

Learners Today: Leaders Tomorrow

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Dear colleague

I would like to thank you for taking the time to have a look at our school. I am delighted that you are interested in becoming part of our family here at The Forest. I vividly remember walking around Forest for the first time and being hit by the warmth, friendliness and passion of the students; the passion, drive and commitment of the staff and thinking that I wanted to be a part of that. Both the staff and students of Forest are valued members of our family and so are at the heart of everything we do here. If you have a passion for education and the drive to ensure that every member of our team thrives, then we would like to show you the opportunities we have for you.

I hope you will find all the paperwork informative and helpful, and that you will feel, after reading it carefully, that you could make a contribution to the development of our fantastic school.

In this recruitment pack you will find:

- A description of the school – “About us”
- Our Safeguarding statement
- A profile of the Team area(s)
- A Person Specification and Job Description for the post

For information on the school, please visit our website www.theforestschool.com

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be delighted to answer any questions you may have. You are encouraged to come and visit the school, meet our superb students and friendly staff and see for yourself the excellent facilities and resources we can offer you.

We pride ourselves on having a committed and supportive staff, and the successful candidate can be assured that they will be given every encouragement to grow and develop in their chosen profession as a valued member of our Forest Family.

Some people are a little hesitant about applying to work in an all-boys' school. I'm the Headteacher, so of course, I'm biased, but I think our pupils are wonderful – they're polite, respectful, hungry to learn and keen to achieve their “personal best.” Yes – there's more energy about the place, but that makes the learning exciting and the classroom a “buzzy” place to be. The boys themselves say that it's easier for them to learn and do well without the distractions of the opposite sex.

Finally, I'd like to give you some guidance on how to make your application. We're looking for people who have the potential to be outstanding – in the classroom and in their careers. Please complete the Application Form and include a Letter of Support that is no more than 2 sides of A4, with a font size no smaller than .10. Your letter should:

Address the requirements of the Person Specification (this section may be bullet-pointed)

Give me details of how you feel your experience makes you a suitable candidate for the post

Tell me why you want the post.

PLEASE NOTE: In line with our commitment to safeguarding, incomplete or incorrectly completed Application Forms will not be considered.

Forest is a great school to work at, filled with amazing people all working together to improve the life chances of the most important people in our family – the students. If you feel you want to be a part of that family, then I look forward to receiving your application and to meeting you in person.

Yours faithfully

Ian Straw
Headteacher