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Dear Applicant

Head of English (Maternity)

Thank you for your interest in the post of Head of English. We are extremely proud of this department; they are a valued and important part of our school. Although the responsibility attached to the role is fixed-term, the English Department are at an exciting time in their development and do not want to stand still: we are looking for an exceptional teacher to build on what is already in place and lead the team forward. We are also keen to discuss with the successful candidate the possibility of a permanent leadership role following the maternity cover.

Teaching and Learning is at the heart of everything we do at Kennet, so we expect those in leadership positions to be an outstanding classroom practitioner and have the ability to grow this in others. The successful applicant will be able to teach English up to GCSE and we would prefer them to have recent experience of A Level teaching.

This position is suitable for an experienced Teacher although some experience of leading others is more important to us than a set number of years. The start date for this role is January 2020. Kennet has an excellent CPD programme and works closely with teachers at all stages of their careers to support their professional development and career progression.

Our results in 2018 were significantly above average, with 82% of pupils achieving a grade 4+ in both GCSE Language and Literature, and 24% of grades were 7. We enjoy a healthy intake of both A Level English Literature and A Level Language pupils in the Sixth Form (with two classes running for Language). At GCSE we deliver the AQA specification and all pupils study both Language and Literature, which are taught as a combined course over two years.

Our resources and facilities are excellent and in particular we take full advantage of our fantastic library. We are actively engaged in a number of community projects including a poetry initiatives, debating groups and Youth Speaks.

If you're undecided about applying, we would love to welcome you for an informal visit at your convenience. If you would like to discuss this or any possible job opportunities at Kennet School please contact me on cellison@kennetschool.co.uk.

If you've already decided to apply, the easiest way to do so is by clicking the 'Quick Apply' button on the TES website. Alternatively, application forms can be downloaded from our vacancies page and submitted by email to office@kennetschool.co.uk. Applications must be received by 9am, 16 September 2019.

Yours sincerely



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