



# Poole High School

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Dear Applicant

Thank you very much for your interest in Poole High School. I hope that you find the information in this pack useful and that having read it; you will make an application to join us.

This vibrant 11-19 school has a roll exceeding 1,800 serving families throughout the historic town of Poole. The school has recently benefited from an extensive programme of new buildings and refurbishment and is set within attractive landscaped grounds. We are proud of our comprehensive ethos and we are committed to ensuring that all excel. We are also very proud of our students, the vast majority of whom are very well motivated and cooperative.

We were recently inspected, and the HMI described Poole High School as a good school that is 'rapidly improving'. In addition, the school achieved the best GCSE results for a non-selective school in the area this summer. In addition, our Advanced Level progress placed the school in the top 25% of schools nationally, bearing out the inspector's claim that 'standards across the school have risen, teaching is good overall and particularly strong in mathematics... and improved rapidly in other subjects including English, history and science'.

Since my appointment in September 2015 - my third Headship, I have been really impressed by the caring, friendly and committed community of Poole High School. There are many hugely positive traits in the school, and I am confident about our future success. If you have a social conscience, great interpersonal skills, a strong work ethic and love creating new insights within your specialist subject, then I would very much like to hear from you. One of my favourite quotes from a student who joined us from another school- "The difference between Poole High School and my last one is that staff here smile and laugh". We are serious about standards, but there is humanity to our ethos, which is precious to us.

My personal principles for education are quite straightforward. I believe that everything that we do in school should be centred upon improving students' life chances for the future. Also, that our infectious enthusiasm in the classroom and genuine sense of care for every individual student, should be evident in great 'day to day' teaching.

We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher to join our excellent staff team. If you are looking to teach within a highly professional and supportive comprehensive environment and would welcome the opportunity to work with us to enable all our students to reach their full potential, then we would like to hear from you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Gray  
Headteacher



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