October 2017

Dear Applicant

**TEACHER OF ENGLISH**

Thank you for your interest in the above post at Vale of York Academy.

We are an 11-16 comprehensive school which serves a mixed catchment extending from the City Centre of York to the satellite village of Skelton on the northern edge of the City. The school’s population is around 550 students who enter the school around national averages, but with an increasing number of high attainers and gifted and talented pupils. Our commitment to every child is absolute and we strive to meet the needs of all our pupils whether they are capable of achieving 11 A\*s at GCSE or require the support of a full time teaching assistant or individual package of learning in order to reach their full potential. We believe that Vale of York Academy should be the first choice school for every student in our immediate catchment and that we have an important role in transforming the lives of all our young people and their community.

Vale of York Academy is a community school which expects each individual to be their very best by accepting personal responsibility and always striving to do better. These expectations extend far beyond learning. We expect the highest standards of behaviour, creating an environment where students feel safe, sanctions are applied fairly and positive contributions are recognised and rewarded. We have a strong commitment to the personal development of your young people, which we believe enables them to responsible citizens who go on to play their part in improving their community.

Please submit your application preferably by email to [s.wood@valeofyorkacademy.org](mailto:s.wood@valeofyorkacademy.org) or by post for the attention of Mrs S Wood. Applicants should submit a covering letter (2 sides A4 font 12 maximum) along with their completed City of York application form. **Please note applications by CV will not be accepted.**

The closing date for applications will be midnight on Sunday 15th October 2017. If you feel you have the skills required and possess the desire to contribute to the development and achievement of our students, I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Helen Dowds

Headteacher