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Dear Colleague,

We would like to thank you personally for your interest in our school. This is a very exciting opportunity to join and lead a 'new look' Senior Leadership Team, ambitious for our students, with high expectations, set on creating the best possible school experience for every child.

Our ethos is very people-centric, built on ten core values developed by our student leadership group, which underpin all of our aspirations for both students and staff. We hope that these resonate with you.

The school enjoys an excellent reputation and has been over-subscribed for a number of years, indeed in September 2018 the Published Admission Number were raised from 315 to 375 for the new Year 7. This school expansion means a very secure future, both financially, but also in terms of holding a focal point within our community. As a consequence, we have a £5m building programme set to transform the former primary school site next door.

The school converted to become an academy in 2013 and this year joined four local, feeder primary schools in the Omega Multi-Academy Trust from 1st January 2018. Our vision is to provide a community-based, continuity of education from 4 to 19, improving transition and raising achievement at every stage. This is a very exciting time to join the school and offers great opportunities.

Whilst this is a very good school with excellent opportunities, it is a school in transition in so many ways. We are seeking, therefore, a dynamic, innovative and determined leader, who can inspire and implement change.

The school's 'outstanding' reputation is based on its Ofsted of May 2010. Under the current framework, the school was recently re-inspected in September 2017 and judged to be 'good'. There is a determination to regain the highest status in the next inspection, most likely in 2020. The Report is very complimentary and provides a clear direction for aspects needing improvement.

We are blessed with a wonderful student body, shown in their behaviour and academic standards. Students are proud of our school and we are proud of them. GCSE and A Level results are above national averages with an above average intake in prior attainment. In



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2017, Progress 8 was a very positive 0.18, which reflects the great work achieved in moving forward the curriculum and the standards of teaching and learning.

The school has a sixth form, Barrow Hall College, which is the largest school-based sixth form in Warrington. This allows the offer of a wide range of courses, whilst keeping the ability to know and nurture every student in their aspirations beyond the College.

As a National Teaching School, the school runs a range of ITT, CPD and leadership programmes. Alongside this work, sits the 'school to school support' work of our National Support School status. As you will be aware, this offers candidates a host of personal and professional development opportunities too.

We hope this provides you with a brief overview of the school's current position and our aspirations for its future. We hope you are inspired to want to join us in shaping and delivering this future.

Visits are most welcome, but are by no means requisite or a determinant for selection to interview.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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Chief Executive Officer,
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