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COURT MOOR SCHOOL

### Headteacher Mr P R Jenkins MA BA (Hons)

Date

Dear Candidate

Thank you so much for your interest in the position. As a young teacher I was lucky enough to get my first job at Court Moor School; I realised even then that it was a very special place. Subsequently, years later I returned to the school as Deputy Head, although by then the Headteacher, staff and students had all changed - the essential spirit of the school was the same.

Court Moor School has an excellent reputation amongst parents and the wider community - local estate agents advertise houses as being in the ‘Court Moor catchment area’ as a selling point. This reputation has been built over a number of years and Headteachers. The school was awarded an Ofsted ‘good’ in 2013 with ‘outstanding’ behaviour, which was confirmed with a one day inspection visit in 2017. Ofsted noted that the senior team were ‘*determined and passionate about making high-quality teaching and learning the priority for everybody’* and judged the school to be not only good but with *’many strong features’*. This positions us well to aim for an ‘outstanding’ in the future as our ultimate drive is to be one of the best schools in Britain – whether that matches the Ofsted criteria for ‘outstanding’ or not we will do what we think is best for our students.

Our last validated results (2019) saw some strong results with Basics 9-4 at 86% and a Progress 8 of +0.36. Whilst whole school results are consistently strong, we see our ‘results’ as being more than just exams, it’s about how we develop strong, employable and responsible citizens. We are amongst the highest performing schools in Hampshire and aspire to be consistently in the top three, although not at the expense of becoming an ‘exam factory’ – good learning and student welfare is at the heart of what we do.

The tagline for my leadership of the school is, ‘A great place to be, and a place to be great’ which guides my approach to both the staff and student experience. I am determined to make the school a place which values work-life balance, and breeds respect and responsibility between all members of the school community. We are proudly traditional in some aspects of our curriculum and uniform, but not afraid to be innovative in other areas. We are very teaching and learning focused as a school, this year we are developing our agile teaching programme, alongside character education through our Court Moor Character scheme and we are even experimenting with values-based restorative work as a replacement for traditional detentions: we like doing things differently.

In an exciting development we have formed an alliance with Aldworth School in Basingstoke which will allow our staff to develop their expertise further if they wish, by experiencing another school in a different situation. We are looking forward to the possibilities this will bring for students and staff. I am working as headteacher across both schools which is enabling this collaboration to work effectively.

Design Technology is a popular and successful department in the school. At KS3 students explore a full range of skills and subjects from casting to electronics. The team consists of an experienced curriculum leader and seven teachers who cover the spread of subjects. At GCSE the department offer Design Technology, Engineering, Food Technology, Catering, Computing and Btec Creative Media. The department is supported by two technicians in food technology and resistant materials. The school has three specialist workshops, a CAD/laser cutting room and casting facilities alongside two food rooms. The team work across a range of the subjects, although for this role we are primarily looking for someone to teach the design tech aspects. The team are also heavily involved in extra-curricular activities both within the curriculum area and beyond.

The school celebrates a diverse staff and actively encourage applications from candidates from all backgrounds and groups. We appoint regardless of age, ethnicity, religion, gender or sexuality – your passion and attitude is what we value; are equally as interested in an experience teachers as we are in NQTs.

Should you find you are still left with questions, then please feel free to arrange an informal chat about the position by emailing Terry McEnroe ([terry.mcenroe@court-moor.hants.sch.uk](mailto:terry.mcenroe@court-moor.hants.sch.uk)).

Thank you again for your interest in the position and I look forward to receiving your application in the near future.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Jenkins

Headteacher