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Dear Colleague

Thank you for your interest in this post which is crucial to the leadership and development of the school. Pittville School is a rapidly improving 11-16 school in the heart of Cheltenham. It is a happy school where staff enjoy working and students enjoy learning; "Students greatly enjoy school and learning; they develop well as confident, articulate and considerate young people." (Ofsted 2015). Our most recent Ofsted was in November 2015, when the school was judged to be good in all areas. The report recognised the scale of the improvements that we have brought about at Pittville, which continues to improve. Just four years ago the school attracted 76 students in Year 7. In September 2018 our first preferences were 256 and we admitted 175 students. In September 2019 we will admit 205 students and maintain our improved first preferences.

The school has come a long way in the last few years but there is still more to be done. The school can make further significant progress and I am looking forward to working with the person appointed to drive forward those improvements.

Our ethos is based upon the warm, friendly atmosphere which pervades the classrooms and corridors. Behaviour is very good and attendance is much improved. The everyday life of the school revolves around the house system, which provides excellent pastoral care and guidance for all the pupils. Ofsted commented, "Attitudes to learning are typically positive' and 'Students feel safe and well supported by school staff". Results are rising and we hope to see this trend continue and accelerate.

Teachers and students work hard and work together very well. We have a busy, ambitious governing body and our support staff provide exceptional service so that all areas of the school run effectively and professionally.

I appreciate the time and effort that you will have put into this application process and look forward to receiving your application form and possibly meeting you in due course. Phone calls and visits to the school will be most welcome prior to shortlisting.

Good luck!

Yours sincerely

R Gilpin
Headteacher