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Dear prospective candidate

It is with great enthusiasm that I invite you to apply for the role of Assistant Principal at John Smeaton Academy, a school that has become a true beacon of excellence within our community. Recognised by Ofsted in April/May 2024 for our transformation, we are proud to stand as a school of choice for families in East Leeds.

Since joining The GORSE Academies Trust (GORSE) in September 2021, John Smeaton Academy has undergone a remarkable journey of improvement, securing an exceptional learning environment for our students and fostering an aspirational culture. Our success has been built on a foundation of exceptional teaching, unwavering standards, and a relentless commitment to the highest expectations. All made possible thanks to GORSE. This is an exciting time to join our leadership team and play a pivotal role in shaping the next chapter of our academy's future. We are also proud to now be an Ofsted rated 'Good' provider in every area of academy life. Our most recent Ofsted report can be found within the following link: <https://johnsmeatonacademy.org.uk/ofsted-information/>

Situated just off the new East Leeds orbital route, our academy benefits from excellent transport links to both Leeds and Manchester as well as outer Leeds villages, making it a prime location for ambitious educational professionals looking to make a significant impact.

As Assistant Principal, you will be instrumental in driving forward our vision, ensuring that every student receives an outstanding education to secure them the gift of choice. You will work alongside a talented team of professionals, dedicated to securing the very best outcomes for our students and transforming lives through education.

If you are a dynamic and inspirational leader with a passion for excellence, I encourage you to apply for this unique opportunity. Together, we can continue to build on our successes and further establish John Smeaton Academy as a centre of excellence within our community.

I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Moncur
Principal