



The Thomas Hardy School

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for interest in the post of maths 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 in due course.

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 partly as a result of our role in developing maths teaching in local schools. Increasingly, we are being asked to support maths departments in challenging circumstances or to support staff development and training in our community of schools. The maths department is outstanding by any measure, with excellent outcomes for students and high numbers opting to study the subject at A Level. The department is supportive and collaborative and any new member of staff will get every encouragement to support their own professional development. Therefore, it would be an ideal post for a newly qualified teacher, or for a more experienced colleague to become involved in the work we do as a teaching school and as a sponsor. I am happy to discuss this further if you are interested in knowing more.

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

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Headteacher

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