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Dear Colleague

As Principal, I am delighted to enclose details and an application form for the position of **Curriculum Leader of Religious Education** at Bruntcliffe Academy. This vacancy represents a unique opportunity to join a highly ambitious and motivated professional body, which is positively changing the lives of young people in the community it serves.

Bruntcliffe Academy is part of The GORSE Academies Trust, a not-for-profit charity whose driving energy is centred on creating exceptional schools within the Leeds city region. The Trust is recognised by government as the highest performing academy trust in the country regarding the progress of pupils in all key stages. The trust is renowned for the excellence of its work with less advantaged pupils from poor white backgrounds.

Bruntcliffe Academy has a simple mission – to make every day positively shape the future for all within our community. Our ethos is built on our five core values: Community, Integrity, Productivity, Inclusivity and Ambition. It is our belief that in instilling these values, we will create an environment which is free from cynicism and unwilling to put limits on what young people can achieve.

At a pivotal point in its journey, Bruntcliffe Academy is an exciting place to be. Through the hard work and dedication of the colleagues within school and across The GORSE Academies Trust, Bruntcliffe Academy, since 2015, has made rapid progress towards being an exceptional school. Through our relentless approach towards ensuring the very best experiences and outcomes for young people, we are determined to gain recognition for being an Outstanding provision at our next Ofsted inspection.

GCSE outcomes at Bruntcliffe Academy have improved year on year, achieving a Progress 8 score of +0.29 in 2018/19. We are very proud of the outcomes that our students achieve but are bold and ambitious for the future. Recently, Bruntcliffe Academy set itself a new goal to become an academy in the Top 5% of all secondary schools nationally. This ambition is driven by a genuine desire to ensure that all students in our community leave school with a true passport to achieve their dreams, no matter what they might be. Together as a professional body we will ensure that through the delivery of exceptional teaching, our goals are achieved, and Bruntcliffe Academy is both locally and nationally recognised as an academy where only the very best will do for our students.

Clearly, working in our academy will be demanding as well as very rewarding. We assure you that as our colleague you will be of great value and importance, an importance that is reflected in the quality of our induction and professional development programmes. Professional development is an area we take extremely seriously. As a new member of staff in our school we will get to know you, your strengths and any areas that you are keen to develop further. We will put in place a personalised CPD offering, that will support and challenge you, as well as prepare you for the next stage of your career. Indeed, Bruntcliffe Academy's partner school, The Morley Academy was the successful named applicant school in a bid to become Leeds Teaching School Hub, a status which commenced in September 2021. This means that The GORSE Academies Trust is directly responsible for the training and development of all teachers in Leeds from the moment that they consider joining the

profession through to training for headship and beyond. This presents a tremendous opportunity for any professional joining our academy and trust.

The role of Curriculum Leader of Religious Education within The GORSE Academies Trust is one of great privilege, but also responsibility. As a Senior Leader within our academy you will have the opportunity to be mentored and developed by some of the highest performing Senior Leaders in the country. When it comes to teaching, we expect our Senior Leaders to be ambassadors for their subject and deliver truly outstanding lessons to students. Senior Leaders work collaboratively, not only within Bruntcliffe Academy, but also with Senior Leaders from across our Trust. Overseen by Chris Stokes, Deputy Executive Principal 11-16 Education and Leanne Griffiths, Executive Principal: 11-16 Education, we are fortunate to be part of a group of six secondary schools. In addition, we work directly alongside our own ground-breaking alternative provision, The Stephen Longfellow Academy and colleagues within Leeds Teaching School Hub. We are proud to work amongst the best leaders in the profession and seize every opportunity to both share and learn about best practice. To be part of our Leadership team, you must truly believe in the power of partnership as there can be no doubt, that without it Bruntcliffe Academy would not be where it is today.

Should you wish to join us then please ensure that the enclosed application form is fully completed. A CV is not required. Supporting statements should be no longer than two sides of standard font and should address the following areas:

- Your experience and expertise which is relevant to the post.
- How a highly effective academy ensures that every learner, regardless of background is successful and high achieving.
- How effective leadership can raise student attainment.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



Mrs L Moore
Principal