

Headteacher's Introduction

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Dear Colleague,

I am keen to encourage you to apply for this exciting post at the Bicester School. This is an excellent career opportunity for the right person.

We are an 11-18 School, graded as Good in all categories by Ofsted in June 2018. Our GCSE results are above the national average and our Progress 8 score is positive. On the 1st August 2015, we became an Academy, joining the Activate Learning Group, a well-respected provider of specialist UTC and 6th form education in the Oxfordshire region. We have very good teaching facilities, an excellent programme of CPD and are able to offer candidates the opportunity to teach across the 11-18 age range in a disciplined, orderly and supportive environment.

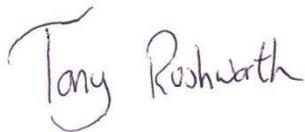
Our staff are committed and passionate about their work. A number of them are new to the School and many have given great service over a number of years. We share a common philosophy of education: the core belief that every student is of equal value and has the right to learn in a calm, disciplined, purposeful and safe environment so that all can achieve to their maximum potential. Teaching and learning is at the heart of this. Good and great teaching in every classroom on every day of the week: developing students' passion, interest and curiosity for all subjects, not just the ones they naturally like or shine in. A love of core subjects such as English, Maths and Science but also foundation subjects such as Art, Music, History, Computing and Geography. If we can develop this interest and love for learning then exam success will certainly follow and students will achieve beyond their target grades.

We take a real professional pride in all we do. We are keen to equip our students for the future world. Our young people are living in a competitive society where both qualifications and personal qualities matter. Universities and employers are increasingly looking for young people with integrity and ambition who are superb team players and have leadership potential. It is a world of incredible opportunity, not least in the fields of science and technology where there are still huge skills gaps across our country and beyond.

Bicester is a dynamic and growing town, an ideal location for families to put down roots. Property prices in the area are reasonable for the County and somewhat lower than the London average. Communication links to London, Oxford, Birmingham and the rest of the UK are excellent, as we are served by main line rail stations. We are also only a few minutes from the M40 and A34.

If you are interested in joining our staff team and making a difference to young people then we would love to hear from you. Potential candidates are welcome to visit us at any point. Please contact my PA Nicola Griffiths who can organise a tour. Alternatively, if you have any questions about the post, feel free to contact me at the School on 01869 243331.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Rushworth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'T' at the beginning.

Tony Rushworth
Headteacher