion the benefits of using technology to accelerate and transform teaching and learning. We are working towards becoming an Apple Distinguished School and offer training opportunities to all staff and the wider community.

*"ICT is used effectively to support learning. Each pupil has access to a tablet, which is used in a range of ways to support lessons and other activities. For example, pupils can complete and submit work for teachers to mark online, use their tablets as whiteboards for quick-response questions and use them instead of textbooks. Pupils find it motivating and enjoyable using tablets, and say that the instant feedback it can provide is really helpful." (Ofsted 2017)*

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Blenheim High School is a fantastic place in which to work. We have a strong and experienced Leadership Team, a large and vibrant student body and dynamic staff who are willing to work hard to ensure positive learning experiences for young people. We have achieved numerous accreditations including Investors in People, Investors in Careers, Healthy Schools' Award, Partnership with Parents award, the Sports and Arts Mark and we are a designated Science Academy. Students enjoy coming to school, and consistently remark on the high quality relationships with staff and each other.

We have extremely high expectations of the students and believe in a traditional approach to school uniform and behaviour. Staff are expected to have high aspiration in all that they do and to work hard in order to achieve the very best for all our students. That said, we support staff fully both in their day to day work and their professional development. We hold a comprehensive development programme on a weekly basis and expect all staff to take responsibility for their continuing development. We also hold an annual two day conference for all staff and offer professional development bursaries for specific areas of development within the school. We also support staff who may wish to continue their academic study. The Staff Partnership offers a range of social and sporting opportunities which are always very popular.

Blenheim is situated five minutes' walk from Ewell West train station which is within London Zones and within easy reach of the M25. We are, therefore, easily accessible from central London or Surrey and the Home Counties.

*"Behaviour is good. Almost all pupils behave well in and around school, even when unsupervised. Staff know pupils well and treat them as individuals. This leads to positive, respectful relationships between staff and pupils. Pupils demonstrate respect for themselves and their school. They take pride in their uniform and the environment, which is clean, uncluttered and appealing." (Ofsted 2017)*

I believe that this is an ideal post for someone who is ambitious, prepared to work hard and firmly committed to developing the life chances of all young people. This is an excellent professional opportunity and a route to senior school leadership for the right candidate.

I very much hope that after your initial investigations, you will see that this role within Blenheim High School will provide you with a significant career opportunity and that this will encourage you to apply.

School tours can be arranged at any time. We would strongly suggest that these are within the school day so that you can see the school in action. Please contact the Head's PA, Mrs. M Hart, on 01372 745333, or email [headteacher@blenheim.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@blenheim.surrey.sch.uk) to arrange a visit.

Yours sincerely,



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