



The Thomas Hardy School

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for interest in the post of geography teacher. This presents an exciting opportunity to contribute to the continued success of an outstanding department with a very strong team ethos. If you are successful, you will be very well supported and in a good position to progress further in your career.

The school has an outstanding record but there is an eagerness to keep driving up standards and ensure that Thomas Hardy develops a national reputation for excellence. We have recently become a multi-academy trust and last year we achieved teaching school status following our exceptional Ofsted report in March 2015. Despite the school's outstanding record there is no sense of complacency and plenty of appetite for taking the school on to even greater success.

This vacancy arises as a result of a maternity leave but it is a permanent post in anticipation of further expansion and development. The geography department is outstanding by any measure, with excellent outcomes for students and high numbers opting to study courses at GCSE and A Level. The department is supportive and collaborative and any new member of staff will get every encouragement for their own professional development. Three members of the department have been promoted to senior posts within the school in recent years. Therefore, it would be an ideal post for a newly qualified teacher or for someone relatively early in their teaching career.

I understand the time and effort that goes into making an application so please accept my thanks in advance if you decide to proceed beyond this initial expression of interest. In order to apply you will need to:

- Complete the application form
- Write a letter (maximum two sides) outlining your relevant experience and explaining how you meet the requirements of the person specification
- A 150 word (max) statement about yourself that can be shared with staff. You might want to say a little more about your interests and your life outside school.

I am also aware that choosing the right school to apply to is an important responsibility. Therefore, we have tried to include as much information as possible without overwhelming you. If you require any further information you might want to look at our web-site (www.thomas-hardye.net). Alternatively, you may wish to arrange a visit or speak to someone informally; please contact my PA, Anita Pullen, in the first instance if you would like to do so.

I look forward very much to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Michael Foley
Headteacher

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