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Chenderit School

A VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE

Headteacher: Jane Cartwright BA (Hons), MA, NPQH



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Dear Colleague

Teacher of Art and/ or Photography (Maternity Cover)

Thank you for requesting details of our vacancy. We appreciate your interest in us and hope you find the details will inspire you to apply by 9.00am on 30 January 2023. Chenderit School is at an exciting point in its development with ambitious plans and targets in place for the next few years. We wish to appoint a colleague who will inspire our students, be an exciting and hardworking team member, and will be ambitious to be part of a school community which is challenging itself to become one of the best comprehensive schools in the country. At Chenderit we value professional development and actively support exciting and stimulating projects which enhance the capacity of our teachers. Our hope is that colleagues in the Chenderit team will look back on the next few years of development here as the most exciting and rewarding parts of their career.

This is a rewarding school in which to work because of the combination of the professionalism of our staff, the support of our parents and the Governing Body and the attitudes of our students – not to mention our facilities and general environment for learning. We are a good school, with an outstanding sixth form, but we want to be an outstanding school overall, with national recognition for excellence in all areas. To achieve this we need to instil even greater ambition, self-belief and resilience in our students and provide them with even broader and more relevant educational experiences. Our students are wonderful young adults, very sociable and personable – but they could do more! We have the confidence as a school to say that we can be even better and that we will be even better. Through this journey, our teachers are fully supported and trained to maximise their potential, being the best we can be. Every new member of staff will be given many opportunities to shine and move forward in their career. I do not expect this post holder to simply join our team – I expect them to enhance our team.

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Our school is popular and over subscribed because of our reputation for innovation and achievement. We have 1100 full time students, and ambitions to expand our community provision.

We consider this post to be an outstanding opportunity to work within a supportive school and an excellent art department, which values creativity and imaginative teaching and learning approaches. We operate an open management structure and everyone participates in many of the key discussions for our future.

As part of the Chenderit's recent Ofsted inspection, the Art Department was one of five subjects in the school selected for a "deep dive". Inspectors described the work of the department as "exemplary" and felt that the art curriculum went easily beyond that of the national curriculum, particularly in terms of our focus on artists and art history. Inspectors described staff as passionate, knowledgeable and inspirational teachers. We are a small, well-resourced and supportive department. Full schemes of work are in place for KS3, KS4 and KS5.

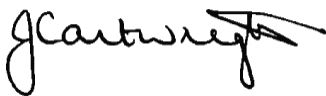
In your letter of application, please outline the following:

- How you will inspire all groups of art students so that they are successful in Art learning;
- How you will contribute to a Art team that is committed to exciting and stimulating teaching and learning.

Would you please restrict your letter to a maximum of **two sides of A4**.

We appreciate that applying for posts and interviews are time consuming and important, therefore, we really do appreciate the effort that goes into it. Thank you for your interest in us and good luck!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Cartwright', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jane Cartwright
Headteacher